

Papakura Local Board Plan Reporting 2014-2016

A vibrant metropolitan centre

It's great that Papakura meets our needs for shopping, leisure, arts and culture and we don't need to travel elsewhere for these things.

Objectives	Initiatives	Comments on progress
A metropolitan centre planned for people rather than cars	Metropolitan centre master plan	Thresher Associates commissioned to provide urban design advice and initial recommendations on town centre regeneration. This provides a baseline for master planning, which will take place in the context of the Area Plan (see below)
	Safety patrols and street ambassadors	Town centre security and park and ride security at the train station (Armourguard) are being funded by the local board from its discretionary operational budgets.
Joined-up thinking for the Great South Road and its centres	Great South Road spatial development framework	The long term plan 2015 identifies the Great South Road and its centres as a 'spatial priority area' and council resources are now being focused on the delivery of an integrated Area Plan, which will set the vision and 30 year framework. This is an example of successful advocacy by both Papakura and Manurewa local boards.
Creation of an 'avenue of culture' along the main street	Funding of local talent to create street art	A community arts programme has been funded by the local board from its discretionary operational budgets. This programme has to date delivered street art in the form of the Flags project and the mural at the Art Gallery.
Attract new businesses and leisure providers to the centre of Papakura	Town centre task force and promotion campaign	A commercial centre project team has been established to bring together the local board and the business sector. This team has highlighted some priority projects around promotion and is fostering a partnership approach with some projects being delivered by council and others by the business association.

A skilled workforce for local jobs

We have lots of local job opportunities and it's easy for us to get training and learn new skills.

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Seek new business opportunities	Business forum and commercial property landlord forum	This is one of the potential actions discussed at the commercial centre project team meetings but not yet scoped or funded.
Attract new businesses and 'green' businesses	Investor pack/ investor champion service	This initiative was proposed in the Local Economic Development Action Plan but has not yet been scoped or funded. The action plan needs to be reviewed early in the next electoral term.
	Leverage ultra-fast broadband	This initiative was proposed in the Local Economic Development Action Plan but has not yet been scoped or funded. The action plan needs to be reviewed early in the next electoral term.
	Tourism promotion and branding	This initiative was proposed in the Local Economic Development Action Plan but has not yet been scoped or funded. The action plan needs to be reviewed early in the next electoral term.
Provide clear links from school to training to employment	Youth connections	A programme funded jointly by the local board (25%) and the Hugh Green Foundation (75%) is currently in its third year of operation.
	Scholarships or travel grants	The inaugural scholarship scheme in 2016 resulted in 18 successful candidates being awarded a total of \$29,000 in grant funding.
Support innovation and social enterprise	Innovation station	This initiative is currently being scoped for delivery by the community empowerment unit as part of the 2016/17 work programme.
	Community learning hubs	This initiative is currently being scoped for delivery by the community empowerment unit as part of the 2016/17 work programme.

A sports and recreation hub

We have excellent sports facilities that we all use and enjoy. We are proud that Papakura is the place of choice for high-class sporting events.

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Maintain and improve sports and recreation facilities	Continued development of Opaheke fields	Sports platforms have been provided and a concept design approved for a building including changing rooms. Some growth funding is available to take the building project forward but more is required and this is the subject of local board advocacy to the governing body.
	Study the gaps in provision for different types of sports	A sports facilities needs assessment was undertaken in 2015/16 for the Manurewa and Papakura board areas. Recommendations will inform future provision at Bruce Pulman Park and across the two board areas, through the Sports Facilities Investment Plan work currently being done at the regional level.
	Quality improvements to pitches and facilities	This is an ongoing programme which has seen improvements to pitches at Drury, McLennan and Prince Edward parks. Replacement of the athletics track at Massey Park is currently underway.
Provide adaptable facilities that encourage active lifestyles for all	Manage our sports grounds for wider community use and fitness	There are plans for cycling tracks and adventure play areas at Bruce Pulman Park. However, more focus is required on this initiative to enhance informal use of sports grounds for the wider community.
Promote Papakura as a destination for sporting competitions	Study the economic benefits of hosting major sports events	This study has not yet been commissioned, though some research has been done at the regional level. This initiative should be reviewed early in the next electoral term.

Well-connected and easy to move around

We like to live in Papakura because it is so well-connected by road, rail and bus and has lots of safe cycling and walking links.

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A safe cycling and walking network across the south	Greenways Plan for the south	A Papakura Greenways Plan has been developed and will provide linkages to existing and forthcoming plans in adjoining local board areas.
	Links in cycling and walking network and coastal routes	This is being pursued as part of the Papakura Greenways Plan priority projects and through growth funding allocated to walking and cycling around the Pahurehure Inlet.
	Clear links between town centre and rail station	This is being pursued as part of the Papakura Greenways Plan priority projects and through the use of the local board's Transport Capital Fund to provide a covered walkway between the train station and the town centre.
	Inclusive footways to meet the needs of people with disabilities, the elderly and mothers with pushchairs	This is an advocacy initiative for the local board, which should be reviewed early in the next electoral term.
Better and safer connections by road and rail	Advocate for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a new rail station at Southgate (and at Drury in the long term) • bridges over rail crossings in Takanini, prioritising Walters Road and Manuroa Road • better and more joined up bus services, travel information and low floor buses 	<p>Successful advocacy by the local board.</p> <p>The rail stations and grade separation proposals are being examined and promoted through the Transport for Future Urban Growth strategy. Final recommendations on this are expected in late 2016. The strategy will provide the basis for consideration of future funding through the long term plan 2018 and from government, in the context of the Auckland Transport Alignment Project.</p> <p>The roll out of the new bus southern network in 2016 will provide better bus services and travel information.</p> <p>Auckland Transport recently announced a project to double parking spaces at Papakura Park and Ride (300 bays) using prefabricated steel decking.</p>

Treasured for its environment and heritage

We value and protect the land of our ancestors and the shores of Pāhurehure. We love our well designed streets and buildings.

Objectives	Initiatives	Comments on progress
Environmentally sensitive use of the Manukau Harbour	To recognise the special importance of Manukau Harbour	Papakura local board is a member of the Manukau Harbour Forum and has contributed funding to its work programme over the last two years and in the current financial year. Main workstreams have been: a flagship sites programme, to showcase environmentally responsible business practices; attendance at key local events; and a Manukau Harbour Symposium (held on 10 June 2016).
	Improve the health of Manukau harbour and its catchment streams	The Manukau Harbour Forum has successfully advocated for hydrodynamic modelling to be undertaken (by Watercare). This will develop an understanding of the various factors that affect the health of the Manukau Harbour, including how nutrients enter the harbour and how they then move around and affect the ecology.
	Mangrove and pacific oyster removal	In 2015/16 the board allocated funding to obtain resource consent for removal of mangroves in the Conifer Grove area. This process is underway and the board has allocated up to \$300,000 for the removal works, plus \$20,000 for the removal of juvenile mangrove growth in previously cleared areas.
Reduce the amount of waste taken to landfill each year from Papakura	Establish a network of recycling centres	Papakura local board jointly funded a study to scope options for a resource recovery network in south Auckland. The study was finalised in May 2016 and further work is now being done with local community groups to assist them with establishing recycling and re-use projects.
Protection of Māori cultural heritage	Identify wāhi tapu and other taonga.	The council's heritage team was unable to further projects on behalf of the local board, due to a heavy workload on the unitary plan. It is expected that some work will progress as part of the Integrated Area Plan, over the summer 2016 period.
Beautiful streets and a sense of place	Identify heritage buildings and areas	The council's heritage team was unable to further projects on behalf of the local board, due to a heavy workload on the unitary plan. It is expected that some work will progress as part of the Integrated Area Plan, over the summer 2016 period.

Strong, safe and healthy communities

We have good places for communities to meet and great places to play in. Our young people get a great start in life and we value the wisdom and experience of our older people.

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Help our young people to contribute, prosper and thrive	Implement youth initiatives	The Papakura Youth Council has focussed on engaging youth and building capacity, capability and relationships. Key initiatives include the Aspiring Leaders Conference and the upcoming Inspire Youth Leaders Conference. Youth Week 'hang out zones' also allowed council members to hear directly from young people that a youth centre is their number one priority. Next steps involve contracting in capability to assist the council with delivering its outcomes.
	Provide good and accessible play facilities	After robust community dialogue the Milano Drive Reserve playground has been built and plans are in train for a substantial upgrade to the Ray Small Skate Park. Renewal for Kerry Downs skate park is the next priority and a new playground for Kauri Drive Reserve is in planning stages.
Provide space for growing healthy food and places for organising local events	Community and teaching gardens at Karaka	Officers are working with gardens groups to formalise arrangements and provide equipment and utilities as necessary.
	Grants to local groups for community based activities	The board allocated \$103,972 in grants funding for 2014/2015 and \$72,759 in 2015/2016. Activities funded range from event delivery, to equipment and materials provision, to environmental and educational programmes.
Provide multi-purpose community hubs	Takanini library and community hub	A Papakura/Takanini community needs assessment was completed and a site location analysis was undertaken. This has now moved to the feasibility stage; however site negotiations remain confidential due to commercial sensitivity.
	Improve Smith's Avenue reserve	TSI are working with the Smiths Avenue community to build capacity and capability for community led transformation. Awhi House has been repaired and a lease is near completion with local group Te Whanau Hapori. Renewal of the community hall is programmed but outstanding and \$55,000 in community initiatives funding still needs utilising.