



**2014-2017 Whau Local Board Plan  
Achievement Report October 2017**



## Introduction

This document has been compiled by Local Board Services staff to report on the delivery of the 2014-2017 Whau Local Board Plan.

By legislation a local board plan is refreshed every three years and is one of the first major projects of each newly elected local board.

Its implementation is overseen for two years by the Board responsible for its development and then after the election for one year by the next Board.

It informs the development of the council's ten year plan and local board's annual agreements and budgets.

This report looks at each of the local board's six outcome areas and provides a short update of highlights.

Creating the world's most liveable city was the vision of the region-wide Auckland Plan when the plan was developed. The Whau Local Board Plan works towards creating the world's most liveable city at the local level.

A local board plan is an aspirational document. It sets a framework that guides local board decision-making and actions for three years.

It informs the council's planning for local activities and enables the board to represent the community's interests and preferences on regional plans and strategies.

The local board plan considers the Whau's future through six outcome areas: community, urban development, environment, economic, transport and arts, culture and heritage.

It describes aspirations for the Whau for each of these areas and sets a direction for local improvements.

The board receives quarterly achievement reports on these areas on its monthly business agenda that provide a more detailed and wider record of projects and programmes progress.

## Outcome: Great local communities across the Whau



*Young or old, been here a while or if you are new, there is a place for everyone around the Whau River. From New Windsor to Kelston, from Rosebank to Green Bay, by the river, sea or in the hills above, Whau's neighbourhoods are great, safe and supportive places to live in. The strength of our neighbourhoods is in their diversity and in each place celebrating its own identity.*

**What we wanted to achieve:** More and stronger local and ethnic community voices

**Initiative:** Supporting Maori, ethnic and local community advocacy and groups

**Progress:**

- Work in collaboration with local maori and Kelston Maori Network
- Funding agreement to support Waitakere Ethnic Board to deliver local forums and input into policy and planning.
- Supported partnership events to enable more community festivals and events
- Advised and connected ethnic leaders and service organisations to staff delivering events and community grants
- Support to West Auckland Pacific Forum's Tula'i Youth Leadership Programme for 50 young people.
- Convened Avondale update community meetings and development of Avondale Community Action group.
- Launched the production of a Whau ethnic communities plan

**What we want to achieve:** Stronger town and neighbourhood communities

**Initiative:** Placemaking and neighbourhood development projects in Avondale, Kelston and New Lynn

**Progress:**

- Avondale: Support for completion of a household survey, shop display on findings, staff support to regular planning meetings, funding for locally produced activity programmes, urban design capacity building and town centre visioning.
- Kelston: Opened and provided ongoing support for the Kelston Hub and support for neighbourhood planning meetings towards an action plan for Kelston.
- New Lynn: New Lynn Night Market support, summer events programme for local residents and production of information packs to new residents.
- New Lynn Flooding: Provided funding to build on residential (Kelston Hub) and business (NLBA) community capacity to support those affected by the New Lynn flooding in March 2017.
- Glenavon Trust: Supported to run more community activities, build capacity and develop into a full community hub.

**What we want to achieve:** More food projects and people gardening communally

**Initiative:** Encourage local food and gardening projects

**Progress:**

- Supported Kai Whau initiative to grow awareness, create networking opportunities, and support local micro-projects (soil testing, pot luck dinners for multi-ethnic community meals, registering a community kitchen for commercial use and community fruit harvesting).

**What we want to achieve:** More early childhood education in line with growth

**Initiative:** Encourage multi-agency early childhood education planning

**Progress:**

- Commissioned a report on future Avondale needs.
- Formally advocated to request a region-wide policy on council support for early childhood education.

**What we want to achieve:** Our towns are great places

**Initiative:** Review town parks in Avondale, Blockhouse Bay, Green Bay and New Lynn to make them better places to meet, play, perform and exercise safely

**Progress:**

- Avondale Central Reserve has been developed and the board funded an activities programme supported by local groups and Sport Waitakere.
- A new cycle park has been installed and the asphalt courts repaired. A new basketball court in partnership with Spark will be installed in late 2016.
- Supported a summer programme of activities in New Lynn's Todd Triangle and Olympic Park.
- Supported community activities at La Rosa Reserve in Green Bay during and after its redevelopment.
- Funded improvement of facilities in particular in Blockhouse Bay Recreation Reserve, and Sister Renee Shadbolt and Crum Park
- Supported future planning for development of Craig Avon and Olympic Parks and for a major playground in Kelston.

**Other town facility initiatives**

- New Lynn Community centre floor repair and Wifi.
- New Lynn and Blockhouse Bay libraries refurbishment.
- Facility partnerships with Avondale College for netball and tennis court developments and Avondale Intermediate for a pool renovation.

**What we want to achieve:** Our young people have places to do things

**Initiative:** Develop a plan for more youth places and programmes in the Whau

**Progress:**

- Supported the development of a Whau Youth Providers Network.
- Supported the Whau youth providers network to identify youth services and facilities in the Whau, the gaps and provide recommendations to inform future planning and the Youth service directory.

**What we want to achieve:** More community and civic participation by new migrants

**Initiative:** Support increased translation of key information and opportunities to learn English in community hubs

**Progress:**

- Supported translation of key local board engagement information into Mandarin and Samoan, the two most widely spoken languages in the Whau after English.
- Supported English language activities receiving support in Council facilities.

**What we want to achieve:** Enable increased participation and understanding of our governance

**Initiative:** Provide and support community forums

**Progress:**

- Convened Avondale update forums.
- Supported annual Have-your-say community events in town centres for consultation on annual budgets and plans.
- Community Safety Forum in 2016.

**What we want to achieve:** Stronger neighbourhoods in New Windsor

**Initiative:** Build on the current open space developments associated with the Waterview Connection

**Progress:**

- Participate in community engagement around Waterview Connection.
- Advocate for open space, community and recreation facility development as part of the Waterview Connection project.
- Supported opening events for Valonia skatepark, sports facilities and Alan Wood reserve

## Outcome: Outstanding development in New Lynn, Avondale and along our main roads



*Our towns are laid out well, with great links to the city by rail and bus. Our communities are tidy and safe, with more places to play and better housing. Sitting along the Western Line, well connected by roads and with much of the supporting infrastructure in place, New Lynn and Avondale are actively growing centres.*

**What we want to achieve:** Replacement of Avondale community centre

**Initiative:** Building a new Avondale multi-use facility, combining the library, the leisure and new community centre with new local street connections

**Progress:**

- Supported research on expected life of current centre and future demand for Avondale facilities
- Advocated and successfully secured \$5m for replacement of the current facility
- Advocated for retention of current recreation facility development funds for potential additional facilities in Avondale
- Supported the 2015/16 community facility and programmes study that confirmed the need for an expanded facility and the Indicative Business case development for Avondale Community facility and Whau pool and recreation facility.
- Supported Panuku Development Auckland prioritisation of Avondale as a centre for development and the community facility development as a critical component.
- Advocated for both projects to have adequate and timely funding in the Long Term Plan

**What we want to achieve:** Better access to recreation activities

**Initiative:** Building new changing facilities to support greater use of the Avondale racecourse sports fields

**Progress:**

- Supported negotiations for a viable agreement for council's long term use of the sports fields

**Initiative:** New major aquatic facilities for the Whau

**Progress:**

- Supported and participated in the 2015/16 community facility and programmes study that informs aquatic facility planning and the Indicative Business case development for the Whau pool and recreation facility.
- Advocated for the Whau Pool and Recreation facility to have adequate and timely funding in the Long Term Plan
- In the interim the board has supported a facility partnership with local schools to make a school facility in Avondale more available.

**What we want to achieve:** More older adult housing, releasing more family homes

**Initiative:** Support development of a multi-agency older adult housing plan for the Whau

**Progress:**

- Preliminary data was gathered but further planning was not progressed due to staff capacity.
- Supported the expansion of older adult housing in Green Bay utilising council land holdings through Panuku-Development Auckland.

**What we want to achieve:** More and better places to play

**Initiative:** Develop new community fitness areas, Tiverton, Crown Lynn Urban Park and Avondale Central Reserve and improve provision of shade, safety and lighting in play and public areas

**Progress:**

- Te Kotuitanga Park (formerly known as Tiverton Park) was designed with an emphasis on wellbeing activities. It was completed with a Family Fun Day in September 2016.
- Revamp of Avondale central park included "learn to ride" track for younger children and urban basketball courts being developed in corporate partnership with SPARK - promoted as "the Boroughs" project.
- Crum Park: Courts resurfaced, improved lighting and fences renewed.
- Sister Rene Shadbolt Park: Construction of changing room and toilet facility in partnership with Suburbs Rugby Club, amenity lighting, car park renewal and an improved connection to neighbouring Craig Avon Park.

### **Other Initiatives:**

- Ambrico Place: board support for community event hosted by Te Toi Uku; improved play grounds and advocated for improved crime and injury prevention through environmental design (CIPTED) assessment of neighbouring Manawa Wetlands.
- Valonia Street sports fields, half court, toilet and changing facilities and a new volcanically themed skate park (to be opened in December 2016) as part of the Waterview Tunnel Connection projects.
- Archibald Park: Planning for a feature playground in Kelston and planning for replacement pontoon and waka storage facility.
- Blockhouse Bay Beach Reserve: Upgraded playground -delivered summer music and family events on site. Improved connections to neighbouring Taunton Terrace and Blockhouse Bay Road.
- Brains Park: Major improvements included improved sightlines for play area; resurfaced courts; new fencing and lighting; worked with local club to install softball diamond.
- Craig Avon Park: Redevelopment underway for major upgrade of play area.

**What we want to achieve:** Increase safety and accessibility in our towns through good design

### **Progress:**

- Worked closely with police, landowners, businesses, government and community safety and services agencies to respond in a timely and coordinated manner to local community safety needs.
- Supported a successful graffiti removal programme through the Tag Out Trust with recent data indicating a decrease reported incidents and quick removal response.
- Provided funding support to enable Police to have increased surveillance in New Lynn.
- Supported two *Crime and Injury Prevention Through Environmental Design* studies for the Avondale and New Lynn town centres. These have informed immediate interventions, funding decisions and advocacy to further improve the centres. Projects in planning include Memorial Square and Drive redesign, Transit Lane redesign, Avondale Town centre redevelopment.
- Worked with Panuku Development Auckland to support Council owned development sites contribution to safety and accessibility. Recent examples include the Trent Street and Racecourse Parade sites.

**What we want to achieve:** Promote smoke-free public places

### **Progress:**

- Adopted a policy encouraging smoke free local public places and as an initial step has supported signs being progressively installed in public places and promoting board community events smoke free.

**What we want to achieve:** Developing and communicating a shared vision for our centres

**Initiative:** Build and support urban planning capacity in Avondale

**Progress:**

- Supported community meetings, urban design consultants and learning seminars for local people and received presentations on the seminars proceedings.
- Input from the local community supported through corporate volunteering by Motu Design informed the expression of interest documentation for the Ockham Development on Racecourse Parade.

**What we want to achieve:** Encourage more homeowners and landlords to take up the support available to install insulation and address water and energy efficiency

**Initiative:** Healthy Rentals programme

**Progress:**

- The board has supported a multi-local board programme for two years to work with landlords and their tenants to improve rental housing quality.
- The 2015/16 programme was trialled in New Windsor resulting in 77 installations of ceiling insulation and 43 underfloor installations.

**Initiative:** Energy and water efficiency programmes

**Progress:**

- Supported a Householder Energy efficiency initiative provided by EcoMatters resulting in over 280 household visits in Kelston.
- The 2016/17 programme worked with 200 households in Fruitvale and broadened to include household warmth, energy efficiency, sustainable transport and reducing CO2 emissions outcomes. 163 households engaged in energy saving initiatives with 96% changing energy behaviours and 316 changed their travel to more sustainable transport.
- Supported Project Home-wise provided by EcoMatters providing six sustainable living workshops tailored to ethnic and faith based groups.

**What we want to achieve:** Support the development of a voluntary rental housing Warrant of Fitness programme

**Progress:** Monitored legislative changes and the development of approaches to rental housing WOFs.

**Outcome: Stronger local businesses providing more and higher paid work**



*We have more successful and resilient businesses in Rosebank, New Lynn and Avondale and they are working together to attract new markets and innovate. More locals are in well-paid employment and by more working locally they are saving money and time.*

**What we want to achieve:** Whau economic activity and employment grows

**Initiative:** Update the 2030 Rosebank Plan and source funding to progress its initiatives

**Progress:**

- Supported and participated on refreshing the Rosebank 2030 Business Precinct Plan to account for development that has taken place since the original plan was produced in 2009, including the changes that resulted from the amalgamation of Auckland Council.

**Initiative:** Support New Lynn and Avondale investment attraction initiatives

**Progress:** This initiative has not been progressed at this time.

**Initiative:** Support creative industries and design programmes

**Progress:**

- Ongoing support provided to Te Toi Uku, the Crown Lynn and clay museum located in New Lynn. The facility protects and promotes a ceramic heritage that is unique to our area. Future programmes will build on the design heritage.

**What we want to achieve:** More businesses and industry collaboration and innovation

**Initiative:** Support a western business grow group, business mentors and business development particularly for new and migrant businesses

**Progress:**

- Advocated to and worked with ATEED, the council's economic development, tourism and events CCO to support its response to Whau's diverse business communities and the provision of business clinics and development programmes in the Whau.
- Directly supported a Migrant Business research project that went street by street visiting businesses and gathering impressions and identifying gaps and needs. The findings will help to inform the design of new services and approaches to support the launch and growth of new migrant businesses.

**Initiative:** Develop Whau specific innovation and business collaboration projects

**Progress:** This initiative has not been progressed at this time.

**What we want to achieve:** More local workers in local jobs

**Initiative:** Support local skills alignment between workplaces and educators

**Progress:** This initiative has not been progressed at this time.

**Initiative:** Support youth gateway, connections and apprenticeship programmes

**Progress:**

- The board has been one of the founding local boards progressing the Youth Connections initiative with three year funding support from the Tindall Foundation. The project is steered by a group of schools, careers, youth and business representatives. Rather than duplicating current services it has sought to improve the overall approach by designing a step programme for each of the key sectors involved; young people, businesses who employ young people and youth agencies. The youth employer pledge has over 70 businesses engaged.
- Supported Job Fest West at Trust Stadium and initiatives to prepare young people for the Job Fest.

**Initiative:** Advocate for more promotion of local jobs to local people

**Progress:** This initiative has not been progressed at this time.

**Initiative:** Support local economic development initiatives including community based cooperatives for small businesses.

**Progress:** This initiative has not been progressed at this time.

**What we want to achieve:** Work alongside Avondale, Blockhouse Bay, New Lynn and Rosebank business improvement districts

**Progress:**

- Developed Memorandums of Understanding with some of the business improvement districts to provide an opportunity to identify and focus on joint work programmes.
- Designated representatives to work with business associations with particular success in New Lynn, Rosebank and Blockhouse Bay.
- Hosted a joint Auckland Transport and Rosebank Business Association meeting to work through a series of transport related concerns.

## Outcome: A healthy Whau River and valued environment



*We are all protecting and restoring our natural environment and the Whau River is great to swim in and boat on and our wild life and fish are flourishing. We have strong community organisations and relationships and a shared stewardship of where we live.*

**What we want to achieve:** Everyone in the Whau can learn about and participate in environmental activities and more community stewardship

**Initiative:** Develop more community environment programmes including weed removal and pest eradication

### **Progress:**

- Supported Whau River Catchment Trust to support around 12 neighbourhood groups, run workshops and Bioblitz events to develop citizen science skills, community river clean-ups, biannual Whau River symposium and many restoration activities around the Whau. For example in June 2016 over 7000 plants were planted in Archibald and Kurt Brehmer Reserves as part of the supporting activities for Te Whau Pathway development.
- Supported Friends of Oakley Creek activities to restore and enhance Oakley creek's biodiversity.

**Initiative:** Support the Motu Manawa community conservation programmes including pest and weed management

**Progress:**

- Supporting Rosebank East restoration along the western edge of the Motu Manawa Marine reserve area that is working with local businesses, the Rosebank Business Association, Whau River Catchment Trust and Sustainable Coastlines. It is part of a long term plan to restore 4.9 hectares of the coastal edge.
- Supporting the scoping of an overarching ecological strategy for the southern Waitemata harbour including the Motu Manawa Marine Reserve area, the Whau River catchment and the Waterview inlet.

**Initiative:** Whau River walkway development, community access and clean-up activities

**Progress:**

- Board supported Whau River Catchment Care projects around the Whau River (see earlier summary).
- Knowledge sharing programmes, practical assistance to community groups and the update of the Whau Environmental Action Report (WEAR).

**What we want to achieve:** More and older trees

**Initiative:** Promotion of the value of trees and their protection

**Progress:**

- The Board has advocated for tree protection, increased public notification of consent requests for tree removal and advocated on specific sites e.g. Margan Ave pohutukawas.

**Other initiatives:**

- High value reserves pest weed and plant intensive removal projects.
- Pest plant controls on Whau reserves targeting bamboo, gorse, woolly nightshade, blue morning glory, ginger and moth plant.
- Pest animal control on and around Whau reserves targeting possums, rats and wasps.

**What we want to achieve:** Cleaner air

**Initiative:** Advertising to promote use of better fireplaces and firewood to clean up the air

**Progress:**

- Early in the term the board supported an local advertising campaign to promote fireplace improvement and use of quality fuels
- The board joined with nearby boards in a neighbourhood research projects in each area focussed on improving rental housing in low socio-economic areas to identify issues and opportunities for landlords to install more efficient energy and home insulation. This research will shape the future development of the programme.

**What we want to achieve:** More green corridors and local connections

**Initiative:** Implement a greenways plan to improve our environment and create more walking, mobility scooter and cycling links into and through open space and parks

**Progress:**

- Supported the finalisation of a Whau Greenways plan and identified 11 projects as priorities.
- With the development of Te Whau Pathway Project, projects along the Te Whau Pathway route were progressed
- Progressed planning for Holly St to Heron Park and McWhirter to Busby St links and the signage connecting Lynfield Cove and Wood Bay along the Manukau Harbour coast.
- Committed funds and advocated for shared path alongside the rail corridor between New Lyn and Avondale
- Through Rewarewa Creek planning after the New Lynn floods the board supported development of a new link from great North Road to McNaughton Way, investigation of future shared paths and the extension of widened footpaths as part of reinstatement.

**What we want to achieve:** Make the Whau River a higher priority

**Initiative:** Encouraging the use of the river

**Progress:**

- Supported the Whau Flotilla event and supporting arts performances
- Supported through the arts broker project the Whau Soundings art event.
- Supported trimming of fallen trees in the Whau River to encourage canoeists whilst retaining habitat for bird and bat life.
- As part of the Te Whau Pathway project a new pontoon and Waka storage is being installed at Archibald Park.

**Initiative:** Reclaiming the public space along its banks

**Progress:**

- A plan to resolve encroachment on reserves particularly along the Whau River is included in the Open Space Plan. This is currently being scoped by staff.

**Initiative:** Cleaning up the water quality and coast line

**Progress:**

- Advocated for the Whau to be a priority catchment and for studies to be conducted to identify regular sources of contamination. This is being conducted over the coming year and will enable targeted education and regulatory programmes.
- Supported the upcoming development by Watercare of new major wastewater tunnels across the Whau that will enable a substantial decrease the potential for contamination of the Whau River and coastlines during peak weather events.

- Principal funder of the Whau River Symposiums that have been produced by the Whau River Catchment Trust. These have included citizen's science programmes to increase the volume of water quality monitoring.
- Supported a new Industrial Pollution Prevention Programme in Whau's industrial areas.

**What we want to achieve:** Decrease in rubbish and particularly plastic bag use

**Initiative:** Increased use of fines for illegal dumping

**Progress:**

- Strongly supported faster responses to remove reported illegal dumping and advocated to staff to use legal measures as much as possible.

**Initiative:** Projects that encourage people to use plastic bags less and ensure their responsible disposal

**Progress:**

- Supported collaboration between the Community Arts Broker and Avondale Community Action for the "make a reusable bag" project.
- Funded Eco-Matter's Wash Against Waste initiative at the New Lynn Night Market resulting in the diversion of more than 635kg from landfill.

**What we want to achieve:** Working together with others around the Manukau to create an environment that is great for swimming and recreation, where wild life thrives and fish flourish

**Initiative:** Manukau Harbour Forum

**Progress:**

- The Whau local board has a board representative on the forum.
- Provided funding for the forum's activities particularly its recent Manukau Harbour Symposium.
- Increased the protection of bird nesting areas through stronger approach to off leash dog areas.

**What we want to achieve:** Increase the awareness of Manukau harbour to create an environment that is great for swimming and recreation, where wild life thrives and fish flourish

**Initiative:** Continuing the walkway around the Manukau Harbour edge

**Progress:**

- Funded improved signs and mapping to promote the Manukau Foreshore Walkway connection along the coast between Lynfield Cove and Wood Bay.

**Outcome: In the Whau, it's 20 minutes by walking, cycling and public transport to everything we need**



*The Whau is well served by affordable and accessible public transport, local walkways and cycle ways so we can get to the key places we need to within 20 minutes.*

**What we want to achieve:** Better paths and links, more people out of cars

**Initiative:** Advocacy for more footpath improvement and tree planting

**Progress:**

- The Board has advocated vigorously and worked closely with Auckland Transport to highlight footpaths for development. Key areas of upgrade include Rosebank, Blockhouse Bay, Archibald and St Leonards Roads.
- Finalised an Open Space Plan includes planning for an increase in the number and quality of street trees to provide shelter from rain and sun.

**Initiative:** Cycleway along Western Line rail corridor

**Progress:**

- Triggered the planning, community consultation and seeking of additional funds by committing nearly four years of Auckland Transport Local Board Capital funding (\$2m) towards the construction of a bridge alongside the rail bridge across the Whau at Olympic Park.

**Initiative:** Walkway along the Whau River coastline

**Progress:**

- Funded concept planning for a pathway through parks and in the coastal area from New Lynn to Te Atatu.
- Supported Te Whau Pathway group initiation and development.

- Supported new paths in Ken Maunder, Brains and Archibald Parks.
- Supported planning and community engagement on next phases to join park pathways.

**What we want to achieve:** Less cars on the road

**Initiative:** Advocate for more promotion and projects to provide shared vehicle use (taxis, carpool, car-sharing)

**Progress:**

- Advocated for improved taxi facilities including access through New Lynn Transport Centre

**Initiative:** Advocate for more promotion of local employment

**Progress:**

- This initiative has not been progressed at this time.

**Initiative:** Review student transport initiatives to schools, universities recreation facilities and sport fields

**Progress:**

- This initiative has not been progressed at this time.

**Other initiatives:**

- Advocacy for Park and Ride in Avondale
- Advocacy for more peak hour bus services for Blockhouse Bay and Rosebank.

**What we want to achieve:** Creating more accessible and safer connections for walkers, cyclists, pushchairs and mobility scooters

**Initiative:** Deliver the priority connections in our greenways programme of connections

**Progress:**

- Lead the planning, engagement with Albert Eden Local Board and community consultation for the Holly Street to Heron Park link providing an off road link from Rosebank to Waterview. This will be built in late 2017-early 2018.
- Advocated and supported the setting aside of land to enable a cycle and walking link from Blockhouse Bay Road through Trent Street to the Waterview pathway network.
- Triggered the development of the rail cycleway from New Lynn to Avondale and a sequence of walkways along the edge of the Whau River.
- Funded concept planning for a connection from McWhirter Place to Busby Street.

**Outcome: Whau's heritage, local arts and cultures are cherished**



*Our history, our brick, horticultural, ceramic and design legacy, along with our ethnic diversity and creativity enriches our lives. We celebrate our built and natural heritage, our arts and cultures and we are recognised as a creative community.*

**What we want to achieve:** More local events and arts activities

**Initiative:** Support more community events particularly for young people and families, organised by our libraries and community centres

**Progress:**

- Provided additional funding to increase Whau Library hours over the regional standard.
- Provided additional programme funding to libraries to enable more reading programmes, cultural celebrations like Chinese New year, pacific languages weeks, Green Living, Wriggle and Rhyme and technology programmes including 3D printing.
- Supported Blockhouse Bay, Green Bay and Kelston Hub community operated community facilities to provide a range of programmes.
- Supported a shift to three year funding agreements for Community facilities.
- Supported an increase in funding support to Green Bay Community House

- Supported new planning and programme development for Council operated New Lynn and Avondale Community Centres with a strong focus on youth, Pacific education and Chinese activities
- Supported the engagement of ACA to run community initiated activities in the Avondale Community centre

**What we want to achieve:** More flourishing creative businesses

**Initiative:** Develop creative industries and design programmes and investigate the development of ceramic education and design centres

**Progress:**

- No progress on this initiative

**What we want to achieve:** Key heritage features are preserved

**Initiative:** Heritage building assessments and preservation plans

**Progress:**

- Advocated for increased assessment, planning and protection of built heritage through the Unitary Plan development process

**What we want to achieve:** Our stories are known by more people and the stories of our past are well known in our area and protected for future generations

**Initiative:** Additional information plaques and street signs that tell the stories of our places

**Progress:**

- Supported provision of heritage plaques for example on the Manukau Harbour walk and in New Lynn after the closing of the last brickworks marking the site of entrance into the clay pits and brick making precinct and the site of the Delta Cinema (in progress).
- Supported production of a DVD to preserve the history of clay and brick works in New Lynn - The Last Days of Brickmaking in New Lynn
- Supported naming local streets to acknowledge our history for example Hayward Wright Lane acknowledging the role played in the birth of the kiwifruit industry.

**Initiative:** Guided walks and brochures, art works, events

**Progress:**

- Collaborated with community and private organisations to deliver heritage events of local content in the annual Heritage Festival.

**Initiative:** Working with our heritage groups and iwi to recognise and preserve our natural and built heritage.

**Progress:**

- Supported the renovation of the fire damaged heritage toilet and community space at 50A Rosebank Road into a shared community office room
- Engaged with private owners of Heritage buildings in New Lynn in particular the Congregational Church of New Lynn and old Church Hall on Margan Avenue to work toward preservation of heritage listed buildings

**What we want to achieve:** Celebrate and support our unique creative edge, more people can easily access and experience activities that nurture, share and celebrate our creativity

**Initiative:** Community arts broker role

**Progress:**

- Supported the establishment and operation of the first community arts broker and programme in Auckland
- Through this programme supported numerous community artists producing exhibitions, sound events, concerts, seminars and hui, street performances, youth week events, poster art, murals, audio guides, flag making to name a few.
- Supported information hub at ArtsWhau.org.nz and the design of an arts focussed key sites map

**Initiative:** Community arts festival

**Progress:**

- Significant supporter of the Whau Arts festival which involves over 120 artists, 30 businesses, and thousands of audience members of intense artistic activity predominantly in Avondale but increasingly across the Whau. The festival is curated by a multi-disciplinary arts group Whau the People.

**What we want to achieve:** Our design heritage is safe, displayed and is recognised as providing a launch pad for our flourishing creative community and businesses

**Initiative:** Supporting the Portage Ceramics Trust as it works to develop the sustainable storage and celebration of ceramics in the Whau

**Progress:**

- Developed an ongoing support relationship supporting programmes, local events, storage and display of Whau's ceramic heritage

**What we want to achieve:** Ensure that site specific public art is developed in our new spaces and places

**Initiative:** Work with our developers and support artists being included early in the planning, design and building new residential and business developments

**Progress:**

- No progress on this initiative

**Initiative:** Utility box art work projects

**Progress:**

- Added to existing stock of neighbourhood relevant art on utility boxes.

**What we want to achieve:** Record our stories

**Initiative:** Support our local libraries heritage and oral history programmes

**Progress:**

- As part of the annual Auckland Heritage Festival supported displays and exhibitions at New Lynn Library, movies at the Hollywood Cinema and a number of historic walks around New Lynn and Avondale

**What we want to achieve:** Public art in our towns and parks

**Initiative:** Working with mana whenua, community and arts organisations and our heritage groups

**Progress:**

- Supported planning and design of a gateway artworks for Great North Road Whau Bridge and their transfer to a Te Whau Pathway project
- Supported development of concepts for rail pathway bridge reflecting the Maori history of the Whau

