

Manurewa Local Board Advocacy Initiatives

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Initiative	Description	Advocating to
One Local Initiative: War Memorial Park	<p>Create Manurewa War Memorial Park as a multi-purpose shared space with improved utilisation of its playing fields and provision of greater access to community facilities.</p> <p>Manurewa War Memorial Park is a well-loved and utilised park but it needs an upgrade. The community gave us strong feedback that it supports a focus on developing this park as a multi-purpose shared space with improved utilisation of its playing fields and greater access to the park's community facilities.</p> <p>There are several components to the project including conducting a needs assessment, generation of a park masterplan, sand carpeting the playing area, adding more playing field lighting and building a multi-purpose community facility. The indicative cost of this upgrade would be around \$12 million.</p>	Governing Body

<p>Illegal dumping</p>	<p>The Manurewa Local Board area has experienced a significant increase in illegal dumping and this has been evidenced with data from the Waste Solutions team. The board is therefore advocating for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That south Auckland be a priority for a community recycling centre. 2) A variation to the inorganic collection. Residents and businesses are calling for the return of the traditional inorganic collection. 3) Support for a change to the Crimes Act 1961 to target commercial and entrepreneurial illegal dumpers. 4) Application of the Lean Model of continuous improvement to create efficiencies and identify savings within existing budgets. 5) Support for the development of a rubbish reporting GPS app that interacts with Auckland Council's CRM reporting tool. This app will allow anyone to take a photo of illegal dumping and will log it using GPS co-ordinates. 6) An increase in community engagement and participation in waste management by providing high quality, accessible and relative waste management education. <p>In order to improve and reduce illegal dumping the board supports retaining a weekly cycle for 'pay as you throw' pick-ups</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>
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Manurewa Local Board Feedback on Regional Issues

The Manurewa Local Board feedback has been informed by public consultation submissions and comments received from Manurewa residents. It has also taken into account the feedback provided by mana whenua and mataawaka. Manurewa has a vibrant and diverse community and this has been represented by the range of people who provided feedback.

Of the 709 people who provided demographic information, 424 were female, 281 were male and 4 were gender diverse. In addition, 357 people were between the ages of 15 and 34, reflecting an increase in the number of younger people having a say. Of the submitters who provided ethnicity information, 363 identified as Māori followed by European (294), Pacific (194), Asian (100), other (19) and African, Middle Eastern/Latin (5).

The board has been very encouraged by the significant increase in the number of submissions from Māori as well as young people. The voices of these two population groups are typically under-represented in the Manurewa Local Board area.

Key Issue / Plan	Summary of Feedback
10-year Budget	
<p>1. Transport - Regional Fuel Tax</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifty two percent of Manurewa residents do not support the introduction of the proposed RFT. Of the 41 per cent that do support it, this is conditional on the extra revenue contributing to transport priorities in the Manurewa area. • The board is supportive of this community position. Of those who did not support the RFT the most common concern raised was lack of affordability, and equity impacts on lower income residents. • Research shows commentary from the Ministry of Transport and Treasury which notes that the RFT “could result in lower income households contributing a higher proportion of their income to the tax compared to higher income households”. It also notes that these households are less likely to own newer more fuel efficient or electric vehicles. • In Manurewa, public transport, active modes and working at home are all significantly below regional averages, as is the level of self-containment (the proportion of residents who work in their local board area). Indeed, Manurewa has the second-lowest level of self-containment in the region and the highest private vehicle usage in the region at 85 per cent. • Based on 2013 census data there is a significantly high share of worker trips to the airport from the south and its abutting suburbs (approximately an 18 kilometre radius). Private vehicles account for almost 93 per cent (12,264) of these trips. The public transport share is low at about 2 per cent (215 bus trips). This reflects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the limited availability of easy public transport services ○ the nature and geographical distribution of employment in the area with a high proportion of shift working ○ the dispersed nature of work sites located away from public transport routes on offer.

<p>1. Transport - Regional Fuel Tax (cont.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board therefore has concerns about the value for money of the light rail proposal, noting it won't materially improve southern commuters' access to the airport precinct, and questions whether there are more cost-effective alternatives. • Instead of an RFT, the board would like to see the Lean Model of continuous improvement applied to Auckland Transport operations to create efficiencies and identify savings within existing budgets. • The board supports any RFT revenue generated to be equitably allocated across Manurewa, including improvements to public transport provision.
<p>2. Natural Environment - Water Quality Targeted Rate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board supports the proposed targeted rate, provided the proceeds are allocated equitably to Manurewa. • The board requests that an equitable portion of the targeted rate (based on capital values) be allocated for natural environment water quality be diverted and added to the board's budget to target /distribute to the sites where it needs to be spent. • The board supports the Manukau Harbour Forum's inclusion in the restoration and protection of the coast and environment. • The board supports Ngāti Tamaoho feedback that additional funding sources should be sought. "partly because of the increasing range of threats to water; partly because of its importance to the wellbeing of people and the environment and fundamentally because of its cultural significance". • The Manurewa Local Board Plan 2017 acknowledges that for mana whenua, cultural and spiritual wellbeing are inextricably linked to the quality of the water and land from which they draw sustenance.

<p>3. Natural Environment - Natural Environment Targeted Rate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board supports the targeted rate of \$47 per annum provided the proceeds are allocated equitably to Manurewa. • The community and the board has concerns about affordability and the cumulative impact of ‘targeted rates’ increases proposed in this Long-term plan and the impact on the welfare of our people • Consultation says the community requests more transparency on how this rate will actually be spent. • The board requests that an equitable portion of the targeted rate (based on capital values) allocated for pest management be diverted and added to local board budgets to enable targeted responses in necessary sites. • The board recommends budget also be directed towards the elimination of all pests including toxic plants from all waterways. • The board agrees with Ngāti Tamaoho comment on the “importance of preventative measures (for example to protect the Hunua Ranges from the risk of Kauri dieback) because however expensive it may be it is cheaper than the cost of redress later”. • The board also supports mataawaka feedback that “the environment needs to be as sustainable as the rate of growth for the Auckland population and that adequate resourcing be provided”. • The board requests that education programmes be made available for communities to be able to understand and respond to the effects of kauri dieback and its impact on other tree species such as totara.
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<p>4. Rates and Charges – proposed rates increase</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whilst the board supports the need for a 3.5% increase to ‘cover the bills’, the Manurewa community does not support a rates increase with the rationale that the council is not prioritising rates spending on core services. • Community feedback expressed concern about the lack of transparency of expenditure that occurs year by year and noted that spending in south Auckland is considerably less than funds invested into central city projects. • Both the community and the board have concerns about affordability and the cumulative impact of ‘targeted rates’ increases proposed in this Long-term plan and the impact on the welfare of our people.
<p>5. Rates and Charges – Accommodation provider Targeted Rate for online accommodation providers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community supports an Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate (APTR) for the online accommodation sector who intends to operate property in a commercial capacity. • The board notes that the community may not be fully aware of the implications that this rate may have on property owners who do not intend to operate in a fully commercial capacity. • The board recommends the council to do more work around unintended consequential impacts on property owners before implementing this rate.
<p>6. Other budget information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board would like to see all local boards to have greater governance responsibility and influence over capex funds, to enable the facilitation of discretionary projects, in the spirit of shared governance. • Concerns about illegal dumping and waste management were also commented on by the community in their feedback.

Auckland Plan 2050

Outcome area 1: Belonging and participation

- The local board is concerned that there is little in the Auckland Plan relating to additional investment in sport and recreation - a critical component in uniting communities.
- The Manurewa Local Board Plan 2017 acknowledges people in Manurewa are actively connecting everywhere, every day. Manurewa has a wide range of community places where people gather to celebrate, take part in their favourite past times, exercise and compete, work together on community projects or socialise with friends and family.
- The board supports Ngāti Paoa sentiments:
 - to reduce the number of liquor shops in the south
 - the integration of council community services with Māori Warden services,
 - for better understanding, education and comprehension of the Treaty amongst other communities
 - that the Treaty of Waitangi be the corner stone to all council policy
 - to establish and support iwi homeless services.

Outcome area 2: Māori identity and wellbeing

- The Manurewa Local Board is in full support of the direction and focus areas of Māori identity and wellbeing. Manurewa has a significant number of Māori residing in the area, both mana whenua and mataawaka, and we look forward to seeing strong gains for our Māori community.
- We would like to stress the importance of the Auckland Plan acknowledging and reflecting through action, the diversity and intricacy of Māori experience, identity and sense of belonging.
- The plan needs to be visible in its approach to assist and respond to those Māori who can't align to their own whakapapa – both those who don't know where they come from, and those who have lost touch with their ability to connect back to their tribal areas.
- For Māori who live in Tāmaki Makaurau, and are well immersed in their whakapapa, it is important to acknowledge that their tribal identity will often precede other identities.

Outcome area 3: Homes and places

- The Manurewa Local Board supports the Auckland Plan's aspirations to accelerate the development of quality homes affordable to a range of Aucklanders. We trust that this will address the current issue of house prices remaining out of reach for most low-income earners in south Auckland, which is also threatening intergenerational stability. To support this, we would like to see speedy action on the development of infrastructure that supports the volume of homes being built. 'Affordable' must offer real hope to low income households and facilitate access to decent accommodation for people who find themselves homeless.
- The delivery of affordable housing must include public space around those dwellings.
- The board supports the intention to improve the quality of existing dwellings, particularly rentals, and to see the investment and support for Māori continue.
- It is vital that urban spaces are well designed and cared for, for all to enjoy. In this context, the board anticipates that Manurewa will not be left with large apartments and flats being built and then disregarded, and that newly built environments retain the integrity and style of the local area.

<p>Outcome area 4: Transport and access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Manurewa Local Board believes the Transport and Access themes are on track and workable. Important to us is how they are applied equally across the region, including decent cycleways across the south that are safe and encouraging for people to use, and go beyond the hazardous green bicycle lanes on the sides of busy highways. • The south continues to require public transport investment given the increased growth that is currently being experienced. • The board will always advocate for an increase in user friendly and accessible public transport that offers real alternatives to as many people as possible, while contributing to the reduction of private vehicles on the road. This includes affordability for young people and families and the use of universal design principles to increase accessibility. • We would like to see an improvement in the security and safety of park and ride facilities, to further increase the uptake of public transport. • The board supports the prioritisation of the Mill Road project as paramount to keeping traffic moving easily across the southern region.
<p>Outcome area 5: Environment and cultural heritage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local board supports the six focus areas of environment and heritage and expects that the Auckland Plan will truly take account of the whole of the Auckland region when considering environmental and cultural heritage priorities. There are areas of the Waitemata Harbour that are in excellent condition and we hope this is an aspirational goal for the Manukau Harbour also. • The board also encourages the plan to address further swimsafe locations in the south, thus creating equitable access to beaches across the region. • The board supports the request from Ngāti Paoa to establish a guardian of the harbours co-governance regime that enables the joint management of the clean-up and restoration of Auckland's harbours tributaries fresh waterways and catchments. • The board supports the Te Ora O Manukau statement that the environment needs to be as sustainable as the growth for the Auckland population and that we need to ensure that there is adequate resourcing to support the cleaning up of our environment equivalent to the investment in the growth of Auckland.

Outcome area 6: Opportunity and prosperity

- The Manurewa Local Board believes that the focus areas identified in Opportunity and Prosperity will support Manurewa to adapt to rapid technology changes. However as an area that houses the third largest Pacific population in Auckland (over 25,020 and 33% of our total population) we would like to see Focus Area 3 (advance Māori employment and support Māori business and iwi organisations to be significant drivers of Auckland's economy) and Focus Area 5 (increase educational achievement, lifelong learning and training, with a focus on those most in need) extended to our Pacific people.
- The board strongly supports Focus Area 5 because success in education is fundamental to the wellbeing of people, their families and the wider community. Focus Area 5 also relates to Focus Area 3 because a more highly educated workforce boosts productivity and economic wellbeing.
- However Pacific people are still significantly behind in many social areas, particularly education and employment:
 - in 2015, the labour force participation rate for Pacific Peoples was at 63.5% while the participation rate for Māori was 67.2% - both which are still lower than the participation rate (69.2%) for all people
 - in March 2017, a significantly high proportion of Māori (19.5%) and Pacific youth (17%) were not in employment, education or training (NEET)
 - despite some improvements in educational outcomes, Māori and Pacific people still have the highest proportion of people with no qualifications.

If we want opportunity and prosperity for ALL, the Auckland Plan needs to deliver outcomes for Pacific people too. When our Pacific people are thriving, Auckland is thriving.

Development strategy

- The local board agrees with the Auckland Plan intention that people should be able to work and play where they live and supports a continuous review of the development strategy to ensure its relevance to a growing and diverse population.
- The local board also supports expansion of the rural urban boundary to free up land which will create affordable housing whilst maintaining retention of fertile market garden areas.
- It is important to ensure that existing communities experiencing brownfield intensification are supported with infrastructure to match population growth, for example hospitals, stormwater, retirement villages, schools etc.

The regions must benefit, as the city does, from Urban Design, Panuku and ATEED investment and support.

Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018

Overall views on Waste outcomes

What we have now is not currently working for the south - from the roll out of the new red bins to the implementation of a new inorganic collection programme.

1. The local board is requesting a return to the traditional inorganic collection as the paramount solution to what has become a daily occurrence of illegal dumping throughout the region. The vision is to educate residents to recycle and provide the resources required for recyclables and inorganics to be disposed of. This is taking time. A return of the traditional annual inorganic collection is needed to support this transition.
2. Support for a change to the Crimes Act 1961 to target commercial and entrepreneurial illegal dumpers. Recommend that ministers be petitioned to amend Part 10 (which deals with Crimes against the rights to Property) of the Crimes Act 1961.
3. Applying the Lean Model to evidence the true cost of illegal dumping to better inform solution based decision making.
Accurate statistical data and corresponding financial reporting is absent when decision making on reported illegal dumping and inorganic collections. The organisation is not geared up to present complete costs of each transaction associated with the disposal of illegal dumping
4. A GPS app for reporting rubbish is being developed and requires sponsorship to enable it to interact with Auckland Council's reporting tool. This app will allow anyone to take a photo of illegal dumping and log its location via GPS. This can be sent through various media to Auckland Council. It removes the barrier of calling the call centre or completing a standardised template on the Auckland Council website. Both interactions take time and cost money.
5. Encourage businesses to reduce the number of plastic bags that are used.
6. In our community, education is an important tool towards improving Waste Management. Improvement in this area should be applied by targeting environmental/recycling programmes in local schools, marae, community organisations and the business sector and is paramount to the ongoing implementation and success of the Waste Minimisation and Management Plan.

<p>Waste from businesses and commercial activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing intensification has led to increasing volumes of construction and demolition industries. Infrastructure is needed to enable businesses to separate, sort and recover resources instead of sending them to landfill.• The board supports a deconstruction approach which incorporates the recycling of recovered materials that are effectively diverted from landfill.• The board also supports changes to the Crimes Act 1961 (to amend part 10) to enable commercial builders to be prosecuted for irresponsible dumping and waste management.
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Hauraki Gulf Islands waste management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="675 136 1302 257">• The board supports the implementation of the Tikapa Moana Hauraki Gulf islands draft waste Plan to respond to developing on-island waste solutions.
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