

Rodney Local Board Achievements Report

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Ballerina at the reopening of Warkworth Town Hall.

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Cover photograph: Wellsford Skate Park.

Message from the Chair



Beth Houlbrooke
Rodney Local
Board Chair

On behalf of the Rodney Local Board, I am very proud to be able to introduce our Achievements Report for the 2016-2019 electoral term. The local board has worked hard to deliver the vision and priorities set out in our local board plan and turn these into action and success on the ground this term. Our focus has been to address the stresses and strains felt by our rapidly growing communities. Our aim is to deliver the outcomes you told us were important under the broad themes of transport, community empowerment, parks, sport and recreation, the environment, and arts and culture.

A three-year political term goes by very quickly, especially when you are dealing with an area the size of Rodney where there never seems to be enough time or money to invest in every community, or address every need. The local board has, however, done its best to ensure that the broad needs of our communities have been addressed the length and breadth of Rodney. Projects range from funding community-led planning to improving our town centres, to new playground equipment in Muriwai and Omaha, to starting work on transforming Green Road, Dairy Flat into a reserve, to investing \$750,000 in riverbank planting and stock-proof fencing to protect our waterways.

Together, we should be very proud of our achievements. At the start of this term there was no public transport north of Helensville in Rodney. Now buses connect Wellsford and Warkworth to the rest of region, and there are east-west connections between Helensville and Silverdale (and soon to be Westgate-Albany via Riverhead and Coatesville).

In 2016, the skate park in Wellsford was practically a stormwater pond, now it's a great destination for our youth. The Warkworth Town Hall Restoration Trust had a \$250,000 debt to pay and the Mahurangi River Restoration Trust was in need of seed funding. Now the debt is waived and the trust has started dredging the river. Tennis clubs at Helensville and Matakana needed new courts, the Kumeū Arts Centre more space, Whangateau needed new sportsfield lighting and streets in Riverhead, Warkworth and Kumeū needed footpaths. While there will always be more to do, we should take pride in what we've accomplished.

Rodney's communities proudly punch above their weight with respect to what we achieve compared to much larger population centres elsewhere in the region. I speak for all local board members when I say we have been very proud to represent you this term.

We know you will enjoy reading this report and taking a little time to congratulate yourselves on what we've been able to do, together. Should you require further information, please contact us.

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Rodney Local Board members at their inauguration.

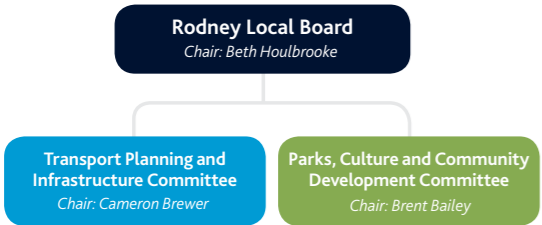
Rodney Local Board governance

The Rodney Local Board has worked together to achieve progress in the areas of priority determined by the community through the Rodney Local Board Plan 2017. This has required close working relationships with various council departments and council-controlled organisations (CCOs).

Local governance structure

During the first few months of the electoral term, the local board's governance structure was based around all decisions being made by the local board at its monthly business meetings. In February 2017 the Rodney Local Board approved a new structure, largely mirroring that which had been in place during the latter half of the previous local board's term. The new structure, shown below, established two committees, each with a different chairperson and area of responsibility. These are committees of the whole that meet every two months, while the full local board continues to meet monthly.

The local board makes decisions on wider strategic documents including the Rodney Local Board Plan, sets local budgets and confirms advocacy through the Annual Plan – Rodney Local Board Agreement. The committees are delegated to deal with specific matters and areas of work.



Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

- Infrastructure (i.e. stormwater, wastewater disposal and telecommunications)
- Environment (i.e. waste, recycling and natural environment)
- Planning (i.e. town centre planning such as structure plans, plan changes and heritage matters)
- Transport Business Improvement District Partnership (being all matters relating to business improvement districts) and economic development.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

- Parks, Sports and Recreation (including local parks and sports facilities)
- Community empowerment and community-led initiatives (including community development)
- Venues for hire and rural halls
- Arts
- Events
- Community leases
- Community grants
- Greenways
- Libraries.

Between October 2016 and 30 April 2019, the local board has held 57 public business meetings (including 13 TIEC and 11 PRC committee meetings) and has held 78 workshops (37 full board, 22 TIEC and 19 PRC).

Local Board member attendance at local board meetings and workshops (to 30 April 2019)

Elected member	Business meetings	Workshops
Beth Houlbrooke	56	75 (plus three meetings absent on council business)
Phelan Pirrie	52 (plus 3 meetings absent on council business)	71 (plus four meetings absent on council business)
Brent Bailey	57	78
Tessa Berger	55	69
Cameron Brewer	54	68
Louise Johnston	57	75
Allison Roe	44	55
Colin Smith	55	68
Brenda Steele	34	46

Given the significant geographical size of Rodney, the local board hold their business meetings away from the usual venue of the Ōrewa Council Chambers twice a year to make it easier for members of the community to attend. Over this term the venues have included; Pūhoi (inauguration) – 2016, Kaukapakapa and Kaipara Flats – 2017, Warkworth and Waimauku – 2018, and further meetings are scheduled in Wellsford in 2019.

Additionally, the local board has started to hold alternating workshops every month between Warkworth and Parakai. This follows a recommendation from the Local Government Commission that the local board meet more often in Rodney (Ōrewa is not within the Rodney Local Board area). The local board is hopeful that once permanent facilities can be found that all their meetings and workshops will be held in Rodney.

Colin Smith, Brenda Steele, Mayor Phil Goff, Chair Beth Houlbrooke, Brent Bailey and Phelan Pirrie at Rautawhiri Park celebration.



Working with the Mayor and the Governing Body

Over the term the local board has taken many opportunities to voice their views and present to the Governing Body on matters such as the long-term plan, annual plans and a range of regional policies that affect Rodney people. They have also welcomed Rodney Ward Councillor Greg Sayers and Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore at business meetings. Building relationships has enabled the local board to advocate strongly for Rodney communities.

The local board has the opportunity to present local views and preferences to the Governing Body, its committees and hearings panels, and to Auckland Transport, as part of their deliberations on matters of regional importance.

Below are a selection of the presentations that the local board has made:

- Freedom Camping Bylaw review, to a hearings panel of the Regulatory Committee
- Matakana Link Road Notice of Requirement and Resource Consent, to independent commissioners for Auckland Transport
- Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, to the Planning Committee
- Regional Land Transport Plan, to an Auckland Transport sub-committee
- Local board joint advocacy on the Long-term Plan 2018-2028, to the Finance and Performance Committee
- Rodney Local Board Transport Targeted Rate, to the Finance and Performance Committee
- Indoor courts facility in Kumeū-Huapai, to the Finance and Performance Committee
- Annual Budget presentations (annually), to the Finance and Performance Committee
- Parks acquisition in Wellsford, to the Environment and Community Committee.

Local board member appointments

Throughout the term the Governing Body confirmed a number of appointments as follows:

Appointments by the Governing Body involving local board members

Te Poari o Kaipātiki ki Kaipara (formerly the Parakai Recreation Reserve Board)*	Brenda Steele and Phelan Pirrie
Kaipara Harbour Joint Political Committee	Brenda Steele
Kaipara Moana Joint Working Party	Brenda Steele

The individual local board members continue to represent Auckland Council on these groups.

*Note: This board is an entirely separate entity to the Rodney Local Board and does not report to the Rodney Local Board.

Local board members are also appointed by the local board to external organisations, as outlined below:

Appointments to external organisations

Redvale Landfill Community Liaison	Louise Johnston
Northwest District Business Improvement District	Phelan Pirrie until 21 June 2018 Cameron Brewer (alternate member Brent Bailey) from 21 June 2018
Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Zone 1 Representative	Beth Houlbrooke
Pūhoi Community Forum*	Tessa Berger (alternate member Beth Houlbrooke)
Pūhoi to Pakiri Paths and Trails Leadership Group	Tessa Berger
SH1/Hill Street Intersection Improvements Community Advisory Group	Beth Houlbrooke

*Note: appointment is as a point of contact only

Members are also appointed to internal working groups as follows:

Appointments in internal council working groups

Forestry Liaison Group Representative	Brenda Steele (alternate Colin Smith)
Rural Advisory Panel	Brenda Steele (alternate Colin Smith)
Structure Planning Political Reference Group	Phelan Pirrie
Seachange Political Reference Group	Beth Houlbrooke
Procurement Political Working Group	Beth Houlbrooke
Weed Management Advisory Group	Brent Bailey
Auckland Governance Political Working Party	Phelan Pirrie

The Rodney Local Board and its committees appoint project leads. Being a project lead allows members to pursue particular priorities and initiatives of the local board without the need to require staff or officers to meet with the entire local board in a formal setting. This is aimed to speed up projects while ensuring good lines of communication exist and developments are reported back to the local board regularly.

The Rodney Local Board has appointed the following project leads this term:

Appointments as project leads

Warkworth Swimming Pool	Beth Houlbrooke
Huapai Multisport Centre	Phelan Pirrie
Implementation of the Rodney Youth Voices Plan	Tessa Berger
Community-led planning for the development of Green Road	Louise Johnston
Healthy Waterways Fund	Phelan Pirrie
Transport Targeted Rate	Phelan Pirrie
Local Paths (Greenways) Priorities	Allison Roe



Tony Enderby presents a petition to Rodney Local Board Chair Beth Houlbrooke for a bus service between Leigh and Warkworth.

Deputations and public forum

The local board welcomes deputations and public forum items at its business meetings. These offer a three to 10-minute opportunity to present to the local board on any topic that members of the community feel the board should be aware of. Over the term, the local board has received 89 presentations (refer to Appendix 1). The presentations have been a great opportunity for the community to garner support for their community-led projects, clearly outline views or make the local board aware of community concern.

The topics raised have varied widely from traffic-calming plans in Point Wells to an update on the new school at Huapai. The local board has welcomed presentations by community groups such as Pūhoi Vision, Matakana Community Group and Kumeū-Huapai Residents and Ratepayers Association who provide updates on their work in the community and plans for the future.

The local board has also heard from passionate individuals providing updates or requesting support for specific projects like greenways at Punganui Station, the maintenance of the Matheson Bay Track (which is done entirely by volunteers), or Friends of the Warkworth Library who are passionate about their local library and its future expansion to cope with Warkworth's growth.

Deputations and public forum items are an important part of the democratic process, allowing Rodney residents the opportunity to be heard by the entire local board on almost any topic. These presentations are always a highlight for local board members who value this contact with their communities.

Community partnerships

The Rodney Local Board is focussed on ensuring that our communities are influential and empowered to act and drive local projects. We have always valued the contribution of our community partners. The local board has maintained a strong mantra that our community should be the ones to identify what is best for them and should, wherever possible, take the lead. This theme of community empowerment has continued through all of the local board's strategic planning. The messaging has been strong and consistent: council staff and the community should work together in partnership. We have had our challenges, especially as the rising cost of materials, labour and compliance has made it harder to deliver projects on the ground, but the local board continues to encourage this way of working. A few of the examples where this has proven successful include:

Working with other local boards

Rodney Local Board is clearly unique due to its extensive landmass and large number of independent communities. However, the synergies of working with other local boards dealing with similar challenges are recognised. With this in mind, the local board continues to meet with the Franklin Local Board to discuss ways of advocating for rural issues to be better addressed, such as the challenges due to coastal erosion, freedom camping, and compliance and enforcement in the rural context. The local board has also met with the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board regarding our relationship with iwi whose rohe (boundaries) span both of our respective local board areas and how we can foster that relationship in the future.

Rodney Local Board members attend regular cluster meetings with elected members from other local boards. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss common areas of interest or matters of concern, and receive briefings from council staff on work currently under consideration, such as the review of a bylaw.

Volunteers and Community Park Ranger Sinead Brimacombe at Brick Bay Reserve, Sandspit.



Parks volunteers

The natural environment and walkways are a high priority for Rodney people and we have increased the budgets in place to support community-led volunteer initiatives by around 40 per cent compared to the last electoral term.

Additionally, the local board has partnered with Te Uri o Hau to provide native plants from their nursery in Te Ārai for use in the local board's Healthy Harbours and Waterways Fund.



Reopening of Warkworth Town Hall.

Warkworth Town Hall Trust and committee

The local board is immensely grateful to the hard work and dedication that the Warkworth Town Hall Restoration Trust and the fundraising group have put into the design and fundraising for the town hall. Without their drive and the partnership created, the project would likely not have been completed and the grand old hall restored to its former beauty.

Mahurangi Community Sports and Recreation Collective

The collective has continued to partner with the local board to develop the Warkworth Showgrounds and the future multisport building on the site, as well as plans for the pump track and skate park. The local board has been impressed with the practical and pragmatic approach taken by the collective in ensuring that everyone who wants to be involved has the opportunity and has taken the time to ensure that their final vision is a collaboration that will stand the test of time.

Lions clubs

The local board is grateful for the hard work and assistance of local Lions groups in Warkworth and Helensville. The Warkworth Lions took on a massive undertaking using a grant from the local board to consult on and install new play equipment in Lucy Moore Park. In Helensville, the Lions designed and installed exercise equipment alongside the newly created perimeter path at Rautawhiri Park. The new equipment has been well received by the community and proved to be very popular in both locations. The local board is very proud to have been able to work in partnership with the Lions to deliver such great outcomes for our communities.

North West Business Improvement District

The local board has been pleased to be able to continue their support of Rodney's only business improvement district. The North West Business Improvement District (BID) team is an example of passionate local business people wanting to see their area promoted in a cohesive way for the betterment of everyone in the area. The local board is grateful for the BID taking the lead in planning for the improvements of the Helensville Town Centre and look forward to these improvements being implemented in partnership with the wider community.

Civic ceremonies

The local board participates in and represents Rodney residents at key civic ceremonies within the Rodney Local Board area.

These include:

Northern area citizenship ceremonies. Jointly hosted by Hibiscus and Bays Local Board and Rodney Local Board. Local board members are actively involved in these ceremonies. We have had 15 ceremonies this term.



Lucy Moore Park.

Anzac Day ceremonies. Ceremonies across Rodney are attended by local board members. Over the term the local board has been regularly represented at Helensville, Kawau, Leigh, Matakana, Parakai, Riverhead, Upper Waiwera, Waimauku, Warkworth, Wellsford, Coatesville and Kaukapakapa. The local board is pleased to see Anzac Day flags flying in our townships and we are proud to lay wreaths to commemorate those who gave so much for us.

Volunteer awards. The local board presented awards to acknowledge the contribution of volunteers across the community by hosting awards ceremonies in 2017 and 2019 to celebrate and acknowledge these worthy individuals.

Other openings, ceremonies and celebrations. Several major projects were blessed by local iwi and celebrations of completion or progress occurred which the local board contributed to or took part in. Some of these include:

- Kowhai Park, Warkworth opening following a major renewal project
- Warkworth Town Hall grand reopening
- The 'Great Turn On' celebrating the completion of the new floodlights at Warkworth Showgrounds
- Rautawhiri Park, Helensville, celebrating the renewal of the tennis and netball courts and completion of the first stages of the perimeter path
- Opening of the Wellsford Skate Park
- Blessing the new carved benches in Helensville
- Blessing the start of Shelley Beach's seawall renewal and mangrove removal
- Handover of the Point Wells Hall to be managed by the community
- Handover of the Coatesville Settlers Hall to be managed by the community
- Celebration of the launch of the Warkworth bus service
- Blessing of Kumeū Arts Centre
- Celebrating the first bucket of silt to be removed from the Mahurangi River.



Warkworth Anzac Day service and parade.



Developing a set of themes for the Wellsford Community Plan.

Local engagement

Public engagement is an essential part of how the local board reaches, decisions on priorities, projects and positions for the region. This term the community was consulted on a number of significant projects including:

- **Local board plan.** Public meetings were held in Riverhead, Helensville, Warkworth and Wellsford to discuss the local board plan and the local board's vision for Rodney for 2017-2020. Rodney has some of the most engaged citizens in Auckland and the number of submissions on the plan (almost 1600) was the most of any local board.
- **Long-term plan and annual plan.** Engagement sessions on the long-term plan and annual planning cycles occurred each year to assist the local board to understand community priorities. This term the local board members attended events at Kumeū, Helensville, Matakana and Wellsford.
- **Community placemaking.** Community-led planning was encouraged and supported through community engagement sessions and workshops at Helensville, Warkworth and Kumeū-Huapai. The Warkworth Community pulled various groups together to create the Warkworth Community Aspirations document setting out some high-level projects and priorities for the development of the Warkworth Town Centre. The session at Kumeū-Huapai spawned a sub-group that proactively led the design and creation of the new Huapai Hub, a community gathering space that ties together the local park, arts centre and library.
- **Future reserve at Green Road, Dairy Flat.** Engagement sessions and open days were held to engage with the community on the future development of the Green Road reserve that will be the heart of Dairy Flat in the coming decades. The process started with asking what the community wants and needs and continues with the development of a master plan for how the site will develop over time.
- **Playspace engagement.** In partnership with the parks team at council, various local consultations have occurred to seek local views on play equipment including Wellsford skate park, Muriwai playground, Point Wells junior play provision, and the renewal of the William James Reserve playground in Omaha.
- **Wellsford community engagement.** Regular weekday meetings are held in Wellsford at the Old Wellsford Library, bringing together passionate community members to discuss local issues and help build an empowered community group to lead projects to improve the town centre.
- **Structure planning.** Auckland Council's Plans and Places team ran various engagement sessions and consultation on the future planning for Dairy Flat and Warkworth. As these areas look to become development-ready in the next few years, the feedback received will inform the development of detailed structure planning for these areas. Additionally, community engagement also helped create the Kumeū-Huapai Town Centre Plan, which will help guide future development in the town centre.
- **Supporting Growth Alliance.** Auckland Transport (AT), Auckland Council and the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) combined to run a series of engagements on the future growth in Warkworth and Kumeū-Huapai and how we can plan for and protect the land necessary to support our growing population. These were supported by the local board.

Local input into regional plans and bylaws

Advocacy is a key part of the role of the local board, ensuring that regional plans and policies are relevant on a local level. This term there has been a significant amount of time put in to providing feedback into regional plans, policies, strategies, bylaws, submissions to central government and other matters:

- **Plans**
 - Auckland Plan Refresh.
 - Long-term Plan 2018-2028.
 - Regional Land Transport Plan 2018-2028.
 - Regional Pest Management Plan.
 - Regional Public Transport Plan.
 - Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.
 - Auckland Unitary Plan changes.
 - Sports Facilities Investment Plan.
 - Warkworth Structure Plan.
 - Dairy Flat/Silverdale Business Area Structure Plan.
- **Policies**
 - Development Contributions Policy.
 - Facilities Partnerships Policy.
 - Rates Remissions and Postponements Policy.
- **Strategies**
 - Auckland Waters Strategy.
 - Climate Change Action Planning.
 - Takaro: Investing in Play.
- **Bylaws**
 - Auckland Transport Speed Bylaw Review.
 - Dog Management Bylaw.
 - Election Signage Bylaw.
 - Freedom Camping Bylaw.
 - Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw.
 - Trade Waste Bylaw.
- **Central government bills and policies** (feedback into Auckland Council submissions)
 - Changes to delegations under the Reserves Act 1977.
 - Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (2018).
- **Other**
 - Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill 2018.
 - Land Transport Management (Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill 2018.
 - Proposed Mandatory Phase out of Single Use Plastic Bags.
 - Auckland Council's Safe Swim Programme.
 - Citizens Advice Bureau Services Review.
 - Elected Member Code of Conduct Review.
 - Governance Framework Review.
 - Northland Regional Plan.
 - Northwest Community Facilities Provisioning Study.
 - Public Alerting Framework.
 - Remuneration Authority Consultation Document: Local Government Review.
 - Review of Representation Arrangements.
 - Support Growth Alliance transport planning.

Of particular importance over the term was the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 and the Regional Land Transport Plan 2018-2028. These plans set up the funding and investment in core services and infrastructure for the coming decade. Providing input into them, and having Rodney's views heard and incorporated, is paramount to meeting the needs of our rapidly growing communities.

The local board made very direct submissions to the Governing Body and the Auckland Transport Regional Transport Committee on both these fronts and came away with significant gains. The final long-term plan includes indicative funding for up to \$20 million for an indoor court facility in Kumeū-Huapai (subject to completion of a business case). This will be the first facility of its type in Rodney and is envisaged to be partnership between the local board, local sports clubs and Governing Body via regional funding. The local board has set aside half its capital funding available to it over the next three years (\$1 million) to contribute to this project.

The biggest success for the local board this term, was successfully advocating for a substantive increase in the amount of money put into road sealing. With over 600km of unsealed roads, Rodney has the largest need for this road sealing money across the region. The local board can't directly influence which roads get sealed when, but they can advocate for more money being spent on this work so more can get done. Thanks to the local board, the Regional Land Transport Plan includes \$121 million for road sealing over the next 10 years, the most significant investment in road sealing in Rodney's history.

Local plans

The local board has undertaken a number of pieces of research and local planning this term. More details are provided in later sections, but highlights include:

Local board agreements

In June each year (2017-2019) the Rodney Local Board adopts its local board agreement with the Governing Body, which forms part of the Auckland Council Long-term Plan 2018-2028. The local board agreement delivers on the priorities set in the Local Board Plan 2017 and shows the intended provision of local projects and allocated funding.

Atlas Site Strategic Assessment

The objective of this project was to build on the previous concept plan and understand how the Atlas Site in Warkworth, which is currently leased as a commercial depot, could eventually be turned into park space and the steps and stages involved in this transformation. The work here helped inform the development of planning the Warkworth Park and Ride.

Rodney West Greenways Plan

Following the completion of the Wellsford, Kumeū-Huapai-Riverhead, and Pūhoi-Pākiri greenways plans, the local board will soon complete a further greenways plan this term which covers the Dairy Flat, Kaukapakapa, Helensville and Wainui areas. Collectively called the Rodney West Greenways Plan. These plans now complete the greenways picture for the entire local board area and provide a basis for future development and expansion of important connections within, and between, our communities.

Greenways feasibility studies

The local board has started the planning to turn the high-level greenways concepts into real paths by funding feasibility studies on key routes in Wellsford, Omaha, Kumeū and Riverhead. These studies look at the practicalities of building paths, including the challenges and opportunities for specific routes. Additionally, the local board allocated \$50,000 towards helping the Snells Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association to undertake the detailed work needed for the Snells Beach to Warkworth path, called Puhinui. In the future, the local board looks forward to partnering with community groups who can lead the construction of these paths in their areas.

Kumeū-Huapai Indoor Courts Feasibility

Following on from the needs assessment completed in the last term, the local board commissioned the Kumeū-Huapai Indoor Courts Feasibility study. This study analysed how feasible it will be to build a local indoor court facility at the Huapai Recreation Reserve. The completion of this study was paramount in securing Governing Body support to include the facility in the Long-term Plan 2018-2028.

Play and toilet provision assessments

This term, the local board completed a major study on the provision of playgrounds in our communities. This piece of work will be used to direct future investment in play, by identifying the gaps and needs in our communities. Additionally, the local board has completed a major study on the provision of toilets in our parks. This work will help future local boards direct their locally driven initiatives funding, and steer growth funding into the areas of Rodney where it is needed most.

Helensville Town Centre Improvements Design

This planning was led by the North West BID, in partnership with the local board. The design and funding necessary to start physical works was secured in April 2019. The plan has the approval of NZTA which is important because SH16 runs through the middle of Helensville. Improvements can start being implemented in the Helensville Town Centre in late 2019.

Warkworth Community Aspirations Plan

This planning was led by the Warkworth Community Forum, with assistance from the local board. Multiple engagement sessions were held with representatives of key groups in the Warkworth area, culminating in a plan that sets out key objectives and recommended actions to achieve them. This will be used to guide both the local board and the community in prioritising actions and investment in the future. Building on this work, planning has been done to design improvements in the Warkworth Town Centre. The planned linkage from the town centre to the Mahurangi River via the walkway between the library and the Old Masonic Hall was approved in April 2019. Physical works are due to start in late 2019.

Wellsford Sport and Recreation Plan

The local board worked with the Wellsford Sports Collective to review sport and recreation needs in the Wellsford area, analyse findings and develop a community sport and recreation plan that identifies a collective agreement on the priority sport and recreation projects, particularly at Centennial Park. The community can now use this plan to grow their sporting codes and use of the local facilities.

Green Road Reserve Needs Assessment

This assessment looked at the needs of the community and how those may be met by the future reserve at Green Road, Dairy Flat. This study found a strong desire for the reserve to cater for large open-space and informal recreation, as well as meeting other sport and recreation needs. The assessment will help inform the development of the Green Road Master Plan, which has started and will continue into 2020.

Matakana Jubilee Park Needs Assessment

This study assessed the needs of the Matakana community in order to inform the future decision making for the use of the Jubilee Park. The park has previously been leased, almost exclusively, to the Matakana Branch Pony Club. This needs assessment has identified a need for broader community use to share the space with the pony club, so work will get underway to investigate how those two needs can be met in one park.

Local Board Plan 2017

In May 2017, the Rodney Local Board released the draft local board plan for public consultation. The local board received 1592 written submissions and a further 267 people provided feedback at Have Your Say engagement events. The local board formally received these submissions at the August 2017 business meeting and following a review of the submissions, the final plan was adopted in September 2017. The local board plan sets out a three-year foundation for planning, action and advocacy for Rodney.

Local board plans reflect the community priorities and preferences, guide local board activity, funding and investment decisions, and aims to achieve the following identified outcomes.

Rodney Local Board Plan outcomes:

We can get around easily and safely. Our transport infrastructure keeps pace with the needs of our communities. Our growing townships have the same choices for quality public transport as the rest of Auckland. Communities have access to walkways, bridleways and cycleways. Our roads are well maintained.

Communities are influential and empowered. Our communities influence local decision-making. They are empowered and enabled to act and take the lead on community projects and in the planning for their areas.

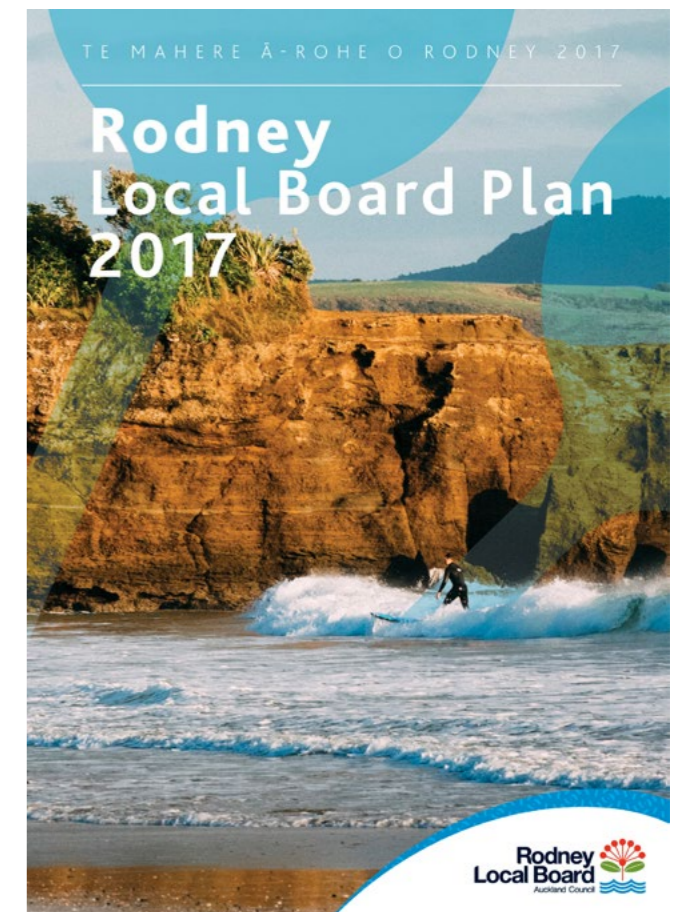
Parks and sports facilities that everyone can enjoy. Our local parks and sports facilities cater to a wide range of sporting and recreational interests. They are easily accessible connecting our towns, villages and growth areas.

Our harbours, waterways and environment are cared for, protected and healthy. Our harbours and the rivers and streams that feed them are healthy and thriving natural marine environments. Our stormwater and wastewater services are reliable, well maintained and environmentally friendly, minimising downstream environmental impacts.

Arts and culture is vibrant and strong. Local facilities are the heart of our communities. They are well used and cared for by communities that manage them.

The achievements in this report are outlined under the relevant local board plan outcome.

Mahurangi East.



Outcome: We can get around easily and safely

Our transport infrastructure keeps pace with the needs of our communities. Our growing townships have the same choices for quality public transport as the rest of Auckland. Communities have access to walkways, bridleways and cycleways. Our roads are well maintained.

Transport is the number one issue for Rodney residents. We have heard this loud and clear in our engagements with the community.

The local board's key transport related initiatives are below.

Outcome: We can get around easily and safely

Objective	Key initiatives	How are we tracking?
Using public transport is a viable option for getting around	Advocate to Auckland Transport to prioritise the establishment of key public transport links and mode share in Rodney including new north-south and east-west connections.	In progress. New public transport links are now established.
	Support the establishment of park and ride facilities in Rodney, including advocating to Auckland Transport to expand existing facilities in neighbouring local board areas.	In progress, as part of the Rodney Transport Targeted Rate
Essential transport improvements are funded and we can get things done when needed	Investigate a targeted rate to pay for additional projects such as road sealing, public transport options (e.g. shuttles, buses, trains, light rail, ferries) and park and ride facilities and progress those projects (pending the results of the investigation and further consultation).	Individual projects being implemented
	Advocate to Auckland Transport and NZ Transport Agency for higher prioritisation of Rodney transport projects, such as fixes to Hill Street in Warkworth and improvements on SH16.	In progress – ongoing
Our roads are safe for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists	Work with Auckland Transport and other agencies on transport improvements with a public safety focus such as extending our footpath network.	In progress – ongoing. A new \$2 million safety fund will be available later in 2019 to advance this initiative
	Advocate the Governing Body and Auckland Transport for improved road maintenance and levels of service and addressing the impact of activities that degrade our roads.	In progress – ongoing
Our communities are well connected by safe and healthy walkways, cycleways and bridleways	Work on realising Rodney's greenways plans, including working with our key stakeholders to complete our plans, identify priority areas and design and build the greenways.	In progress – ongoing
	Advocate for all new developments to include high quality footpaths, walkways, bridleways and cycleways options	In progress – ongoing



Warkworth Town Crier Dave Parker welcomes the first Wellsford bus.

Transport targeted rate

Transport issues are a challenge for local boards as decision-making on transport sits with two entities: Auckland Transport (AT) for local roads; and the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) for all state highways. Local boards are given a small discretionary budget that can be used on transport infrastructure with the approval of AT.

The ability of local boards to effect real change regarding transport issues is limited and their primary function is advocacy. To take control of our own destiny, the Rodney Local Board consulted the community on the establishment of a transport targeted rate over two consultation periods this term (the local board plan consultation in 2017, and the long-term plan consultation in 2018).

A targeted rate allows the local board to control spending and, therefore, have greater control over the projects it is used on. The targeted rate was approved in June 2018. The rate came into effect in July and has already:

- established the first bus service between Wellsford and Warkworth (February 2019)
- established a bus service between Helensville and Silverdale via Kaukapakapa (February 2019)
- initiated investigations and designs of temporary park and ride facilities in Warkworth and in Kumeū-Huapai.

In the future it will:

- establish a Westgate-Riverhead-Coatesville-Albany bus service (May 2019)
- complete construction of temporary park and ride facilities in Warkworth and Kumeū which will last until Auckland Transport/NZTA can construct permanent facilities near the end of the next decade.
- increase the frequency of bus services from Kumeū-Westgate
- build footpaths to fill gaps in our existing footpath network.

None of these projects would have been possible without the establishment of the targeted rate and the leadership of the local board.

Road sealing

One of the local board's most important projects to date has been advocating for more funding for rural roads and they are delighted that as a result of their efforts the Regional Land Transport Plan contains \$121 million over 10 years for the sealing of rural roads. The majority of this funding will come to Rodney, which has the most unsealed roads in the Auckland Region. This is a substantive increase on the previous level of funding which was around \$3 million per year.

The local board was tasked with recommending how the Governing Body should allocate the funding from the historic Araparera Targeted Rate. The local board worked with AT to determine the best way to seal the most road surface to benefit the most number of people. The local board subsequently recommended that the Governing Body seal portions of the following roads:

- Underwood Road, Port Albert
- Whitmore Road, Takatu
- School Road 3, Tōmarata
- Krippner Road, Pūhoi
- Smith Road, Matakana
- Wharehine Road, Wharehine
- Tauhoa Road, Tauhoa
- Dennis Road, Kourawhero
- Rodney Road, Pākiri.

In addition, Takatu Road and Silver Hill Road were sealed this term, and Monowai Road sealing is underway. Wellsford Valley Road, Ahuroa Road and Ngarewa Road are all being designed for sealing now.

The 995 bus arriving at Hibiscus Coast Station.

Public transport

Public transport has continued to be a priority for the local board and our communities. Feedback into the Regional Public Transport Plan, and the Supporting Growth Alliance planning, has provided regular opportunities to continue to explain the need for safe regular alternatives to vehicles. Connections in particular for young, old and commuters to the city have been constant points of discussion.

Local bus services are often raised by Rodney residents. At the start of the electoral term, there was little public transport choice in Rodney and most of our communities, especially in the north, were disconnected from the rest of the region. The local board were pleased to see their advocacy efforts pay off with the launch of a new (regionally funded) bus service from Warkworth to Hibiscus Coast Station (Silverdale) in 2018. This bus went with the service that AT launched from Warkworth to Omaha (via Matakana and Point Wells) and to Algies Bay (via Snells Beach) which replaces the former Kowhai connection.

Additionally, the local board launched its own services this term from Wellsford to Warkworth, and from Helensville to Silverdale (via Kaukapakapa) using the transport targeted rate. Now many communities can catch public transport to anywhere in Auckland, from Wellsford to Pukekohe, something we have never been able to do before. The local board are also excited to be able to launch the service from Westgate to Albany, servicing Riverhead and Coatesville in May 2019 and give these communities back a service that they lost years ago. Even better, those with a Gold Card can make use of the free travel options with the appropriate AT HOP card, making public transport affordable and possible for so many Rodney residents. This is a momentous change for Rodney which has never had such an investment in public transport before. The local board is proud to have been able to deliver such a great leap forward this term.



Kaspar Street, Warkworth.

Footpaths and cycleways

The provision of adequate footpaths in the Rodney area is a major challenge. Rodney has 37 towns and villages, sometimes split down the middle by major roads and highways, so getting people safely from A to B is a challenge. The local board continues to advocate to Auckland Transport for the construction of more footpaths, particularly in areas where growth happened historically, but footpaths were never built. The Rodney Transport Targeted Rate will allow future local boards to construct more footpaths than ever before.

This term, the local board also completed footpaths which were approved in the previous term using funding that requires the local board to pay annual financing costs. To save future local boards from being encumbered with additional costs, the local board opted not to extend this programme of works further than the footpaths now built below:

- Elliott Street, Riverhead
- Hill Street, Warkworth
- Kaspar Street, Warkworth
- Princes Street, Riverhead
- Tapu Road, Kumeū.

In addition to the local board's transport targeted rate funding, the local board has a share of the Local Board Transport Capital Fund available for small transport projects. Communities have told us that footpaths are extremely important and so the local board prioritises this transport budget on constructing these. Funding was allocated to the following footpaths which are now complete or in progress:

- Great North Road, Riverhead
- Matakana Valley Road, Matakana
- Pohutukawa Drive to The Landing, Riverhead.

The local board expects to begin constructing the following footpaths as soon as designs are complete:

- Blue Gum Drive, Warkworth
- Falls Road, Warkworth
- Springs Road, Parakai
- Arthur Street, Riverhead.

The local board is also investigating possible options for a footpath outside of Dairy Flat School on Dairy Flat Highway and along Broadlands Drive in Omaha.





Local board members, council staff and members from the NX2 consortium at the construction site of the Pūhoi to Warkworth motorway.

Other transport matters

Speed limit reviews

Changes to legislation has given AT more flexibility on the speed limits that can be set on local roads. Rodney has the worst death and serious injury statistics of any local board in Auckland, and the Rodney Local Board has been very vocal in getting AT to recognise and act on our most dangerous roads, such as Dairy Flat Highway. The local board were pleased to see this advocacy paying off with a wide scale review of speed limits on many roads in Rodney taking place in 2019.

Planning for future growth – Dairy Flat and Warkworth

AT, NZTA and Auckland Council continue to work collaboratively on transport solutions and future planning for the Dairy Flat and Warkworth areas. This work aims to secure the corridors needed for future roading work. The local board has been involved in providing input and receiving updates throughout the term

Tapu Road/Station Road and Access Road/SH16 intersection realignments

The upgrade of these two intersections has secured funding as part of a \$37 million upgrade for Kumeū-Huapai roading network to address the significant growth in the area resulting from Special Housing Areas. The complexity of the work has delayed construction and required considerable thinking to address the scale of the issues, including the separate needs of Kiwirail and NZTA. The local board has provided input into the designs and expects work to start in phases from 2019.

Safe Roads Alliance

This group, led by NZTA, are investing \$70 million in safety upgrades on SH16 between Kumeū-Huapai and Westgate, and \$35 million on SH1 at Dome Valley. The local board has been kept up to date on proposals and provided input and local views to help shape the final designs.

SH1 Pūhoi to Warkworth RONS (Motorway)

This \$100 million project is well underway, with construction having started ready for its 2021 completion date. The local board has fostered a good relationship with NX2, the group building the motorway, and received a tour of the site to get a feel for the scale of the works.

SH1 Warkworth to Te Hana RONS (Motorway)

The planning for this project is still underway, though changes in central government policy will delay construction. The local board has been kept informed of the design and route protection work that NZTA have completed to date.

Matakana Link Road

The importance of this connection to ease increasing heavy traffic from east of Warkworth was a strong point of advocacy for the local board. Funding of \$63 million has now been approved for this project, and the local board has provided input into the design and construction. The local board continues to advocate for the road being built with four lanes immediately, incorporating walking and cycling connections through Warkworth Showgrounds.

Road maintenance

The maintenance and standard of our roads needs to improve, and the local board has been a strong advocate for improvements in road maintenance. The storms of April 2018 showed how major events can devastate and cut off communities, as numerous slips and road blocks took weeks to clear. The local board has also come to better appreciate how hard maintaining our roads is and how additional damage caused by storms or heavy trucking from the likes of logging activities or building a new subdivision, can have a ripple effect on road maintenance throughout Rodney. The local board will continue to work with AT to better understand the challenges with road maintenance and ensure improvements are made.

Waimauku Roundabout

The construction of this intersection in Waimauku was completed this term.

Outcome: Communities are influential and empowered

Our communities influence local decision-making. They are empowered and enabled to act and take the lead on community projects and in the planning for their areas. Community groups and residents partner with the council and others to identify and deliver what is best for them.

The local board's key community empowerment related initiatives are below:

Outcome: Our communities are influential and empowered

Objective	Key initiatives	How are we tracking?
Communities have a say about what happens in their area	Help communities to develop the skills, systems and partnerships they need to effectively contribute to the future development of their area.	In progress. Dedicated staff resource is available to help groups to succeed
Communities take the lead in delivering projects	Partner with and support the community and organisations such as the Northwest District Business Improvement District with funding and other assistance so they can deliver local projects such as town centres developments in Warkworth, Helensville and Kumeū-Huapai.	In progress – town centre upgrades are being implemented
Communities have the capacity, skills and support they need	Provide resources and assistance to communities so they can build the skills they need to deliver more community-led initiatives.	In progress. Dedicated staff resource is available to help groups to succeed

Empowering communities

Focus on helping communities to help themselves

This focus has continued to be enshrined into a way of working for the Rodney Local Board. Partnerships on projects with community groups demonstrate this such as the Warkworth–Multisport, various playgrounds, Old Wellsford–Library, volunteers in parks, community-led environmental projects, volunteer libraries, hall and reserve advisory groups and the North West BID. Opportunities in this area are endless and we encourage more community groups to drive the projects that they want to see happening in their communities.

Projects like the Helensville Community Recycling Centre are a great example of community empowerment. At the centre, people learn how to repair bicycles, farm machinery and furniture, under the guidance of a skilled volunteer, putting the items back into use and for sale at the centre's shop. The local board was very proud this term to be able to successfully advocate for the recycling centre to stay on the piece of land they have been using for the past few years and save the centre from council plans to sell the land and move the centre elsewhere. The local board was successful in working with various council departments to ensure the recycling centre got the best outcome. The local board would like to see more community recycling centres established and thriving in other parts of Rodney.



Matheson Bay Neighbourhood Association members upgrading the Kohuroa Stream Track.

Other community initiatives

Other community-led projects and initiatives the local board has been able to support with funding or other assistance this term include:

- Warkworth Lions playground in Lucy Moore Park
- Helensville Lions fitness equipment in Rautawhiri Park
- Mahurangi River dredging
- Kaukapakapa community-led playground
- Hamatana Walkway, Snells Beach
- Coatesville Recreation Reserve fitness equipment
- Huapai Hub, community gathering space project.



A community planting day at the Huapai Hub.

Town centre improvements

The local board has set aside over \$1 million this term towards the concept, design and construction of projects that enhance our town centres. These projects are all community-led, bringing together community members who decide what improvements are needed and work with council staff to do the initial designs and, ultimately, get them constructed. The Huapai Hub, a community gathering space in Huapai behind the library and service centre, is almost complete. This was the first town centre improvement to get started and is a real success story for how communities and council can work together to deliver these community spaces. The community led the design and coordinated volunteer efforts while the local board provided funding and ensured that council staff project managed the construction and delivery. Town centre improvements in Helensville and Warkworth are in progress.

In Wellsford, conversations started with newcomers to the community to discuss their experiences of the area, to get their input and create positive connections. The local community group planned a restoration project for the public space behind the Old Wellsford Library hub, led by a community member and supported by the local board. The work will complement work the local board has started revitalising the Wellsford Town Centre toilets into a new, modern facility.



Mayor Phil Goff, Chair Beth Houlbrooke, Te Uri o Hau Chief Executive Deborah Harding and then Chair the late Russell Kemp signing the Auckland Council Te Uri o Hau Relationship Agreement at Te Ārai Point.

Hui with iwi

The local board has continued to meet with local iwi on matters of relevance to both parties and look forward to more regular liaison on projects of interest with Ngā Maunga Whakahii and Ngāti Manuhiri. The local board met with Ngā Maunga Whakahii regularly throughout the term in preparation for the signing of a relationship agreement between the parties. Ngā Maunga Whakahii and the local board share common priorities for the improvement of the Kaipara Harbour and waterways, amongst other things.

This term, the local board signed a relationship agreement with Te Uri o Hau, consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding between iwi and the former Rodney District Council. The ceremony, which was attended by councillors, local board members and iwi, took place at Te Ārai and was the first relationship agreement to be signed by Auckland Council and iwi.

The time iwi have given to attend dawn blessings and other civic events in Rodney is greatly appreciated.

Centre plans and structure plans

Dairy Flat and Warkworth structure plans

Structure planning is not a function of the local board, but the local board has an important role in providing local views and preferences as part of the process. The Future Urban Land Supply Strategy was adopted during the last electoral term and provides a clear structure as to when future urban land will be zoned for development, and therefore when the structure plans will be completed. Dairy Flat and Warkworth north are due to be development ready in the next three years, so structure plans were started for these areas this term.

Warkworth south won't be ready for development until 2028-2032, but Auckland Council's Plans and Places team is preparing a comprehensive Warkworth Structure Plan to align with the Warkworth north land in order to provide certainty to communities and ensure that funds are allocated to infrastructure in the planning phase – rather than allowing development to lead and the infrastructure to catch up. The local board played a significant role in engaging with the community on this document and compiling its feedback for consideration.

Kumeū-Huapai Centre Plan

A community-led plan
September 2017



Kumeū-Huapai Centre Plan:

The development of Special Housing Areas in the north-west, which started from 2012, meant that the timeline for the wider Kumeū-Huapai area to be development ready was pushed back to 2028-2032, and accordingly the structure plan for the area has been pushed back as well. However, the local board was able to advocate for and get a Kumeū-Huapai Centre Plan completed in 2017. This plan built upon work started in 2015-2016 looking at the community's values and perceptions for the area. The centre plan sets out a vision for the town centre area in Kumeū-Huapai, with four key ideas, and over 40 actions which seek to implement those key ideas.

The local board will play a significant role in realising the centre plan's future vision for the area. The centre plan contains several actions where the local board is highlighted as having a significant interest and potential involvement in that action, whether it be a limited or major involvement. The local board's role may take many forms depending on the action, from direct investment in public works to advocating for positive changes in the future.

Outcome: Parks and sports facilities that everyone can enjoy



Algies Bay seawall.

Our local parks and sports facilities cater to a wide range of sporting and recreational interests.

They are easily accessible, connecting our towns, villages and growth areas. Our parks are enjoyable places to visit and relax or be active in.

The local board's key parks-related initiatives are below:

Outcome: Parks and sports facilities that everyone can enjoy

Objective	Key initiatives	How are we tracking?
Communities can access quality parks, reserves and natural spaces nearby	Continue to develop, renew and improve sports parks, fields, hardcourts and other key open spaces such as Centennial Park in Wellsford.	In progress – ongoing investment being made
	Develop a plan to meet the future recreation needs at Green Road, Dairy Flat.	In progress – due June 2020
Our communities have great local options for indoor and outdoor sports and recreation	Investigate the options for multisport facilities in Kumeū-Huapai, Warkworth and Wellsford. Support and advocate for their funding and construction.	In progress – ongoing. Funding supplied to advance the design of the Warkworth facility. A business case is underway for the Kumeū facility
	Support and advocate for the construction of a swimming pool or aquatic facility in Warkworth and identify swimming pool needs in other parts of Rodney.	On hold, awaiting a private development; investigations continue on an ancillary service the local board can provide
Our play areas are active zones that cater to the needs of all ages and abilities	Revitalise existing playgrounds, and build new play spaces where needed, with more challenging or multi-use equipment fit for a variety of age groups.	In progress – ongoing investment being made

Improving local parks by upgrading assets and undertaking improvements requested by local communities has been a significant programme of work for the local board, which invests millions of dollars every year into these important works. Thanks to the dedication of our local parks and community facilities staff and their willingness to collaborate with the local board and the community, we have seen many projects delivered over the term. The following brief list of assets renewals and improvements should give you an idea of the scale and flavour of these works that are currently underway or recently completed (items of significant expenditure noted in brackets):

- Coastal renewals, in particular the Omaha Groynes (\$1.5 million this term, but amounts spent in previous terms as well), Point Wells boat ramp and Leigh wharf
- Seawalls at Shelly Beach (\$2.5 million), Algies Bay (\$1.6 million), Matheson Bay and Whangateau
- Various residential and parks walkways including at Omaha, Snells Beach, Huapai Domain, Kowhai Park, Jamieson Bay, Horseshoe Bay, Rautawhiri Park, Whangateau, Shelly Beach, and Goodall Reserve (over \$1.5 million spent on these in the current term)
- Sand field installation, allowing for fields to stay open in periods of wet weather, in areas including Riverhead War Memorial Park, Wellsford Centennial Park and Huapai Domain (\$1.8 million)
- Bourne Dean Reserve, Kaipara Flats cricket wickets
- Full assets review and renewal at Port Albert Wharf Reserve
- Matakana Diamond Jubilee Park tennis court
- Finishing the Warkworth Showgrounds carpark and other civil works, including the perimeter path, floodlighting, electrical upgrade and wastewater systems (\$760,000 but in excess of \$2 million in the previous term)
- Floodlighting at Whangateau Reserve
- Park fencing, signage, lighting and furniture renewals throughout Rodney including at Wellsford Centennial Park, Warkworth River Bank, Tōmarata Dune Lakes Reserve, Shelly Beach Reserve, Sandspit Recreation Reserve, Point Wells Foreshore Reserve, Goodall Reserve, Algies Bay Reserve, Tāpora Recreation Reserve, Buckleton Beach Reserve, Ti Point Walkway, Parry Kauri Park, Matheson Bay Reserve, Highfield Garden and William Fraser Reserve
- New toilets at Kowhai Park, Warkworth and Wellsford Town Centre (in progress) and renewals in Warkworth, Helensville, Sandspit, Snells Beach and Huapai (over \$5 million spent or planned to be spent)
- Rautawhiri Park, Helensville – tennis courts, netball courts and perimeter path (\$3 million).

Future reserve at Green Road, Dairy Flat

At the turn of the millennium, the then Rodney District Council obtained land at Green Road, Dairy Flat, for the purposes of meeting future recreation needs. Since then, the land has had limited public use and accessibility with most of it leased out and not providing any recreational benefit. This term the local board made it a priority to begin the planning needed to turn this 154 hectare space into a destination park.

The park is expected to cater for significant population growth in the Dairy Flat/Silverdale West and surrounding areas over the next 20 years. The first stage, a needs assessment and community engagement, was completed in late 2018 and involved significant work assessing the current and future needs of the community and what the park can provide. The community is enthusiastic about the wide range of sport and recreation activities that can be provided on this large park.

Many people suggested park space similar to the English Great Parks were an appropriate park model to guide the development.

The needs assessment also identified the opportunity for formal sports fields, indoor recreation, a community facility and a wide variety of informal recreation opportunities including multiple use paths, tracks and trails.

The next phase is completing a master plan, which is currently underway and due for completion in 2020. The development of such a large open space will take years and require substantial funding over the course of Dairy Flat's 20-year growth period. Once the planning is finished, the local board can look at ways to start phasing the work needed and is hopeful that the community can be involved in starting the transformation of this space into a true destination for Rodney.

Huapai Indoor Courts Facility

The local board completed a feasibility study for an indoors courts facility in Kumeū-Huapai this term, and was successful in advocating for the construction of the facility at Huapai being included in council's long-term plan. Subject to the completion of a further business case, \$20 million has been set aside for the construction, which also relies on community contribution and the local board investing its own discretionary funding. The preferred site for the facility is the Huapai Domain, which will bring together the existing sports and recreation facilities and provide a focal point for sport in the north-west. Further work is required to define the scope of the facility, confirm ownership and governance models, and formalise partnerships and investments. The local board are working with the local community sporting groups as well as council officers to ensure that this project is a priority for construction over the next few years.

Warkworth Showgrounds

Warkworth Showgrounds Development

The development of the Warkworth Showgrounds has moved ahead in leaps and bounds in recent years, and this term the majority of the outstanding works were completed with the installation of floodlighting, a major electrical upgrade, wastewater upgrade and the completion of the perimeter path. The local community held a very successful event called the Great Turn On to celebrate the new lighting. This has been a significant piece of work for the local board and a major investment in Warkworth over the past few years. The local board is now looking forward to what comes next, including a walking/cycling connection between Kowhai Park and the showgrounds. Planning for this connection is currently underway.

Warkworth Multisport

The local board has partnered with the Mahurangi Sport and Recreation Collective to provide officer support and advice to assist community efforts to establish a multisport facility on the showgrounds. This long-term partnership continues to strengthen, with the local board contributing \$150,000 towards the cost of the design of the multisport building, starting with the gym sports component. Given the amount of planning and fundraising required, it is clear that this project will be a few years off completion, but the local board looks forward to supporting this work in the future.



Warkworth Showgrounds.



Rautawhiri Park celebration.

Rautawhiri Park renewal

The local board was very proud to be able to launch several major improvements at Rautawhiri Park, Helensville this term. This work included a \$3 million renewal of the tennis and netball courts, the construction of the first stages of a perimeter path around the park, and the renewal of the toilet and changing facilities. The park is a major focal point for the community, and its ageing assets were coming under increasing pressure that was only going to worsen with the development of a Special Housing Area next door. The investment in this park is the largest in many years and complements works done in the last electoral term upgrading the playground and adding new play equipment for older children. The recent Rautawhiri Park improvements were officially launched at a ceremony in February 2019.



Outdoor furniture and alphabet letters inspire children in the playground at Helensville.

Walking tracks and plans

Following on from the completion of the Wellsford, Kumeū/Huapai/Riverhead/Waimauku, and Pūhoi-Pākiri greenways plans during the last electoral term, the local board is about to complete the Rodney West Greenways Plan this term. The plan now fills the gaps in and around Dairy Flat, Kaukapakapa, Helensville and Wainui. With all the plans done, there is now a complete overview of future walking, cycling and bridleways connections throughout Rodney.

The local board is hopeful that community groups will soon start volunteering to turn greenways plans into reality, so to prepare for this, the local board funded feasibility studies for priority paths in Wellsford, Omaha, Kumeū and Riverhead, and funded a project to investigate the connection of Snells Beach to Warkworth, led by the Snells Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association. Additionally, the planning that's been done can be used by the local board when it advocates for greenways connections to be included whenever an area starts to become developed, or by planners when issuing consents for new developments.

Play spaces

Wellsford Skate Park and play space

The local board was pleased to see the completion of the revitalised and expanded Wellsford Skate Park and playground, launched with much fanfare and an exhibition of skating to an excited crowd. The \$480,000 project was a major investment in Wellsford's youth that will be enjoyed for years to come. The park is designed for all ages and abilities and offers a resurfaced skate bowl and a new flow bowl, quarter pipe, banked wall, pyramid and round rail. New play equipment, voted for by school children and the community, caters for older children with a bird nest swing, a rotating carousel spinner and a basketball half court. Logs and rocks make handy seats and encourage natural play, while the new path extension provides easy access to the playground.

Playground renewals

Many playgrounds have been renewed and enhanced this term, with the local board and parks staff consulting the community, especially children, regarding what they want to see in their playspaces. Playgrounds were renewed in Omaha, Warkworth, Helensville, Snells Beach, Point Wells, Kumeū-Huapai and Muriwai.

Toilets

Toilet renewals

The renewal of our local toilets continues to be a focus for the local board as part of providing access to quality parks and reserve. This term the local board upgraded Kowhai Park in Warkworth, which included new toilet facilities with a wrap depicting an historic view of the Hill Street intersection. An upgrade of toilets at Snells Beach includes a picture of local seabirds decorating the exterior. The local board has started work investigating the upgrade of the toilets at William Fraser Reserve in Omaha as well as a complete rebuild of the town centre toilets in Wellsford.

Play and toilet provisioning studies

Our communities often tell us they need better facilities on our parks, but with limited budgets available the local board has to be strategic about where it puts new toilets and playgrounds in order to achieve the biggest bang for buck. There is a huge range of need in Rodney, from those that have absolutely nothing to those that need just a little more to have almost everything they need. In order to identify priority areas for investment, the local board commissioned assessments of both local play and local toilet provision in our parks. These two reports identify gaps in the current network of playgrounds and public toilets in our parks, with suggestions for priority areas where investment is most needed to obtain the greatest benefit. These assessments will be used to guide investment in the coming years.

Carparks

Carpark renewals

Works have been undertaken at Helensville Library, Huapai Domain, Kowhai Park, Tāpora Recreation Reserve, and Matheson Bay Reserve. Further works are due to be completed at Algies Bay, Currys Bush Reserve Wellsford, and concreting the Kaukapakapa Hall and Library reserve carpark. Additional works are due in the coming years at Te Moau Reserve, Point Wells Community Centre, Mahurangi West Hall, Jamieson Bay Esplanade Reserve, Wellsford Centennial Park and Falls Road River Esplanade Reserve.

Supporting volunteers

The local board has officer support and resources available to support volunteers in our parks with environmental work, such as weeding. The local board value the energy and enthusiasm that these groups put in and encourage more people to get involved like the community groups working in Kowhai Park in Warkworth, on the Leigh Coastal Walkway, and the active group in Hoteo. This term the local board were very pleased to increase the funding available for volunteer support year on year, from previous levels of \$100,000 to \$165,000 to be allocated to this budget line in the new 2019/2020 financial year. This is part of the local board's philosophy of targeting more funding into achieving its key objectives and allows local volunteer groups an easy way to access council support and funding without having to go through lengthy grant applications. Increasing funding has enabled the expansion of support offered to important projects like the predator protection for the blue penguin in and around Leigh.

Community leases

This term the local board has granted community leases and licences to occupy parks and reserves in the Rodney area. These leases come with peppercorn rentals, allowing groups to cater for the needs of their communities while having certainty about their future on our public land for minimal outlay. This makes a community lease one of the most comprehensive forms of financial assistance the local board can give a community group as they often last for years. The following groups received leases or licences this term:

- Matakana Tennis Club
- North Harbour Pony Club – Silverdale Branch
- North Shore Model Aero Club
- Mahurangi Community Sport and Recreation Collective Incorporated

- Mahurangi East Bowling Club
- Waimauku Bowling Club Incorporated
- Waimauku Tennis Club Incorporated
- Coatesville Settlers Hall Incorporated Society
- The North Shore Playcentre Association Incorporated
- Coastguard Kaipara Incorporated
- Warkworth Bridge Club Incorporated
- Te Akoranga Playcentre Association Incorporated
- Scout Association of New Zealand (at Blomfield Reserve, Waimauku)
- The Puhoi Community Forum Incorporated
- Sandspit Yacht Club Incorporated
- Riverhead Playgroup Incorporated
- The Kaipara Flats Sports Club Incorporated
- Kumeū Arts Centre Incorporated
- Ahuroa School Board of Trustees
- Point Wells Community and Ratepayers Association Incorporated
- Mahurangi East Tennis Club Incorporated
- Omaha Beach Bowling Club Incorporated.



Attendees at the board's 2017 volunteer evening at Kaukapakapa Hall.

Outcome: Our harbours, waterways and environment are cared for, protected and healthy

Our harbours and the rivers and streams that feed them are healthy and thriving natural marine environments. Our stormwater and wastewater services are reliable, well maintained and environmentally friendly, minimising downstream environmental impacts. There is minimal sediment and silt flowing into our waterways from new developments and earthworks.

The local board's key environment related initiatives are below:

Outcome: Our harbours, waterways and environment are cared for, protected and healthy

Objective	Key initiatives	How are we tracking?
Our coastline and unique environment is well managed and thrives	Provide funding and support for community efforts to improve our environment, such as community-led volunteer initiatives focussed on pest-free areas, streamside restoration, weeding and planting.	In progress – ongoing investment being made in our volunteers and communities
	Advocate to the Governing Body for Coastal Compartment Management plans to be prepared for the ongoing management of our coastline and provide support for delivering these plans.	In progress – awaiting the outcome of regional planning
The water quality of our harbours and waterways is understood and improving	Promote riparian planting workshops and education and environmental planting networks within our communities.	In progress – ongoing
	Promote and support efforts to improve the water quality in our harbours and waterways such as by working with community, landowners, farmers and iwi to implement riparian fencing and planting.	In progress – ongoing with substantial investment of \$250,000 being made each year
	Work with landowners, businesses and key stakeholders to promote sustainable and environmentally-friendly work practices.	In progress. In 2018/2019 this project was responsible for a blitz of 200 abatement notices for poor environmental practices in one subdivision alone
Stormwater and wastewater is well managed	Advocate to the Governing Body for improvements to the capacity and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure in our unserviced rural areas to support growth and address negative environmental impacts.	In progress – ongoing
	Advocate to Watercare for adequate water supply and wastewater infrastructure in Wellsford and the north of Rodney to accommodate growth and address negative environmental impacts.	In progress – ongoing

Environmental focus in the local board plan was aimed primarily at water in three different areas: water quality, the natural marine environment, and the management of storm and waste water. Environmental benefits were also achieved through such programmes as the parks volunteers, which is described under our parks outcome.



The Healthy Harbour and Waterways Fund is helping landowners in the Kaukapakapa-Makarau catchment.

Healthy Harbours Waterways Fund

The Rodney Local Board focussed its efforts on achieving most of its objectives through one, well-resourced and funded project that could achieve compounding benefits over three years. The Healthy Harbours Waterways Fund was established in 2017 to support landowners to undertake fencing of waterways (streams, wetlands, seeps and drains). It is also available for alternative water supplies for livestock (needed as a result of fencing), restoration planting and plant maintenance within the fenced-off areas. The fund contributes up to 50 per cent of the cost of improvements with landowners paying the remaining 50 per cent. The local board has contributed \$250,000 per year for three years to this fund, plus funding for council staff to support applicants to make the best use of the funding and provide expert advice. Additionally, the local board was able to engage the help of its iwi partner, Te Uri o Hau, and their nursery in Te Ārai for the supply of thousands of native plants to contribute to the scheme. The Healthy Harbours Waterways Fund is a perfect complement to wider regional and national efforts to address the quality of our waterways and the local board looks forward to expanding the fund in future years with buy-in from key stakeholders and businesses in the rural area.

Applications for the fund are assessed on several criteria, primarily being the environmental benefits but also feasibility and good practice, community benefits, and the applicant's contribution. By the end of the first year, over 43,000 plants had been provided for planting, and 322,563m² of land was fenced off because of this fund. The fund was oversubscribed during the first round of applications in the 2018/2019 year, with applicants wanting to erect a further 11,000 metres of stock-proof fencing to protect 20 hectares of riparian margin. There is clearly a great demand for this environmentally focussed initiative. The local board is proud to have started such a worthwhile enterprise which will pay large dividends in future years with increased water quality in our streams, rivers and harbours.



Mahurangi River, Warkworth.

Small Building/Business Sites Ambassador

In the 2018/2019 year, the local board funded additional resourcing to work with and support council's compliance team to reduce the amount of sedimentation, run-off and litter produced from small building sites entering waterways. The main focus was poor practices on house building projects in rapidly growing subdivisions in the areas within the Rangitopuni catchment in the Rodney Local Board area. A similar scheme was run, very successfully, in Flat Bush within the Howick Local Board area.

As an example of how successful this can be, at the end of 2018, council staff blitzed the Orahā Road subdivision in Kumeū-Huapai, issuing 200 abatement notices and 34 infringement notices. A further 32 infringement notices were issued in early January on a return trip. Experience shows us that repeated, heavy attention to these areas is the only way to clean them up and improve behaviour as the problem is too big to address in an ad hoc fashion. The local board's funding this term has enabled this proactive action which should have real, tangible benefits for our community. The local board continues to advocate for more resources for compliance monitoring and enforcement, especially in the most rural parts of Rodney.

Other projects

- Supporting the community-led project to dredge the Mahurangi River with a grant of \$250,000 to enable the Mahurangi River Restoration Trust to begin dredging works
- Overseeing the work of council in the historic Okahukura, Glorit and Te Ārai drainage districts, including advocating for more funding to increase regional budgets to pay for works needed in these districts
- Working with Ngā Maunga Whakahii to understand the priorities of iwi regarding the health and future of the Kaipara Harbour
- Continued advocacy and support for coastal improvements and better management, from renewing seawalls, to receiving updates on erosion concerns in Point Wells
- Working with Watercare, as the landowner of council's parks and reserves, to enable them to carry out the \$193 million upgrade of wastewater facilities in the Warkworth area.

Outcome: Arts and Culture is vibrant and strong

Local facilities are the heart of our communities. They are well used and cared for by communities that manage them. The diverse range of activities run by our communities creates a rich and accessible arts and culture scene.

The local board's key arts and culture related initiatives are below:

Outcome: Arts and culture is vibrant and strong

Objective	Key initiatives	How are we tracking?
Our community spaces are well used by a wide range of people and groups	Provide funding and other non-financial support for communities to develop their local spaces into multi-use community spaces or hubs.	In progress – ongoing. Dedicated staff resource is now available for these groups
	Support communities to identify more efficient ways of using our facilities, such as bringing groups together and working with collectives, so one facility can serve many groups.	In progress – ongoing. Dedicated staff resource is now available for these groups
Communities take the lead in managing our local halls, arts centres and volunteer libraries	Support communities to develop the skills and capacity needed to run their local halls, arts centres and volunteer libraries sustainably.	In progress – ongoing. Dedicated staff resource is now available for these groups
Arts and culture is part of community life	Support arts and culture in Rodney such as by providing grants for our arts centres in Helensville and Kumeū and supporting community-run events.	In progress – ongoing funding is being spent on these activities



Constructing the Eco Pod structure to increase capacity at the Kumeū Arts Centre.

Kumeū Arts Centre expansion

The Kumeū Arts Centre expansion was approved in principle in the last electoral term. This term, the local board has worked with the arts centre to determine the scope of the expansion and to complete the finished product. The local board allocated a total of \$379,000 to this project, which will also complement and benefit from the works undertaken at the Huapai Hub adjacent to the site (itself a \$230,000 project). Rodney has two arts centres, in Kumeū and Helensville, and neither receives any regional funding, so all operational grants for the arts centres and the cost of the Kumeū expansion is paid for by the local board. The Kumeū Arts Centre occupies a council owned building behind the Kumeū Library/Service Centre. The site is a former garage/depot that was refurbished for the arts centre. The arts centre and its users have consistently advocated to the local board for more space that is a better fit and better suited for the activities of an arts centre.

Having looked at various options, the arts centre and the local board settled on a relocatable building designed and built by a local firm in Dairy Flat. This Eco Pod building provided the perfect size and was able to be customised in collaboration with the Kumeū Arts Centre to provide for both workshop and gallery space to meet the arts centre's needs. The project was completed in April 2019.

The new arts centre extensions was designed and built with the Huapai Hub in mind, as the hub sits right alongside it. The complementary design and aesthetic will complete the picture, turning what was an old car park and metal storage yard, into a bustling community space for outdoor events, art lessons, or just relaxing in the sun.

Community managed community halls

This term, the local board supported the efforts of two of our communities, Point Wells and Coatesville, to take back management of their community halls and run them for and on behalf of their communities. This is a big undertaking, but Coatesville and Point Wells have shown themselves to be well prepared and able to take on the challenge. Under the arrangement, the two groups respectively manage all day to day aspects of running their halls, including setting the hire fees, cleaning and maintaining the hall, and carrying out minor repairs. Auckland Council is still responsible for all major renewals on the halls.

The local board continues to work with passionate community groups to ensure that our halls are well utilised hubs for everything from community meetings and bagpipes to bridge clubs and karate lessons. The local board were very proud to be able to reduce the fees and charges for hiring most of our council managed halls this term. The current charges place our council managed halls on par with the costs of private halls in the region.



Coatesville Hall committee



Rural Halls Project

Many of our halls and reserves are supported by advisory groups. Unfortunately, the role of these groups wasn't initially supported by the new Auckland Council structure. The local board is very pleased to have been able to secure full time staffing resource to support our rural halls, and the groups that manage them. The new model allows for great community involvement and support, the local board appreciate the hard work of all involved to implement these improvements this term.

Warkworth Town Hall

The Warkworth Town Hall redevelopment and restoration is now complete. This partnership with the Warkworth Town Hall Restoration Trust and the fundraising group is a great example of council community collaboration. Last term the local board underwrote the fundraising efforts of the Trust, who did exceptionally well in raising \$425,000 towards the restoration. The local board was able to waive the last \$250,000 that had been underwritten, which has allowed the Trust to turn its focus to those value adds and minor improvements that will help the town hall become a major arts and culture venue in Warkworth. New curtains for the stage and a digital projector for the mezzanine room are now installed, with plans for more. The local board is grateful for the assistance provided by the Trust and its members in saving this great building.

To make the most of the Warkworth Town Hall, the local board is contributing funding to pay for a coordinator to run the hall and ensure it is a thriving venue and hope to expand this in future years to coordinating the Old Masonic Hall and Shoemith Hall as well – so that all of Warkworth's local halls are well used by the community.

Community grants

This term, the local board opted to focus its efforts on achieving top priorities for our communities, including better funding for key initiatives so the local board could make a bigger impact. Initiatives such as the Healthy Harbours Fund and feasibility studies for priority greenways routes were big success stories from this policy, as was the increase in funding for volunteers in our parks. Substantial grants were made for the likes of the Warkworth multisport building and the Kumeū Arts Centre expansion. The trade-off was a decision to not hold community grants rounds this term. Only two community grants rounds were held this term to assist communities with projects. A full list of grant recipients is shown below:

Recipient	Project
Warkworth Music Society Incorporated	Towards the purchase and installation of wheels for the grand piano in March 2017.
Open-Air Cinema Limited	Towards the marketing and promotional costs for the 'Sounds on Screen – Music Documentary Film Festival' in June 2017.
Baddeleys and Campbells Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association	Towards the hireage of a jumbo weed bin over Easter 2017.
Waimauku Tennis Club Incorporated	Towards the purchase of tennis balls for the 2017 winter season between April to September 2017.
Pohutukawa Trust New Zealand	Towards the purchase of possum bait between May to December 2017.
Waitoki School	Towards the cost of labour and materials for the contracted hunters to carry a combined possum and wallaby cull on Kawau Island.
S L and L Clapshaw on behalf of Domain Crescent Neighbourhood Group	Towards the purchase of microphones in May 2017.
Kawau Volunteer Coastguard Incorporated	Towards the purchase of weed bags and pest bait and bait stations between May to December 2017.
Royal New Zealand Plunket Society Incorporated	To provide safety equipment for volunteers towards six pairs of reflective safety overalls and six Personal Locator Beacons (PLB), to be worn by crew members.
Rodney Neighborhood Support Incorporated	For the upgrading of the Wellsford Plunket Room towards installing a new outdoor shade sail and a new heat pump for the main rooms.
The Kaipara Memorial Returned and Services Association (Incorporated)	Towards the cost of the Rodney coordinator for the Safer Communities programme.
North Shore Hospice Trust – Warkworth Wellsford Hospice	Towards the cost of a heat pump and the installation of curtains and window blinds, kitchen unit and audio unit.
Warkworth War on Weeds	Warkworth Wellsford Hospice building project towards the cost of installing a CCTV security system in and around the new hospice building.
Forest and Bird Warkworth Area	For the Warkworth 'War on Weeds – Weed Amnesties' project towards advertising, skip bin hire and weed disposal costs.
Buckleton Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association	To install interpretive plant signage.
Muriwai Environmental Action Community Trust	Towards rabbit control on the Tawharanui Peninsula.
Kowhai Festival Society Incorporated	Towards the materials needed to build the nursery: fence posts, shade cloth, wire, clips, strainers, nails, batons, tanalised timber, screws, nails and scoria for plant beds, locks and gates, irrigation system, decking, timber and hardware for potting benches, roofing materials for over deck for all-weather potting and also towards pest control.
	Towards operational costs for the 'Huge Day Out' such as stage and sound systems, traffic management, hire of equipment (portable toilets), insurance, marketing and promotion through the local newspapers and radio station, waste management and musical performers.

Recipient	Project
Rawinia Henderson	Towards the restoration and preservation of the William Sullivan's Grave.
Warkworth and District Museum Society Incorporated	Preserving important archival material through the purchase of acid-free storage containers.
Kaukapakapa Residents and Ratepayers Association Incorporated	Towards the Kaukapakapa nature playspace equipment.
Mahurangi Sport and Recreation Collective	Towards the concept and design of the Mahu Bike and Skate Park.
Punganui Station Limited	Towards the cost of feasibility studies to join the greenways tracks and earthworks requirements for Punganui Station.
Kumeū Brass Incorporated	Towards architect fees, consent costs and the building of the band room extension for the bandroom building extension on Waitakere Road.
Harbour Sport Trust	Towards programme delivery costs, coordinator wages and subsidies for participants for the 'Learn to Ride' school holiday programme from July 2017 to April 2018.
Riverhead Beautification Society	Towards planting projects in the Victoria Street Reserve and Wharf Road Reserve in Riverhead.
Riverhead Community Courts Club	For the restoration and repair work on the sash windows of the courts building in Riverhead.

Events

Other than Anzac and civic event funding, the local board does not deliver any events directly. Rodney communities requested that the focus be on supporting communities to run their own events through grants. In the past, all community-run events have had to apply for grant funding and submit all the paperwork and take the risk that there would not be sufficient amounts left in the grant round to give any to them. This term, the local board created the Targeted Events Fund, setting aside \$25,000 every year for our core community events so that they would have certainty that they will receive funding each year.

These events are the Helensville, Warkworth and Wellsford santa parades, the Kowhai Festival, the Helensville and Warkworth A&P shows, and the Wellsford Country Show. Additional funding is kept aside for any new community events that need a little extra help to be the great success we want them to be.

The local board has been proud to support the following additional events this term:

- Kumeū Brass 2018 Concert Series
- Arts in the Ville
- Mahurangi Winter Festival of Lights
- Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāringaomatariki – Matariki Event
- North West Health Experience 2019
- International Men's Hockey at Warkworth.

The local board was able to help other community-run events and meetings this term by waiving fees on the hire of council-run halls. Since July 2018, the local board has reduced the hireage fees for its halls and ensured that hireage fees are capped for bookings that take place over multiple days, which has provided a benefit to numerous community groups with a reduced need to waive individual group bookings.

The following groups benefited from fee waivers this term with over \$15,000 in fees being waived:

- Sounds on Screen, Warkworth Town Hall
- Lions Club of Helensville
- Lions Club of Kowhai Coast
- Warkworth Theatre Group
- Helensville Patchwork Group
- Helensville Women and Family Centre
- Helensville Community Recycling Centre
- Helensville and District Historical Society
- Helensville River Valley Country Music Club
- Friday Social Indoor Bowls, Te Hana.

Community hall upgrades

The Rodney Local Board continues to invest in the ongoing renewal of our local halls, here are some of the works completed this term:

- Kitchen replacements and upgrades: Kourawhero Hall and Tauhoa Hall
- Remedial works: Helensville Community Centre, Wellsford Community Centre, Leigh Hall and Old Masonic Hall
- General Renewals: Coatesville Settlers Hall, Riverhead War Memorial Hall, Taohoa Hall, Ranfurly Hall, Waimauku Hall, Wainui Hall and Whangateau Hall
- Drainage and water: Kourawhero Hall
- Toilet upgrades: Leigh Hall, Pakiri Hall and South Head Hall
- Carpark upgrades: Old Masonic Hall.



Whangateau Hall.



Volunteer library at Point Wells.

Libraries

Our five Rodney libraries at Helensville, Kumeū, Mahurangi East, Warkworth and Wellsford are running well. The local board also continues to provide grants to volunteer libraries at Leigh and Point Wells.

Works to our libraries this term have included:

- Helensville: new canopy and full building refit
- Warkworth: interior and exterior refresh
- Kumeū: roof and ceiling works
- Mahurangi East: CCTV and HVAC upgrades.

Various library programmes were run encouraging library use as a community hub.

Thanks

The Rodney Local Board decided, through the local board plan, to focus its efforts on key priorities of our communities. This meant that some projects identified in previous terms were cut from the final Local Board Plan 2017 Plan. It also meant that the local board needed to support and work collaboratively with those local communities that are progressing initiatives themselves. This focus and collaboration is evident in this achievement report.

The local board would like to thank all those who have worked alongside them in our communities and in the council to make Rodney an even better place to live.

Appendix 1

Deputations and public forums from October 2016 to April 2019

Organisation/Person	Purpose
Lance Hessel – Terra Nova Planning	Proposed 80-lot subdivision at Wellsford and the proposal to vest two lots in council for reserve purposes.
Susan Vize – Chocolate Brown Warkworth	Parking issues in Warkworth, particularly in Mill Lane which has a variety of parking time limits.
Mark Macky, Chris Murphy – One Warkworth Business Association	Number of issues relating to Warkworth
Cimino Cole – Mahurangi Action Inc	Warkworth to Snells Beach path and pipeline
Burnette MacNicol – O'Connor Planning	Stubbs Farm development Warkworth
Brook McRae – Tour Shop Ltd	Proposal to operate kayak venture from Whangateau Domain
Warren Flaunty, Jeff Tobin	Various issues at Taupaki
Toni Maree Carnie, Kevin O'Leary – Harbour Sport	Outline activities in the Rodney Local board area
Dr Simon Barclay, Murray Wallace – Matakana Community Group	Various issues in Matakana
Treena Gowthorpe – Helensville Community Recycling Centre	Outline initiatives and activities of this organisation
Kyle Parker – North West Sustainability Centre Project	Proposal for a sustainability centre and hub for the Kumeū-Riverhead area
Jonathan Chen – Sunnyvale Manor	Proposal to purchase six small council-owned parcels of land
June Turner	Support upgrade of Snells Beach skate park
Hanna Blackmore	Environmental effects of glyphosate
Fritha Taylor, Kathryn Boyes – Riverhead Playgroup	Community lease and licence to occupy a building on Riverhead War Memorial Park
Pete Sinton, Craig Walker – Kumeū-Riverhead Residents and Ratepayers Association	Various issues
Vanessa and Brian Belton – Motutara Waimauku Scout Group	Community lease and licence to occupy land at Blomfield Reserve Waimauku
Anthony Woodward, Peter Brennan – Punganui Station	Outlined proposal and vision for land at Punganui
Lionel Foster, Wendy Crow-Jones – Vision Wellsford	Unitary Plan review for Wellsford
Gary Holmes – North West BID	Update on activities
Hilary Bladen	Greenways Plans in Coatesville area
Peter Caccia-Birch, John Montgomery	Outlined activities in the Highfield Garden Reserve in regard to the donkeys
Audrey Sharp, Hugh McKergow, Rosemary Kreig – Whangateau Residents and Ratepayers Association	Outlined proposal for community-led and funded fitness trail on Whangateau Reserve
Lynley Joyce	Issues associated with freedom camping
Maurice Purdy	Various issues
Sue Robertson, Linda Wall	Outlined proposal for a respite care adult day service for Warkworth area
Margaret Faed – Rodney Neighbourhood Support	Update on activities
Lin Pardey	Requested formalisation of legacy Kawau Island Advisory Committee
Snells Beach Residents and Ratepayers	Snells Beach to Warkworth walkway
Coastguard	Update on activities and landowner approval and lease for new marine centre at Parakai
Warkworth Bridge Club	Outline proposal for leasing old Warkworth Library building
Health Link North	Update on activities

Organisation/Person	Purpose
Jeff Jowsey	Outlined proposal for criterium cycle track at Green Road
Charles Wedd	Removal of clean fill
Huapai Hub Convening Group	Update on proposal for community gathering space in Kumeū-Huapai
Kirsty McKay – Vipassana Foundation Charitable Trust, and Leanne Coste – Keep the Peace Makarau Society	Outline concerns re Auckland Shooting Club shooting range
Holly Southernwood – Te Awaroa Residents and Ratepayers	Presented results of recent survey
Chris Allan – Omaha Beach Community Centre	Lease renewal of the Omaha Community Centre
Alan Curtis, Mary Logan	Licence to occupy and manage the Coatesville Hall
Kaipara College and Helensville Recycling Centre	Proposal for litter bins with accent on recycling at Kaipara College
Lyn Charlton – Anti Rodeo Action NZ	Concerns with rodeo events in particular Warkworth
Alan Curtis – Matua Ngaru School	Update on proposed school in Huapai
Gary Jackson, Tom Whiteford – Warkworth Rodeo Club	Outline of activities of Warkworth Rodeo Club
Anthony Woodward – Punganui Station	Update on activities at Punganui Station re feasibility study
Kaipara RSA	Outline proposal to improve facilities at space occupied in the Helensville War Memorial Hall
Mark Illingworth, Nicola Jones – Mahurangi Sports Collective	Update on activities and aspirations
Mr Buckton, Mr Little – Warkworth Lions	Outline proposal for interpretive signage on Mahurangi Riverbank Warkworth
Ms Rogan – Save Te Arai Inc and Fairy Tern Trust	Outline various issues
Pete Sinton, Graham Hammond – Kumeū-Huapai Residents and Ratepayers Association	Outline various issues
Ray Lambert – Northland Waste	Outlined activities and concerns re AC draft Waste Management and Minimisation plan impacts
Point Wells Citizens and Ratepayers Association	Present proposal on variety of road safety improvements in Point Wells Village
Roger Williams, Peter Spence	Outlined proposal to extend Kohuroa Track at Mathesons Bay
Roger Williams, Ray Jenen	Outlined proposal for kauri dieback station at Parry Kauri Park
Toni Maree Carnie	Update on activities in the Rodney area
Nicola Jones – Mahurangi Sport and Recreation Collective, Mahu Bike and Skate	Presented concept plans for bike and skate park at Warkworth Showgrounds
Stever Burrett, Peter Thompson – Mahurangi River Restoration Trust	Outline importance of the Mahurangi River for access to Warkworth
Kate Leslie – Friends of Warkworth Library	Outline constraints on space and update on volunteer work
Ian Hutchinson, John Wynyard	Various matters of concern re proposed Warkworth Structure Plan
Public Transport Users Association	Outline campaign for trains to Huapai
Andrew McNeill, Ron Clark	Tender Road, Dairy Flat maintenance issues
Residents of Sunnyside Road, Coatesville	Outline disappointment with recently approved road name for right of way in the Lionel Hart subdivision
Shane Hartley, Kim Dobney – L'Daubeney Developments Ltd	Outline residential/commercial development in Warkworth
Scott Rice	Outlined proposal for New Zealand Ocean Swim in Leigh/Matheson Bay area
Andrew Stone, Brent Meekan	Outline proposal for sealing Whitmore Road, Matakana
Lynley Holme	Safety issues on one lane bridge, Blackbridge Road, Dairy Flat
Toni Maree Carnie	Update on activities in the Rodney area
Bevan Woodward – Walking Access Commission	Update relating to Pūhoi to Parakari Greenways Plan
Jane Badley – Coatesville Pony Club	Presentation of pony club's long term plans for club and space in Coatesville

Organisation/Person	Purpose
Colin Cashmore, Ray Lambert – Northland Waste	Update on activities in Warkworth and Wellsford
Gary Heaven	Feasibility studies on walkways in Snells Beach area
Rob Zubjelevitch – Omaha Association; Marie Ward, Jo Ritche – Omaha Shorebirds Trust	Omaha Pest Free Plan
Pete Sinton, Graham Hammond – Kumeū-Huapai Residents and Ratepayers Association	Various matters
Wayne Johnson, Dean Iversen, Kaipara College students	Outlined concept to take over management of reserve adjoining school as Guardians of the Forest
Mr Longuet-Higgins, Ms Wright – Matakana Branch Pony Club	Outline needs for usage at Matakana Diamond Jubilee Park
Tracey Lawton – Leigh Volunteer Library	Update on activities
Lynne White and others – Kawau Bay Fishing Club	Update on proposed sun shelter at Sunburst Reserve, Snells Beach
Kym Burke and others – Wellsford Voice	Update on activities and Wellsford Community Plan
Glenys Wild – Friends of Warkworth Library	Present petition re current constraints and further needs
Glenn Ashton	Concern re: proposed targeted rate for road maintenance
Ian Kennedy – Northland Waste	Update on proposed landfill in Dome Valley
Geraldine Bayly and Rebecca Craig	Helensville Town Centre improvements designs
Christine Rose	Threat Management Plan for Maui and Hector's dolphins
Gary Heaven	Snells Beach to Warkworth Walkway (Puhinui Trail)
Tony Forlong	North-West Business Association Update
Barry Thompson	Mens Shed Warkworth
Joanna Bullock and Christine Bullock	Ahuroa Hall Advisory Committee Update
Heather Steadman	Helensville Arts Centre
Janette Bell, Catherine Robert and Lesley Going	Woodhill Sands Equestrian Trust
Kevin O'Leary, Mike Bishop and David Parker	Harbour Sport Update
Netball Rodney	Update on activities at Wellsford Centennial Park

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