

Date: Thursday 10 December 2015
Time: 4.00pm
Meeting Room: St Chads Church and Community Centre
Venue: 38 St Johns Road
Meadowbank

Ōrākei Local Board

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Annual Plan 2016/2017 - Local Consultation Content

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Each year we review priorities and activities in your local board area to ensure we continue delivering the right outcomes. We are seeking your input on what we do for the 2016/2017 financial year.

Message from the chair

As the elected representatives of the highest residential rate-paying local board area, the Orakei Local Board will continue to advocate to the governing body to deliver greater value for the rates we pay and a fairer level of investment back into our area. In our view there needs to be a rebalancing of regional versus local projects, so that the strongly supported local priorities are given equal weighting alongside regional initiatives.

For example, even though we know that the Meadowbank Community Centre is at capacity and not fit for purpose, the Auckland Council's 2015-25 Long-term Plan (LTP) delays its renovation and renewal for a further four years. Funding needs to be brought forward so that the necessary upgrade can be progressed, to meet significant residential growth and the increasing number of individuals and groups wanting to use the centre. Unless changes are made, the Board will have to lock in over a quarter of its small discretionary income for the next four years to advance the redevelopment. This would limit the future funding of projects for the next local board term. Alternatively, we will need to look at a private development/partnership arrangement.

Our community has also expressed strong support for the highly consulted on Tamaki Drive Masterplan, which was the first Masterplan that was endorsed by all decision-making parts of Auckland Council (including the council-controlled organisations). However, previously allocated funding for the implementation of priority projects has been removed from the LTP.

But there is some good news. Even though a significant percentage of the rates collected from the Board area has been spent on regional projects and services, we have still successfully achieved results within our small fiscal envelope. These include the further development of our walkway network and the upgrade of the sports fields in Glover Park, Shore Road, Michaels Avenue and Crossfield Reserves.

In November 2015 we celebrated, by way of a sod-turning ceremony, the start of the central government initiative, the Orakei Spine (Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive path). Our job will be to find funding to create the links to the shared path, following consultation on the location of these with the community. We have also continued to support residents' and business associations and allocated contestable funding to a number of community groups.

The Board thanks our community for its support and looks forward to an interesting year ahead.

What we plan to do

We have listened to our community and will continue to advocate for the prioritisation of the following four major projects:

- Upgrade the Meadowbank Community Centre, by way of a possible private multi-use development to include a larger community centre, and advocating for funding in the LTP to be brought forward from 2020/2021 to 2016/2017
- Progressing the Tamaki Drive Masterplan by developing the harbour side of Tamaki Drive, separating pedestrians and cyclists to improve the overall safety for all users of the road corridor
- Detailed design and consent for the new Pourewa/Selwyn train station to provide better rail access for St Johns, Meadowbank, Kohimarama, along with Mission Bay, Orakei, St Heliers, and Glendowie residents
- Request that income from The Landing at Okahu Bay is retained for investment on site.

In 2016/2017, we plan to renew and develop assets in our local board area as well as maintaining and operating these assets along with providing other local initiatives. These include:

- Renew existing assets, including renewals to local and sports parks
- Stonefields open space development
- Orakei Basin boardwalks and carpark upgrade
- Developing the Shore Road eastern car park, third sportsfield and installing lighting
- New lighting for two sportsfields at Madills Farm.

What might change

- In addition to what we have planned, we propose the following priorities for 2016/2017:
 - Developing cycling and walking connections to the Orakei Spine (Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive path) from Tahapa East and West Reserves
 - Providing additional funding in 2016/17 for design and consents for additional connections to the Orakei Spine (Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive path)
 - Completing the sand carpet upgrade to sportsfield 3 at Orakei Domain
 - Upgrading 4 sportfields at Colin Maiden Park with sand carpets and floodlights
 - Contributing to the development of multi-use changing rooms at Michaels Avenue Reserve.

What do you think?

- Have we got our priorities right?