

Annual Plan 2017/2018 - Local Consultation Content

Waitematā 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

The Waitematā Local Board continues to support projects and initiatives in line with what you have told us. We will progress streetscape improvements from the Newmarket Laneways Plan and develop a multi-purpose sports facility in Grey Lynn Park. The Myers Park upgrade will be completed with the entrance enhancements and a splash pad to complement the award winning playground.

You have told us you want high quality parks and open spaces. In order to achieve this aspiration, we will continue to look for opportunities to leverage renewal programmes. We will develop plans for Meola Reef Reserve and Western Springs Lakeside Park to be able to prioritise initiatives in a coordinated way.

We will keep advocating to Auckland Transport to deliver connected, accessible and safe transport choices. Our new key advocacy areas include solutions for homelessness and minimising agricultural use.

In the year ahead the board will continue to support environmental restoration projects, assist community groups to run their activities and events and champion community-led initiatives and placemaking.

What you think about what we have proposed for 2017/2018?

What we plan to do

Since adoption of our 2014 local board plan, we have progressed and completed many of our initiatives. The Weona-Westmere walkway is now open and the first stage of the Myers Park upgrade. Redevelopment of the Ellen Melville Centre as a community hub has commenced, we have adopted a number of park development plans and local area plans, enhanced five playgrounds and launched the Waitematā's Low Carbon Action Plan. We continue to support local groups to run their activities through the events, grants and accommodation support programme.

Based on our 10 year budget, in 2017/2018 we plan to invest \$6.7 million to renew and develop assets in your local board area and \$22.3 million to maintain and operate these assets and provide other local initiatives. This includes:

- Central City Library refurbishment
- Continued delivery of streetscape improvement projects from the Newmarket Laneways Plan
- Progress the Grey Lynn Park Multi-purpose facility
- Continue the Myers Park upgrade including entrance enhancement and splash pad installation

- Renewal of existing assets such as community facilities

What might change?

In addition to what we have planned, we are considering some changes and improvements to projects planned for 2017/2018 to be funded through local discretionary budgets. These are:

- Complete development plans for Meola Reef Reserve and Western Springs Lakeside Park
- Increase the budget for ecological restoration of Waipapa Stream
- Digitisation of the Heritage Foreshore Trail interpretative signage
- Commence scoping, design and community engagement for the Newmarket Youth Space
- Name two public open spaces that are currently unnamed at Freemans Bay and St Marys Bay and consider renaming Wairangi Wharf Reserve.
- Defer the installation of solar heating for the Parnell Baths until the renewal of the facility is complete

The board also has a role advocating for initiatives for which we do not have decision-making responsibilities or funding. We are proposing new key advocacy areas including minimising use of agrichemicals by Council.

The Uptown Business Association is proposing to expand the boundary of its Business Improvement District (BID) programme. If the BID expansion is supported by ballot, the council may place a targeted rate on business ratepayers within the BID area to collect a BID grant of \$270,000 in 2017/2018. The majority of the expansion area falls within the Albert-Eden Local Board area.

What do you think?

- Have we got our proposed changes and improvements to projects right?
- Do you support our key advocacy areas ([insert link to full list here](#))?
- The local board has approximately \$500,000 allocated per annum for local transport projects. What projects should we prioritise for this fund?
- Do you support the Local Board allocating additional funds to renewals such as the Hopetoun Street Stairs at Western Park Tuna Mau?