

## Summary of the draft Rodney Local Board Plan 2017

Help Shape Rodney's future

### FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

I am pleased to present this summary of our draft Rodney Local Board Plan 2017. The summary provides an overview of our proposed priorities and strategic vision for Rodney, and is a result of the conversations we've had with you over a long period.

Prioritising what needs to get done has not been easy. Our funding and resources are limited, so we're focusing our efforts where we think we can affect the most change.

What we want is for the themes from this plan to strike a chord with you and reflect what you want to see for the future of Rodney. These themes embrace transport infrastructure that enables us to get around easily and safely; communities taking the lead on projects in their areas; parks and sports facilities we all enjoy; clean harbours and waterways; and community-run spaces that provide a vibrant arts and culture scene.

There is always pressure to keep rates at an affordable level, so we have to be smart about how some of our key initiatives are funded. One option in this plan is suggesting a targeted rate to pay for additional transport infrastructure, and we're also looking at potential partnerships to fund things like multisport buildings and a swimming pool.

Please tell us if you think we've got it right.

**Beth Houlbrooke**  
Chairperson  
Rodney Local Board

This summary is an overview of the statement of proposal for our draft Rodney Local Board Plan 2017. We encourage you to read the full draft plan, available online at [shapeauckland.co.nz](http://shapeauckland.co.nz), at public libraries, council service centres and local board offices and tell us what you think by **Friday 30 June, 2017**. Or talk to us in person – see page **XX** for details of local meetings.

### **What we propose to focus on**

Below is an overview of the five outcomes we are proposing to focus on. Our plan is based on the feedback and ideas that our community has given to us over time.

#### **1. We can get around easily and safely**

We will do our part to make better transport infrastructure and public transport a reality by:

- carrying out local paths (greenways) plans and identifying priority areas for construction
- working with Auckland Transport and other agencies to carry out transport improvements so our roads are safe for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists
- championing key transport projects such as Hill Street, Warkworth, and Tapu and Station roads, Kumeu
- advocating for key public transport links such as buses from Warkworth to Silverdale, buses to Riverhead and rail from Huapai
- helping establish park and ride facilities/transport hubs in Rodney and advocating to expand existing facilities in neighbouring local board areas to drive the uptake of public transport.

#### **TARGETED RATE FOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS**

We propose investigating a targeted rate to pay for additional transport projects such as road sealing, public transport (including rail) and developing park and ride facilities.

Rodney has over 600km of unsealed roads, little public transport and no park and ride facilities. We require additional funding as general rates alone won't be enough to make a real difference.

This additional rate, over and above any regional-based transport levy, will be used for:

- public transport trials such as buses between Warkworth and Silverdale or rail to Huapai
- park and ride facilities in Warkworth and Kumeu-Huapai
- road sealing in the north of Rodney.

A new targeted rate would mean this transport investment could happen much faster than waiting for other rates funding to become available. Tell us what you think.

#### **2. Communities are influential and empowered**

We want our communities to take the lead on community projects and in planning for their areas. We will support this by:

- assisting communities that don't have the means to provide input into local decision-making to develop their systems and partnerships so they can contribute, such as developing partnering relationships with iwi or working with youth to get them involved in local decision making
- carrying out town centre plans in partnership with our communities
- providing resources and assistance to communities to help them build the skills necessary to deliver community-led projects, such as revitalising the Mahurangi riverfront in Warkworth or developing Riverside Reserve in Helensville.

### **3. Parks and sports facilities that everyone can enjoy**

To ensure our local parks and sports facilities cater to a wide range of sporting and recreational interests, we'll need to focus on:

- developing and improving sports parks and fields, hardcourts and key open spaces such as the future recreation area at Green Road, Dairy Flat
- investigating options for multisport facilities in Kumeu-Huapai, Warkworth and Wellsford
- supporting and advocating for a swimming pool or aquatic facility to be built in Warkworth and identifying other swimming pool facility needs in Rodney
- revitalising existing playgrounds and building new play spaces that create active zones and have multi-use equipment for all age groups.

### **4. Our harbours, waterways and environment are cared for, protected and healthy**

To support healthy harbours, thriving natural marine environments, and reliable and well-maintained stormwater and wastewater services, we will work with others on:

- supporting and funding environmental volunteers to enable community-led initiatives such as pest-free areas, streamside restoration, weeding and planting
- advocating for the preparation and implementation of Coastal Compartment Management Plans for the ongoing management of our coastline
- promoting riparian (riverbank) planting workshops and education, and environmental planting networks within our communities
- promoting and supporting water quality improvement in our harbours and waterways, such as supporting efforts to exclude livestock from our waterways
- advocating for improvements to stormwater and wastewater infrastructure in our unserved areas, to support growth and address negative environmental impacts.

### **5. Arts and culture is vibrant and strong**

We want local facilities that are well used and a diverse range of community-led activities that create a rich and accessible arts and culture scene. We will contribute to this by:

- encouraging communities to take the lead in managing our local halls, arts centres and volunteer libraries
- ensuring our community spaces are well used by a wide range of people and groups

- supporting the delivery of artistic and cultural activities such as providing operational grants for arts centres in Helensville and Kumeu, and supporting community events.

## **DELIVERING OUR LOCAL BOARD PLAN**

To deliver a successful plan, we need to focus our limited resources on what matters most to our community and what we can influence. Find out more in our draft local board plan, available online at [shapeauckland.co.nz](http://shapeauckland.co.nz) or at public libraries, council service centres or local board offices.

## **HAVE YOUR SAY ON RODNEY'S DRAFT LOCAL BOARD PLAN**

Feedback must be received by 4pm on Friday 30 June 2017.

All feedback will go to elected members of Rodney Local Board to help inform their decisions.

We encourage you to read a full copy of our draft plan before providing your feedback. Copies of the full plan and forms are available:

- online at [shapeauckland.co.nz](http://shapeauckland.co.nz)
- at public libraries, council service centres and local board offices
- or phone us on 09 301 0101 and we will send a copy to you.

Or you can fill out this form and return it to us.

- email – simply scan your completed form and email to [localboardplans@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:localboardplans@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)
- in person – drop it off at your local library, service centre or local board office.
- by post – place your completed form in an envelope and send to this freepost address:

Local Board Plans  
Auckland Council  
Freepost Authority 232621  
Private Bag 92 300, Auckland 1142

## **Social media**

Comments made through the following channels will be considered.

- write something on the Rodney Local Board Facebook page – [facebook.com/rodneylocalboard](https://facebook.com/rodneylocalboard) – and include “Local Board Plan feedback.”
- send a private message using Facebook messenger to [@RodneyLocalBoard](https://facebook.com/RodneyLocalBoard) and include “Local Board Plan feedback.”

## **In person**

Come and talk to us at one of the events below. This is an opportunity for you to give your feedback in person to Rodney Local Board members.

Tuesday 23 May, 2pm-7pm, Wellsford Library, 13 Port Albert Road, Wellsford  
Wednesday 31 May, 3pm-8pm, Riverhead School, 21 School Road, Riverhead  
Saturday 10 June, 10am-3pm, Lions Lounge, Rautawhiri Park, Rautawhiri Road, Helensville  
Monday 12 June, 3pm-7.30pm, School Hall, Dairy Flat School, 1220 Dairy Flat Highway,  
Dairy Flat  
Saturday 17 June, 10am-3pm, Kowhai Art and Craft Centre, Warkworth Showgrounds, State  
Highway 1, Warkworth

Your name and feedback will be considered public documents. All other personal details will remain private.

First name:

Last name:

Email or postal address:

Local board/s you are providing feedback on:

**If you want to give feedback on more than one draft local board plan, you can:**

- complete a separate form for each draft plan. Additional forms are available by calling 09 301 0101 or online at [shape.auckland.co.nz](http://shape.auckland.co.nz)
- fill in a submission form and attach your comments, making it clear which draft local board plan they apply to.

**The following information is optional.**

Are you?

Female Male

Gender diverse

What age group do you belong to?

<15 15-24 25-34

35-44 45-54 55-64

65-74 75+

Which of the following describes your ethnicity? (Please select as many as apply)

NZ European Māori

Samoan Tongan

Chinese Indian

Other (please specify)

**Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation?**

- No, these are my personal views.
- Yes, I am the official spokesperson for my organisation.

**If yes, what is the name of your organisation?**

**Q1. You continue to tell us that transport is a key priority for you. One of our proposals is to investigate the introduction of a local targeted rate for all**

**Rodney residents. This would help pay for transport improvements such as sealing northern roads, and park and ride facilities and public transport trials in Warkworth and Kumeu-Huapai. Do you:**

- Agree    Disagree    Not sure    Other

**Comments:**

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**Q2. Rodney Local Board has been developing greenway plans for walking, cycling and bridleway connections across Rodney. We propose prioritising the funding and support needed to carry out these plans, which may include funding community groups or private landowners to design and build these connections in partnership with the council. Do you:**

- Agree    Disagree    Not sure

**Comments:**

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**Q3. We are keen to support communities influencing the look, feel and function of local town centre spaces and places and being actively involved in improving them. Do you:**

- Agree    Disagree    Not sure    Other

**Comments:**

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**Q4. We are advocating for a pool in Warkworth and multisport facilities in Warkworth and Kumeu-Huapai, but we don't currently have the funding to build these.**

**Would you consider supporting one or more of the following to help fund these projects?**

- Introduce a local targeted rate
- Introduce fees and charges that sufficiently cover operating costs
- Stopping or doing less of something we are already doing. Please state what you think we should stop or do less of.

**Comments:**

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**Q5. We are considering improving the quality of our harbours and waterways by focusing on riparian (riverbank) planting and stock exclusion on a larger scale than we've done before, and as a higher priority than other environmental and community work. Do you:**

- Agree
- Disagree
- Not sure
- Other

**Comments:**

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**Q6. Do you think we have missed anything? If yes, please explain what it is and why it's important.**

**Comments:**

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**Need more room?** You can attach extra pages, but please make sure they are A4 and include your name and contact details.

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Yes, I want to be added to your mailing list to be kept informed about news and events in the Rodney Local Board area.