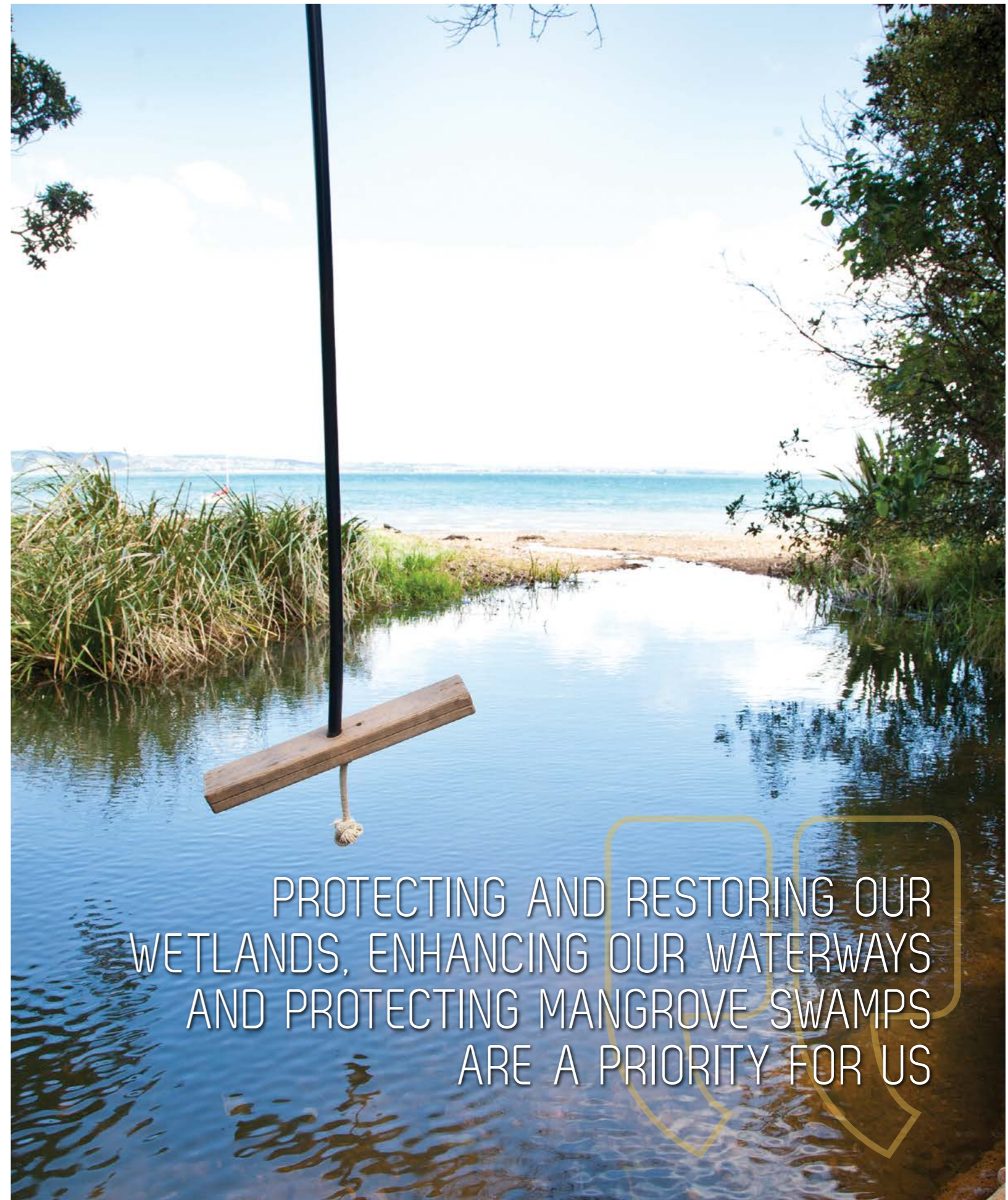


TREASURED ISLANDS, COASTLINES, WETLANDS AND MARINE AREAS

We will work to protect, maintain and enhance our magical islands, land, coastline, wetland and marine environments for Auckland's future generations.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE	KEY INITIATIVES	LOCAL BOARD ROLE	OTHER KEY AGENCIES	POTENTIAL COST; FUNDING STATUS
Improve our natural areas through ecological restoration projects to enhance biodiversity	Carry out remediation of Little Oneroa estuary	Decision-maker Civic leadership	Auckland Transport Community groups and volunteers	Project not yet costed
	Undertake Sandy Bay stream rehabilitation and planting	Decision-maker Advocacy	Auckland Transport Community groups and volunteers	\$15,000
	Deliver wetland restoration projects, including working with local schools and the community	Decision-maker Civic leadership	Mana whenua, schools, Auckland Transport Community groups and volunteers	Cost dependant on project site and scope
Improve protection and conservation of our coastal environment (including the marine area)	Develop and implement plans to manage stormwater on the island in a way that ensures environmental protection	Decision-maker Advocacy	Governing body, Auckland Transport	Cost dependant on project site and scope
	Investigate measures to protect the Brydes whale from ship strike	Advocacy Civic leadership	Governing body	
	Develop management plans for all coastal esplanade reserves	Decision-maker Advocacy	Mana whenua	Cost dependant on project site
	Encourage environmental and marine education and research programmes, including an environment centre	Decision-maker Advocacy Civic leadership	Department of Conservation, schools, universities, Hauraki Gulf Conservation Trust, Forest and Bird, community groups, volunteers	Cost dependant on project site and scope
	Provide educational signs along walkways, cycleways and bridle paths	Decision-maker		\$40,000
Waste minimisation	Investigate developing both a a community recycling facility and a council composting facility on the island	Advocacy		Cost dependant on project site and scope



PROTECTING AND RESTORING OUR WETLANDS, ENHANCING OUR WATERWAYS AND PROTECTING MANGROVE SWAMPS ARE A PRIORITY FOR US

Social and community services

Well-coordinated social and community services ensure the best use of finite resources. We will work with social service and community organisations to encourage good coordination, sharing of resources and efficient and effective services.

In line with Auckland Council’s Housing Action Plan, we will advocate for Waiheke to be included in the housing quality project, which is looking at minimum housing standards and how these can be achieved. We will also advocate to the governing body, central government agencies and work with mana whenua and our local social service organisations to establish affordable housing and social housing options on Waiheke.

As the number of Waiheke residents aged 65-plus has increased by 53.7 per cent since 2006, we will advocate to the governing body and central government for more pensioner housing and residential care on the island, to meet the needs of this aging population. Likewise, we will advocate increasing the number of rate rebate options for long-term pensioners.

Emergency management

Preparing for emergencies and learning how to look after yourself and others in such events is important for any community. We want Waiheke and Rākino islands to have well researched, robust and resourced emergency response plans in place.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- support art-related initiatives. Develop the island as a multi-centre arts destination
- ensure coordination of local agencies and integration of services
- continue supporting community groups and clubs with financial help
- continue planting fruit trees on the roadside



THRIVING, STRONG AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES

Waiheke residents have a strong sense of identity and well-being, which is enhanced through active community participation.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE	KEY INITIATIVES	LOCAL BOARD ROLE	OTHER KEY AGENCIES	POTENTIAL COST; FUNDING STATUS
Stronger voluntary and community sector	Support community volunteer organisations to build capability	Decision-maker Civic leadership	Community groups and volunteers	Cost dependant on project scope
	Support social enterprise schemes	Decision-maker Civic leadership	Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) Community groups	Cost dependant on project scope
	Plant fruit trees in open spaces and road reserves	Decision-maker Civic leadership	Auckland Transport Community groups and volunteers	\$20,000 annually
	Support community garden initiatives	Decision-maker Civic leadership	Community groups and volunteers	Cost dependant on project scope
Engaged and supported youth	Establish and support the Waiheke Youth Council	Decision-maker		\$10,000
Safe and affordable housing	Increase the number of council-owned pensioner housing units on Waiheke	Advocacy	Housing New Zealand Corporation	
Increased community support of local facilities	Establish the need and location for a community centre including a community creative space	Decision-maker Advocacy Civic leadership	Community groups	Cost dependant on project site and scope
	Establish the need for a facilities coordinator	Decision-maker		

Environment

We need transport solutions that benefit the community and enhance the environment. When roads and footpaths are built or maintained, we want priority given to low-impact, water-sensitive designs that replicate nature where possible and minimise hard concrete surfaces. We also want to look for ways to showcase initiatives that contribute to the low carbon goals in Council’s Low Carbon Auckland Action Plan.

We will work with Auckland Transport to achieve transport outcomes that are safe and good for our environment. For example, with road reserve weed management and ‘green path’ maintenance, we will encourage the use of mowing, vegetation cut-back or non-chemical weed spraying, including a focus on containment species.

We will advocate for marine sewage pump-out facilities at Matiatia and Kennedy Point to protect our marine environment, as we strive to maintain, protect and enhance the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

Connectivity

Waiheke commuters often depend on the ferry to get to work. We will work with Auckland Transport and local operators to support more affordable transport options.

Many of our visitors and residents want to connect to Rakino and other inner city islands so we will encourage Auckland Transport to investigate the provision of inner Gulf Island ferry services.

Well-designed, connected transport routes and easy access links between our beaches, schools, recreation hubs and villages are important. Working with local walking, cycling and horse riding groups we will develop leisurely trails taking in cafés, vineyards and forest and wilderness experiences. We aspire to be part of the national cycleway and will work towards this in partnership with Auckland Transport.

The Esplanade, providing a unique scenic coastal link between Blackpool and Surfdale, has recently been re-opened to vehicles. The community has raised concerns about amenity values and safety issues on the Esplanade since being re-opened. We will work with Auckland Transport to consult with locals, review the decision and implement any necessary changes. We must ensure The Esplanade is a useable space that meets community aspirations.

WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- ensure Auckland Transport consider a design aesthetic when making changes to roads, coastal areas and reserves
- advocate for lower speed limits on the shared roads.
- include Waiheke in the subsidised public transport scheme for ferries and off-peak buses



CONNECTED, HEALTHY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY TRANSPORT OPTIONS

We have environmentally-friendly, safe and integrated transport options that encourage walking, cycling and horse riding.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE	KEY INITIATIVES	LOCAL BOARD ROLE	OTHER KEY AGENCIES	POTENTIAL COST; FUNDING STATUS
Increase active and safe transport options and facilities	Develop a 10-year transport plan that encourages active transport and promotes safety	Advocacy	Auckland Transport	
	Develop off-road trails on public and private land	Advocacy Decision-maker Civic leadership	Auckland Transport	Cost dependant on project site and scope
	Review the status of The Esplanade to ensure it is a useable space that meets community aspirations	Advocacy Civic leadership	Auckland Transport	
	Implement urban design techniques and campaigns to encourage reduced vehicle speed	Advocacy Civic leadership	Auckland Transport New Zealand Transport Agency	
Advocate for public transport that is timely and accessible for all	Improve bus routes, affordability, frequency and timeliness	Advocacy	Auckland Transport	Auckland Transport
Advocate for public transport that accessible to all	Advocate for park-and-ride options	Advocacy	Auckland Transport	Auckland Transport