

## Whau Local Board

### Message from the Chair

It is my pleasure to present the Whau Local Board's 2018/2019 Local Board Agreement, which outlines the board's intentions for the period.

The feedback from the community in recent times has been useful in informing the board that we have kept pace with public expectations on where our priorities should lie.

With your support we have undertaken to:

- Continue to work with the Governing Body and Auckland Council's Panuku Development Auckland, as well as the community, to move forward the process to deliver a pool and recreation facility in the area
- Seek increased care and protection for our significant trees and urban forests
- Work closely with Business Improvement Districts to foster quality town centre development and improvements to local transport centres
- Explore new projects that move Whau to "lower carbon" living
- Strengthen and connect our diverse communities and delivering on our ethnic peoples plan
- Seek Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development's (ATEED) support to divert international investment into Auckland town centres as well as the central business district.

The board continues to work with various council departments and external organisations to enable a healthy, safe and inclusive environment in our town centres, parks and open spaces for all of us to enjoy.

Our principle as elected members is to be the voice of Whau's respective communities and we remain committed to making that voice heard by the Mayor and Auckland Council's Governing Body. We remain steadfast in putting the Whau front and centre of council business.

Tracy Mulholland

Whau Local Board Chair

### Introduction

Auckland Council's shared governance model means local boards are responsible for decision-making on local issues, activities and services and providing input into regional strategies, policies and plans. The local board agreement sets out the local board's budget, funding for activities, levels of service, performance measures and targets for the financial year 2018/2019 which has been agreed with Auckland Council's governing body.

The Whau Local Board Plan 2017 is a three year strategic document that guides local board activity, funding and investment decisions. A key role of the local board plan is to provide a basis for development of the annual local board agreement for each financial year, this is set out below. Each local board also develops annual work programmes alongside adoption of their local board agreement.

Local boards also provide input to the governing body on larger scale investments, regional programmes and policy issues such as rates proposals, which are outside local board decision-making responsibilities. A list of key advocacy areas is set out as appendix A.

### About this area

Wrapped around the Whau river are the communities of New Lynn, Avondale, Rosebank, Kelston and New Windsor, and on the ridges above the river looking across the Manukau are Blockhouse Bay and Green Bay. More than 72,000 people live in the area. Our community is culturally diverse, with people from Europe, India, Asia and the Pacific cultures calling Whau home. We are continuing to experience fast growth, particularly around our bigger centres and along our major roads. Whau is fortunate to generally have good core infrastructure such as water and stormwater services, highly regarded libraries, community facilities, parks, sports fields, rail and road transport. Our challenge is to maintain those assets, fill the gaps in recreation and aquatic services, and expand them as we grow.

### Local Board Plan outcomes

The Whau Local Board Plan 2017 sets out the aspirations the local board has for the area. The outcomes in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan are:

- **Outcome 1: Well-planned towns, facilities and housing** The Whau is growing due to its location, access to public transport and housing development. Our towns will need to accommodate more people of greater diversity, and require matching community facilities and sound infrastructure.
- **Outcome 2: Great neighbourhoods with strong community connections, capacity and voices** Our vision is that no matter where you come from or how old you are, there is a place for everyone in the Whau.
- **Outcome 3: It's 20 minutes to all we need by walking, cycling and public transport** We are well serviced with rail and feeder bus routes linking our communities and the Whau to the rest of Auckland. Our bus services and cycle paths are starting to criss-cross the Whau, linking our towns and facilities. The City Rail Link is estimated to reduce travel time between New Lynn and Britomart to less than 30 minutes.
- **Outcome 4: Enhanced natural environment** Our vision is that our communities help to protect and enhance our environment. To create a healthy and liveable environment, our greenhouse gas emissions must be reduced. This can be achieved through changing our lifestyle choices, paying attention to how and where we redevelop, our infrastructure choices, and restoring and enhancing our natural ecosystems.
- **Outcome 5: Strong local businesses and more quality local jobs** The local board's vision is for successful and resilient businesses in Rosebank, New Lynn, Kelston and Avondale, working together to attract new markets and innovate. We want to see more people with higher education achievements gaining well-paid employment and working locally.

- **Outcome 6: Celebrating our creative edge in our streets, neighbourhoods and communities** Our vision is for our diversity and creativity to enrich our lives. We celebrate our arts and cultures across the Whau and are recognised as a creative community.
- **Outcome 7: Our heritage is known, protected and our stories are shared** Our vision is for a strong foundation of knowledge available to the wider community. We will work with others to support the preservation of our heritage as much as possible. We will seek innovative ways to work with owners and developers to preserve or acknowledge our built and/or natural heritage.

The local board agreement outlined in this document reflects how we plan to support these outcomes through agreed activities in the 2018/2019 financial year. In addition, each local board carries out responsibilities delegated by the Governing Body in accordance with the delegated power, and with the general priorities and preferences in the local board plan.

### Working with Māori

Delivering on Auckland Council's commitment to Māori at a local level is a priority for local boards. The council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi and its broader statutory obligations to Māori.

Our local board plan provides the framework for engaging rangatira ki te rangatira or chief to chief, to share information and work together. As part of our commitment to Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi, the Whau Local Board continues to aim for a close working relationship with mana whenua to reinforce their position of partners and kaitiaki (guardians) of the environment in this area. The Whau Local Board Plan ambition to improve economic and social well-being will have a positive impact on mana whenua and mataawaka living and working in the Whau and its neighbouring areas. The Whau will support Auckland Council's promotion of a Maori identity as Auckland's point of difference in the world.

## Whau Local Board Agreement 2018/2019

### Priorities by activity area

Auckland Council's 2018/2019 funding priorities for local activities which contribute to key community outcomes in the Whau local board area are set out below under each local activity.

Levels of service, performance measures and targets are also set out below under each local activity. Note that some of the descriptions of our levels of service, performance measure and targets have changed from how they are described in the 2017/2018 local board agreements. This is to better explain our local activities and to align the descriptions to those used in other strategic plans. Our actual levels of service (the activities that we as a Council perform in each local board area) have not changed.

### Local Community Services

Local community services is a broad activity area, which includes:

- Supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- Providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- Maintaining facilities, including local parks, libraries and halls.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$10.2 million and capital investment of \$5.4 million.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2018/2019 include:

- Libraries: continued additional funding provision to ensure extended hours and additional programme deliveries in the Whau's three libraries
- Planning for a replacement Avondale community facility in the town centre
- Whau Community Arts Co-ordinator: continued provision of an advisor to support community art enablement
- Community Centres and Community Hubs: increased support to deliver locally based activities and community leadership
- Community Grants: enable delivery of projects, activities and services that benefit our community
- Local Parks Sports and Recreation: Continued improvement of parks, walkways and buildings for example the Holly Street to Heron Park Walkway, Ken Maunder sports park and Whau drinking fountains.

The local community services and key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcome/s in the Whau Local Board Plan:

- Outcome 1: Well-planned towns, facilities and housing

- Outcome 2: Great neighbourhoods with strong community connections, capacity and voices
- Outcome 3: It's 20 minutes to all we need by walking, cycling and public transport
- Outcome 6: Celebrating our creative edge in our streets, neighbourhoods and communities

## Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local activity

Level of service	Performance measure	Actual 2016/17	Annual Plan Target 2017/18	LTP Target 2018/19
<b>We provide library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life</b>	The number of internet session at libraries (unique sessions over public computing or public WIFI networks) (million)	0.40	0.41	0.53
	The number of visits to library facilities (million)	0.68	0.69	0.68
	Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	77%	77%	85%
<b>We fund, enable and deliver community events and experiences that enhance identify and connect people</b>	The percentage of attendees satisfied with a nominated local community event	Not available	New measure	75% -
	The number of attendees at Council-led community events	Not available	New measure	2,000
<b>We fund, enable and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people</b>	The percentage of arts and culture programmes, grants and activities that are community led.	Not available	New measure	85%
<b>Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities</b>	The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that are community led	Not available	New measure	35%
	The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that build capacity and capability	Not available	New measure	30%
<b>Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities</b>	Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe	Day: 74%	Day: 80%	Day: 74%
		Night : 26%	Night: 29%	Night: 26%
<b>We provide art facilities, community centres and hire venues that enable Aucklanders to run locally responsive activities, promoting participation, inclusion and connection</b>	The number of participants in activities at art facilities, community centres and hire venues	Not available	New measure	389,632
	The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	Not available	New measure	67%

Level of service	Performance measure	Actual 2016/17	Annual Plan Target 2017/18	LTP Target 2018/19
<b>We provide recreation programmes, opportunities and facilities to get Aucklanders more active, more often</b>	The percentage of park visitors who are satisfied with the overall quality of sportsfields	76%	75%	76%
<b>We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves and beaches</b>	The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	77%	75%	77%
	The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	77%	85%	77%
<b>We showcase Auckland's Maori identity and vibrant Maori culture</b>	The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Maori aspirations	Not available	New measure	7.2%

## Local Planning and Development

This group of activities covers improvements to town centres, the local street environment as well as local environment and heritage protection. These activities also include working with business and community associations to improve local economic development and employment initiatives.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$1.0 million and capital investment of \$2.5 million.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2018/2019 include:

- Local Economic Development Work Programme: focus on developing access to high-quality local employment
- Young Enterprise Scheme: students learn key work and life skills and business knowledge
- Economic Development Action Plan: update the old plan to meet current economic environmental expectations
- Heritage activations: support the community to bring attention to, or to access information of significant historical value
- Ethnic Identity: Complete and progress delivery of an Ethnic Peoples Plan; strengthen and connect diverse communities through neighbourhood activities and events
- Quality town centre developments and local transport centres: foster quality town centre development and improvements to local transport centres; support place-making projects that foster community identity and encourage shared action.

The local planning and development activity, including the key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcome/s in the Whau Local Board Plan:

- Outcome 2: Great neighbourhoods with strong community connections, capacity and voices
- Outcome 5: Strong local businesses and more quality local jobs
- Outcome 7: Our heritage is known, protected and our stories are shared.

## Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local activity.

Level of service	Performance measure	Actual 2016/17	Annual Plan Target 2017/18	LTP Target 2018/19
<b>We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland</b>	The percentage of Business Associations meeting their Business Improvement District (BID) Partnership Programme obligations	100%	100%	100%

## Local Environmental Management

Local boards work in partnership with local communities and iwi to deliver projects and programmes to improve local environments. Our focus is on indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living.

These activities include stream restoration, waste minimisation programmes, supporting environmental volunteers and partnering with schools to provide a range of environmental initiatives.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$236,000.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2018/2019 include:

- Industry Pollution Prevention: our educational programme aims to inform urban industries and businesses about impacts their activities may be having on local waterways
- Whau River environmental activities: increased funding to deliver improvements in the Whau catchment areas
- Household and Communities Engagement - Ethnic Communities Engagement: support ethnic or faith-based communities within the board area to develop skills, knowledge and resources to act to support environmental improvement
- Home Energy Advice: This project will enable improved home health and comfort through improved energy use behaviours in low income or ethnically diverse residents
- Sustainability Hub: enable skills, knowledge and resources to make positive choices for sustainable living and reduction of our ecological footprint
- Low Carbon: Look at new projects that move Whau to “lower carbon” living.

The local environmental management activity and key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcome/s in the Whau Local Board Plan:

- Outcome 2: Great neighbourhoods with strong community connections, capacity and voices
- Outcome 4: Enhanced natural environment

### Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local activity.

Level of service	Performance measure	Actual 2016/17	Annual Plan Target 2017/18	LTP Target 2018/19
We manage Auckland's natural environment	The proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes	93%	90%	90%

### Local Governance

Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities, and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of Local Board Plans, support in developing Local Board Agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.

The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 which determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making. There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2018/2019.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$976,000.

## Local Funding

Auckland Council has a shared governance model for making decisions on local activities. Under the Local Board Funding Policy adopted in August 2014, funding is allocated to local boards to deliver local services, through the following methods:

1. **Asset based services** - the governing body allocates funds to deliver local activities based on decisions about region-wide service levels. This includes allocation of funds for local asset based services, such as building a new swimming pool or library.
2. **Locally driven initiatives** – an allocation is based on a formula applied to each local board, with the exception of Great Barrier and Waiheke Local Boards who agree funding requirements with the governing body on an annual basis. This includes both operational and capital funds.
3. **Governance services** – an allocation is based on the number of elected members and associated administrative costs for each local board.

The total planned expenditure for local activities across all 21 local boards over the 2018/2019 financial year is shown in the table on [pages x and x of Volume 3: Local Board Information and Agreements](#). The budgets for each local board are listed within the individual local board agreements in this volume.

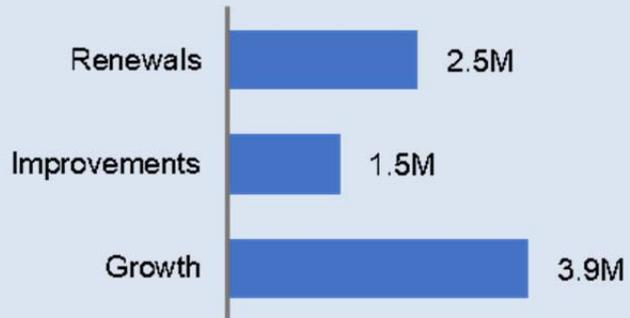
## Funding priorities for local activities

### Capital Spend

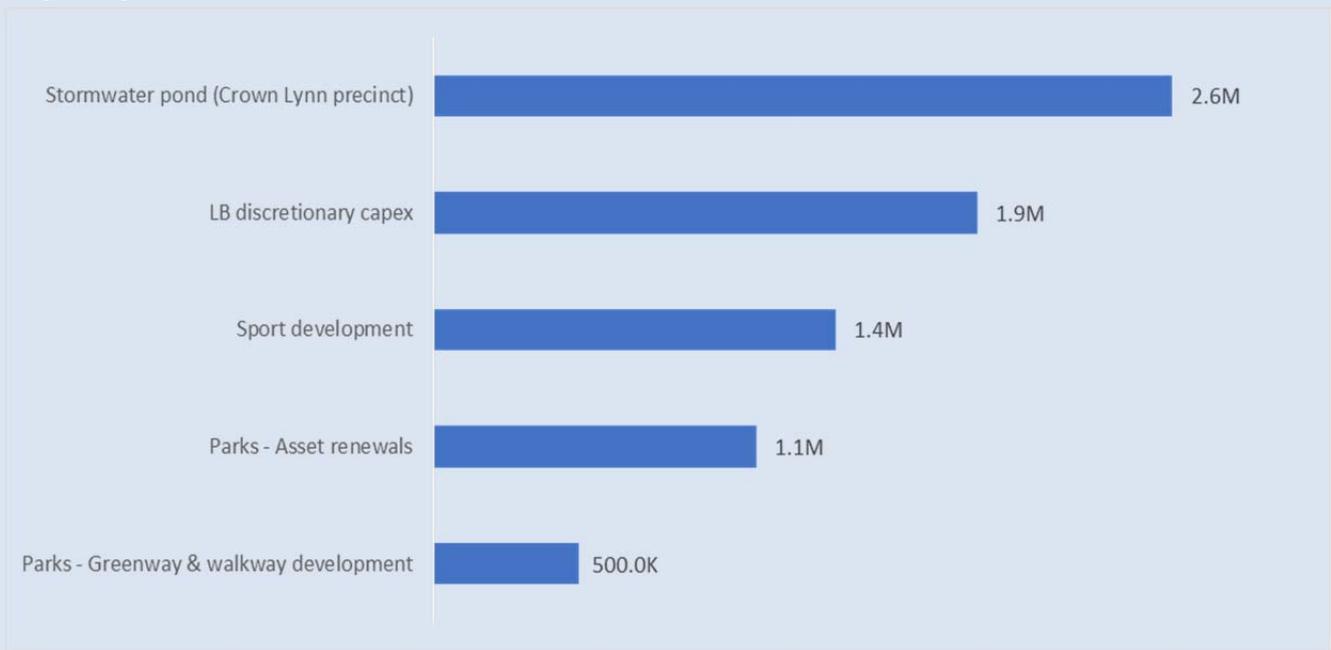
#### By activity area



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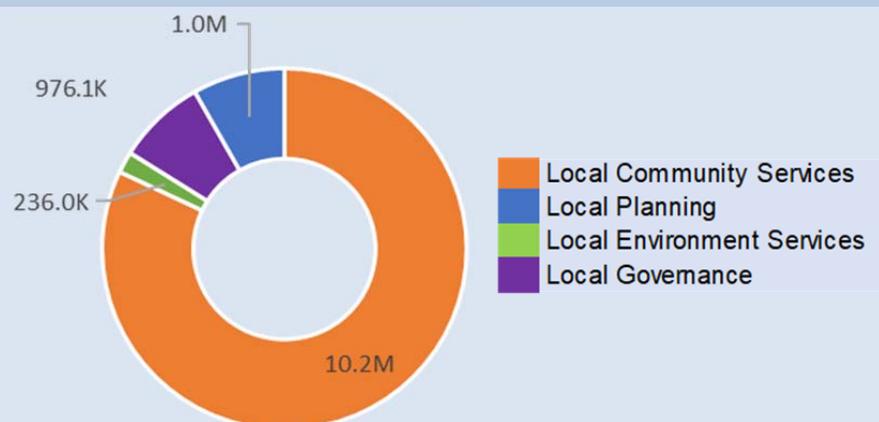


### Key Projects



### Operating Spend

#### By activity area



## Funding Impact Statement

This prospective funding impact statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of Section 21 (5) of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009. It covers the year from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and outlines the council's sources of funding for local activities in this local board area and our plan to apply them.

\$000	Annual Plan 2017/18	Annual Plan 2018/19
Financial year ending 30 June		
<b>Sources of operating funding:</b>		
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties	10,508	13,215
Targeted rates	733	762
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	10	16
Fees and charges	167	175
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	93	34
<b>Total operating funding</b>	<b>11,511</b>	<b>14,202</b>
<b>Applications of operating funding:</b>		
Payment to staff and suppliers	8,012	11,138
Finance costs	1,872	1,160
Internal charges and overheads applied	1,609	1,831
Other operating funding applications	0	0
<b>Total applications of operating funding</b>	<b>11,493</b>	<b>14,129</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) of operating funding</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Sources of capital funding:</b>		
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	0	0
Development and financial contributions*	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	7,948	7,854
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	0	0
Lump sum contributions	0	0
Other dedicated capital funding	0	0
<b>Total sources of capital funding</b>	<b>7,948</b>	<b>7,854</b>
<b>Application of capital funding:</b>		
Capital expenditure:		
- to meet additional demand	4,247	3,947
- to improve the level of service	1,571	1,480
- to replace existing assets	2,148	2,500
Increase (decrease) in reserves	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments	0	0
<b>Total applications of capital funding</b>	<b>7,966</b>	<b>7,927</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) of capital funding</b>	<b>(18)</b>	<b>(73)</b>
<b>Funding balance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Appendix A: Advocacy initiatives

A key role of the local board is to advocate for initiatives that the local board may not have decision-making responsibilities or funding for in this 10-year Budget, but recognise the value it will add to the local community.

Key advocacy areas for this local board include:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
<b>Whau Pool and community facilities (key advocacy project)</b>	<p>Advocate for a new pool and recreation centre in the Whau to be funded in the first five years of Auckland Council's 10 year budget to enable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the securing of the location before suitably sized sites become unavailable</li> <li>b) exploration of public/private partnerships with major urban developers in the Whau.</li> </ul>	<p>Governing Body Council-controlled Organisations (CCOs)</p>
<b>Review of local board Locally Driven Initiative budget policy</b>	<p>Advocate for a review of local board funding levels as soon as possible to enable the Board to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) increase support to community partners facing increased costs</li> <li>b) respond to regional strategies and frameworks e.g. Urban Ngahere/Forest</li> <li>c) deliver better on new Board roles and duties e.g. local economic development.</li> </ul>	<p>Governing Body</p>
<b>Funding for Te Whau pathway project</b>	<p>Advocate for funding for Te Whau pathway to be included in the Auckland Transport capital programme as part of the adopted Regional Land Transport Programme and for council to continue to support and resource the project.</p>	<p>Governing Body Auckland Transport</p>

## Appendix B: How to contact your Local Board

Local boards have been established to enable local representation and decision-making on behalf of local communities. You are encouraged to contact your elected members to have your say on matters that are important to your community.



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