

Annual Plan 2017/2018 - Local Consultation Content

Rodney Local Board

Each year we review priorities and activities in your local board area to ensure we continue delivering the right outcomes. We're seeking your input for the 2017/2018 year.

Message from the chair

We know you want to see real progress on the ground in Rodney. To this end, in 2017/2018 the local board is proposing to reprioritise its spending by creating larger, more substantive community grants to enable community groups and organisations to get out there and really make things happen. By making more money available for things like riparian planting or the construction of paths and walkways, this will allow community groups to apply for enough funding to get their more substantive projects done and make a real difference in their community.

In addition, we're planning to spend \$700k to revitalise our town centres in Kumeu/Huapai, Helensville, and Warkworth. By using community-led processes to identify what needs to be done, the Rodney Local Board will partner with the community to help lift our town centres and improve the way they look, feel and function. Now is the time to tell us if you agree with the priorities we propose for Rodney in 2017/2018.

What we plan to do

Since adoption of our local board plan, we have supported the development of walkways, undertaken major upgrades of community halls, parks toilets, playgrounds and coastal assets, as well as completing transport projects such as Greenways planning, and funding footpaths in Rodney to complete gaps in our basic transport infrastructure.

Based on our 10 year budget, in 2017/2018 we plan to invest \$4.3 million to renew and develop assets in your local board area and \$14.4 million to maintain and operate these assets and provide other local initiatives. This includes:

- Greenway and walkway development
- Various LDI funded local board initiatives
- Sportsfield development
- Renewal of existing assets

What might change

- We propose the following changes and will not:
 - fund the creation of additional footpaths in Rodney over and above those planned by Auckland Transport (saving \$50k per year in consequential opex)
 - fund the following locally driven initiatives:
 - Work of volunteers in parks
 - Implementation of the Rodney Ecological Survey

- Environmental restoration and sustainability community support
 - Sustainable living initiatives in the community
 - Implementing actions of the Rodney Economic Development Plan
- In addition, we propose the following priorities for 2017/2018:
 - Creation of more contestable and non-contestable community grants for:
 - environmental works and riparian planting (\$200k),
 - community led paths and walkways construction (\$200k),
 - parks playgrounds construction (\$100k)
 - events support (\$20k)
 - Creating concept plans for an indoor sports venue in the Kumeu/Huapai/Helensville areas (\$20k)
 - Repositioning the Snells Beach Skate Park as part of the renewal of this asset (\$20k)
 - Wellsford skate park and reserve redevelopment (\$50k)
 - Upgrading the Muriwai playground as a destination playground (\$50k)
 - Town centre upgrades in Helensville, Kumeu/Huapai and Warkworth (\$700k)

What do you think?

- Have we got our priorities right?
- Do you agree with our focus on re-allocating funding away from some initiatives into the proposed, larger community grants for recognised community group and organisations to carry out work in their area?
- Do you agree with the focus of the proposed grants (environmental works/riparian planting, paths and walkways, playgrounds, and events)?
- Do you agree with the proposed approach not to build additional footpaths over and above those to be built by Auckland Transport?