

Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2017 - 2020 Progress Report

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Introduction and context

This report provides the first annual update on progress against the key initiatives in the Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2017-2020. It covers from October 2017 through to November 2018.

Local Board Plan progress reports are a supplementary resource for easy reference; the board regularly receives quarterly performance and annual reports on its monthly business agenda that provide a more detailed and wider record of projects and programmes. The detailed information is available through Henderson-Massey Local Board business meeting agendas on the Auckland Council website.

Local board plans

A local board plan is refreshed every three years and is one of the first major projects of each newly elected local board. It informs the development of the council's ten-year plan and local boards annual agreements and budgets. It also enables the local board to represent the public's preferences on regional strategies and plans.

Four local board plans have now been produced since the 2010 amalgamation of the region's seven city and district councils and formation of the new Auckland Council.

The latest Local Board Plan 2017-2020 was adopted by the local board in October 2018 and annual progress reports will be provided each November.

How the community helped develop the 2017-2020 plan

To help develop the draft plan the board talked informally to the community at local events and library drop-in sessions and the public filled in feedback forms and questionnaires. A draft plan was written based on what the community told the board and then written submissions were called for and hearings held as part of the formal consultation process. The 2017-2020 plan was finalised and adopted in October 2017.

How the local board plans work

Local board plans set a strategic direction and provide enough flexibility to cope with change for three years, so some change of direction in the projects and initiatives is expected from one plan to the next. The test is whether progress can be seen and whether the community's aspirations are being honoured.

In the 2017 plan, the six outcomes cover broad areas such as transport, placemaking and community life, and environmental concerns. They reflect much the same aspirations that the 2014 outcomes did. Each outcome has a list of objectives to work towards, which then contain two or three specific initiatives that can be focused on.

The following section provides a progress update on the outcomes so far.

Outcome 1: A network of vibrant and loved urban neighbourhoods

Enlivening existing town and neighbourhood centres is a major focus for the board. In addition to work on the specific initiatives in the table below, a Te Atatu South Local Centre Plan is in development, which will integrate with other work in the area such as improvements to Lloyd Morgan and Te Atatu Parks, and concept planning for the site of the now demolished Whitehouse.

As part of Unlock Henderson and in addition to work on the specific initiatives in the table below, Panuku Development Auckland is overseeing:

- Development of 2-4 and 6 Henderson Valley Rd into high density housing
- Development at 21-33 Henderson Valley Road of approximately 40 units of housing for older people and additional terraced homes.

A heritage action plan is in very early draft and actions to showcase heritage in the area will get underway in 2019.

Quality residential intensification is happening in Henderson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding contribution to the Opanuku Link project to provide a local park for the future residents of Henderson, a link through to Corban Estate from Henderson Civic Centre and a roading upgrade to provide a more pedestrian focused environment. • Subdivision consent for 2-4 Henderson Valley Road
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opanuku Link project. • "Henderson's Future". Auckland Transport's walking and cycling consultation on how to enable better walking and cycling connections for people in Henderson. • Development of a Connections Plan to fill existing gaps in the shared path network and upgrade the width and lighting of existing shared pathways to encourage greater use.

Neighbourhood centres foster a sense of identity and place

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kakano youth collective murals and street banners in Henderson. • Land owner approval for a "maker space" in Ranui community garden at Marinich Reserve.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not progressed at this stage
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henderson fairy lights repair and maintenance. • Funding support for Central Park Henderson Business Association to grow membership and develop a strategic plan.

Arts, events and cultural activities reflect our many heritages

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular programming of events to celebrate park openings such as Te Hauauru in Westgate. • Increased funding support for Waitangi Day at Hoani Waititi. • Delivery of key annual events such as Henderson Christmas Festival and Snow in the Park, and funding support for signature community-led events such as Holi and Diwali and local Christmas festivals.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not progressed at this stage.

The northwest growth area is an employment, business, community and recreation hub.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business case for aquatic provision confirmed as part of North West community facilities needs assessment.

Outcome 2: A thriving local economy that supports quality of life

There are some challenging issues for Henderson-Massey compared with the rest of the region. Statistics show fewer residents are educated to degree level and there is a greater proportion of adults with no qualifications. Unemployment is also higher than the regional average, particularly for people aged 15 to 24. Because of this the board continues to support youth-focused education and skills training through the Young Enterprise Scheme and Youth Connections.

In 2017 Henderson Lincoln Business Association merged with the Central Park Business Association and became the Central Park Henderson Business Association. It has shown healthy growth and development and the board provided funding for the business association to upgrade its database and develop a strategic plan. The business association is working hard to grow its membership and funding base.

Innovation and enterprise is enabled

<p>Work with migrant start-up businesses to enable them to grow and be more viable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding support for Panuku-led Kitchen Project, supporting food entrepreneurs who are starting out, providing them with affordable commercial kitchen space for product development and business mentoring to provide sound business skills. • 10-day Pop-Up Business School Aotearoa. A free 10-day business school that provides education and support for local people interested in starting their own business.
<p>Work with our community partners to identify and fund opportunities to prepare young people for work or further education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding support for the Young Enterprise Scheme., a year-long programme for year 12 and 13 students. The students develop creative ideas into actual businesses, complete with real products and services and experience real profit and loss. • Funding support for Youth Connections, a regional youth employment programme. • Funding support for West Auckland Enterprise and Skills Training (WEST) work programme to deliver economic development services in the West including via the West Work Ready programmes.
<p>Champion Corban Estate Arts Centre as a pivotal asset and drawcard in the west</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opanuku Reserve upgrade.

Local business collectives and hubs drive identity and success

Encourage business associations and other business groups to deliver their strategic plans for improving local prosperity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding support for Central Park Henderson Business Association strategic plan development and growing membership.
Partner with Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development to encourage internationally competitive industries, such as the creative, health and technology sectors, to grow in our area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Tech Hub feasibility study underway, to assess demand for a shared working space in Henderson for small businesses with an environmental sustainability focus.
Support local Maori to explore establishing free enterprise/entrepreneurship ideas and points of difference for west Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not progressed at this stage.
Revitalise Henderson by promoting a leading sustainability and urban eco-centre identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary bike hub implementation. • Permanent bike hub feasibility investigation. • Green Tech Hub feasibility study

Outcome 3: communities know each other and work together on common interests

People know each other and feel connected in their neighbourhoods

Partnering with community organisations is fundamental to the way the board works. It continues to fund local community groups to deliver neighbourhood-focused activities and initiatives such as youth leadership programmes; preschool learning programmes; food rescue programmes and healthy cooking classes; upcycling centres; neighbourhood events and many more.

A number of successful community programmes working on governance and capacity building with community groups were moved from one year to two-year funding agreements this year. This provides greater stability to focus on what matters long-term and enables wider delivery in the community.

People know each other and feel connected in their neighbourhoods

Support residents to improve their communities through small local initiatives such as street barbeques, picnics and Neighbours Day events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Board Community Grants programme • “Love your Neighbourhood” programme • Funding support to community groups to lead and support neighbourhood initiatives. • Older persons action plan developed and delivered by local community groups.
Establish new ways for people to connect with us such as neighbourhood forums or promoting more use of social media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not progressed at this stage

Strong community organisations are making a difference

Develop long-term funding agreements to support community groups to focus on what matters locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established community group funding agreements increased from one to two-year terms to support stability and longer-term projects.
Champion active community participation and encourage volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding support to community groups to facilitate resident led initiatives for street clean ups etc. • “Love your Streams” environmental programme

Diversity and difference is embraced and valued

Support rangatahi in growing their confidence and leadership through projects that build on their interests and challenge them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nga Kawa o Tangaroa Tikanga - a youth development programme that focuses on diving and collecting kai moana (shellfish), whilst strengthening whanau ties through activities. • Funding support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tula'i Youth Leadership Pasifika programme • Youth Week • Youth Voice implementation • Rangatahi project • Ranui 135 to support local community youth initiatives
Identify and invite advocates and leaders of representative groups the board does not currently have a relationship with to present views and insights to elected members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not progressed at this stage

Mana whenua and matāwaka rights are acknowledged and their needs and aspirations widely known

Develop relationships and agree shared goals with mana whenua, local Māori and key Māori organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Toitū Waitakere Action Plan developed. The draft action plan includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key aspirations and priorities for Maori in the area • Opportunities to work together • A plan for building strong relationships and sharing information with Maori • Mana whenua relationship agreements in development. • “Te Kete Rukuruku” programme - Māori naming of reserves and facilities phase 1 completed. The board has identified parks to have names to be gifted.
Support Matariki and other significant Māori events as a source of insight to kaupapa Māori	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding support for Matariki at Harbourview/Orangihina. • Increased funding support for Waitangi Day at Hoani Waititi.

Outcome 4: Community facilities are vibrant and welcoming places at the heart of our communities

Community facilities, including parks, sports fields and community centres, are under increasing pressure as the population grows, so the local board's focus is on making them fit for purpose and looking for ways to use them more effectively.

For parks, investigations into play provision and supply of drinking fountains across Henderson-Massey are underway. Royal Reserve in Massey is complete and will be officially opened next year. Concept plans for the Opanuku Reserve upgrade in Henderson are complete and the draft masterplan for Harbourview/Orangihina in Te Atatu Peninsula has gone out for public consultation. Planning for upgrades to Te Atatu South and Lloyd Morgan Lions Club Parks in Te Atatu South, and Riverpark Reserve in Massey has begun. The board has also contributed funds to develop Te Whau pathway.

For community centres, construction of the new Westgate multipurpose facility combining a library and community spaces is almost complete and will open in early 2019. A major refurbishment for Kelston Community Centre is at the planning stage.

People are more active

Partner with community sport and recreation groups to lift residents' exercise levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding support for Sport Waitakere to deliver a sport and recreation participation programme. • Funding support to develop partnership opportunities with Waitemata Rugby Football Club to investigate the potential to develop multi-sport facilities on Waitemata Rugby Football Club grounds.
Support our sport and recreation groups to find appropriate accommodation and playing venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waitakere Waka Ama club site investigation. • New lease to Henderson Valley Pony Club and West Auckland Riding for the Disabled to facilitate development of a covered arena for Riding for the Disabled.

Our parks and recreational services provide a range of accessible experiences for our diverse community

Extend the variety of play and exercise experiences for a range of ages and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of new park, Te Hauāuru, in Westgate. • Royal Reserve upgrade. • Harbourview/Orangihina masterplan. • Opanuku Reserve development – papa tākaro playground themes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigation of drinking fountains in parks across Henderson-Massey • Riverpark Reserve playground upgrade. • Play Provision assessment to identify gaps in play provision and types of play experiences provided.
Deliver on coastal area priorities identified in the open space network plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Whau Pathway development through parks in Henderson-Massey.

Our libraries respond to changing technology and social needs of the community

Work to encourage and attract first-time users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmes for children and youth engagement to grow awareness of library resources.
Target programmes to users with different needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing via responsive libraries programming.

Our community facilities are well-used and flexible in meeting community needs

Ensure the programmes run in our facilities are developed in consultation with the communities being served by them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing via community facilities programming. • Westgate multipurpose facility programming planned for 2019.
Investigate ways to improve community awareness of facility programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Making the most of what we've got” - project to develop an approach or campaign that raises awareness of the many activities and experiences available in community facilities.

Outcome 5: It is easy to get around without a car

Local boards have access to funding from Auckland Transport to allocate to capital transport projects. The projects can be as big or as small as the individual board wants, as long as they are for transport capital works. This year the board allocated some of this funding to Panuku Development Ltd. to deliver transport related works under the “Unlock Henderson” programme, and to Te Whau Pathway project to progress sections of the pathway that run through parks in the Henderson-Massey area.

The board have also developed a connections plan focusing on identifying gaps in the shared path network that can form the basis for further capital transport projects.

The board also advocates on major regional transport plans; in feedback on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan it strongly supported the vision for light rail along the northwest corridor.

Safe footpaths and cycleways enable people to reach key destinations in a timely manner

Fill existing gaps in the shared path network – getting through the Henderson centre and between the two Project Twin Streams pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Henderson’s Future” – Auckland Transport consultation on how to enable better walking and cycling connections for people in Henderson • Development of a Connections Plan to fill existing gaps in the shared path network and upgrade the width and lighting of existing shared pathways to encourage greater use.
Work with neighbouring local boards and Te Whau Walkway Trust to deliver the Te Whau coastal boardwalk shared path project and enhance connectivity between parks and key council facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding support for Whau Pathway Trust trust operations and for related capital works in the Henderson-Massey area.
Upgrade the width and lighting of existing shared pathways to encourage greater use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a Connections Plan to fill existing gaps in the shared path network and upgrade the width and lighting of existing shared pathways to encourage greater use.
Implement signage and other wayfinding tools to make it easier for people to find their way around and learn more about their community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not progressed at this stage

A flexible public transport network that meets the varied needs of a growing population

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<p>Champion integration of the future Henderson Transport Interchange with Henderson town centre to maximise the opportunity for local economic benefits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panuku Development Ltd. residential plans and design for Waitakere Central council site at 6 Henderson Valley Road.
<p>Champion construction of a dedicated rapid public transport corridor along State Highway 16 from Westgate to the city</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing advocacy • The local board submitted to the draft Regional Land Transport Plan, strongly supporting light rail along the northwest corridor. • As part of the Supporting Growth Route Protection Programme in the adopted plan, an AT/NZTA Alliance has been established to look at route protection for the preferred public transport network in the north west, north and southern growth areas.
<p>Encourage Auckland Transport to investigate park-and-ride options to make it easier for residents who live more remotely to access public transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not progressed at this stage

Outcome 6: Natural spaces are valued and restored

Protecting the natural environment in an urban area can be challenging. The board believe that the people who live here are central to meeting that challenge. Through the funding partnerships with Ecomatters and Community Waitakere, neighbourhood initiatives around environmental restoration through planting, stream clean-ups and stewardship and community-led pest control are successful and popular.

The draft Harbourview/Orangihina Masterplan has protection of ecologically significant areas in the park as a key principle. The board plans to develop an ecological restoration plan in 2019 to underpin this key principle and provide a guidance framework for the community groups who are dedicated to ecological restoration in the park.

People are central to maintaining our environment

Support Māori as kaitiaki of the environment when developing community and council projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pā Harakeke Kaitiaki Project: developing sites across Henderson-Massey and building local capacity in the traditional knowledge of practices and uses relating to harakeke • Ngā Puna Manaaki Inanga project: working with local community to restore and mitigate inanga spawning sites
Bring communities together at neighbourhood level through environmental projects on waste and pollution reduction, water and energy saving, and stream restoration and enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Love Your Neighbourhood” grants programme: Supports volunteer-driven practical environmental initiatives such as environmental clean ups and restoration, community planting and food growing. • “Love Your Streams”: programme to support community stream stewardship. • “War on Weeds” campaign: Jumbo bins provided at key sites in the local board area for a four-week period for community disposal of weeds. • North-West Wildlink Assistance Programme • Pest Free Te Atatū coordinator and free pest trapping tunnels

The water quality of our streams and tidal areas is improving

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<p>Work with the owners of residential and industrial properties adjoining waterways to reduce negative impacts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry Pollution Prevention Programme: Providing advice and support to local businesses to reduce their impact on stream pollution. • North-West Wildlink assistance programme - Rutherford College lower field planting. The field backs directly onto a fragile saltmarsh wetland area home to both moho pererū (banded rail) and the mātātā (fernbird). This site has been identified by Auckland Council as a Significant Ecological Area.
<p>Install water quality education and information signage at key public access points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not progressed at this stage

Biodiversity is increasing

<p>Identify, protect and improve rare and endangered habitats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Harbourview/Orangihina masterplan: a key principle in the plan is protection of ecologically significant areas in the park. • Ngā Puna Manaaki Inanga project: working with local community to restore and mitigate inanga spawning sites
<p>Promote private native planting to help restore indigenous ecosystems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not progressed at this stage

New urban development contributes to an improved environment

<p>Champion the integration of water saving, and energy and waste reduction initiatives into new council facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westgate Multi-purpose Facility design and build. • Ongoing as part of Council design principles.
<p>Provide guidance to greenfield developers about the value of contributing to the North-West Wildlink corridor of ecosystems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not progressed at this stage