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Time: 2:00pm  
Meeting Room: Waitematā Local Board Office  
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52 Swanson Street  
Auckland  

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**Waitematā Local Board**  
**OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment A

Wynyard Quarter Street Network

- The planning for Wynyard Quarter contemplated two main street routes in and out of the Quarter: one via Fanshawe Street and the other via the Te Wero bridge.
- In 2008 the ARC and Sea Port City investigated the connection of Bastion Street with Wynyard Quarter via light rail across the proposed Te Wero bridge.
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Item 8.1

The Original Concept for the Te Wero bridge

- In 2008, architects Denton Corker Marshall, in collaboration with engineers Hylton Consulting and Kenneth Guthrie Associates, won the international design competition for the Te Wero Bridge in Auckland, New Zealand.
- The bridge was intended for public transport, cycle and pedestrian use.
- In 2010 there was insufficient budget to fund its construction.

The Proposed New Te Wero Bridge

- It is designed for cycle and pedestrian use only and does not provide full street access to Wynyard Quarter.
- While sympathetic with the design of the original bridge, it only functionally replaces on a like for like basis the current temporary bridge constructed in 2011.
- Its load bearing capabilities and design is incapable of carrying public transport.
Current Public Transport access to Wynyard Quarter

- The current route used by the Red Citylink Bus from Rintemart to Wynyard Quarter operates via Customs Street and Fanshawe Street to Wynyard Quarter.
- This stage of the bus journey is approximately 3.72 km per trip.

Current Route Operations

- The Citylink Bus operates from the terminus in Wynyard Quarter.
- Monday to Friday: Every 7 to 8 mins 6:00am to midnight*
- Weekends & Public Holidays: Every 10 mins from 6.20am to midnight*

*Latest departure time
Current Route Statistics

- The GtF Glf bus makes 45940 scheduled journeys per season.
- Every year these buses consume approximately 61,522 liters of Diesel for the journey between Britomart and Wynyard Quarter.
- They also produce 167.35 tonnes of CO2.

*Figures are based on the most recent data from Cycle 2018-19.*

Tram & Electric Bus via the Te Wero bridge
### Electric Bus Option

- Operates via Te Wero bridge and therefore serves 45,940 vehicle trips per annum from Customs and Fanshaw Streets.
- Emissions Free.
- Quicker journey time as the route to Wynyard Quarter is uncrowded.
- Route can operate as a stand-alone or be a complement to the existing Citylink bus, once this route is converted to electric buses.

### Electric Tram Option

- Operates via Te Wero bridge and also serves 45,940 vehicle trips per annum from Customs and Fanshaw Streets.
- Emissions Free and Sustainable.
- Quicker journey time as the route to Wynyard Quarter is uncrowded.
- Route operates as a stand-alone with the scheduled and passenger capacity being the same as the current Citylink bus.
- Operational costs of a Tram are similar to that of electric buses.
**Electric Tram Option**

- A line to Botanic Viaduct via Te Wero Bridge would serve the existing Wynyard Quarter tram loop network.
- The cost of restoring a heritage Auckland tram is comparable to the cost of a modern electric boiler (approx. $253,000).
- The recent Dockline tramway rolling stock in Melbourne would operate in the backbone of the public services fleet.
- Trams have substantially lower operational costs than buses without carbon dioxide emissions.
- Unique public transport and heritage feature in downtown Auckland.

**Summary**

- The new bridge design only replaces the temporary Te Wero bridge with a like-for-like solution and doesn’t allow for future development.
- The proposed bridge will severely restrict one of the two primary routes into Wynyard Quarter.
Information Sources

- Ownership and Operating Costs of a Diesel Bus compared to an Electric Bus
  [webpage link]

- Fuel CO2 calculator: carbon dioxide emissions in kg
  [webpage link]
Te Tuhi Studios at Parnell Station

Partners

Stephanie Post
Project Instigator
Co-Director of Auckland Art Fair acting in a personal capacity

Auckland Transport
Building Partner

Contemporary Art Foundation (Auckland Council CCO)
License Holder
Intend to promote, encourage and support the arts within Auckland for the benefit and enjoyment of the Auckland Community and the public at large.

Te Tuhi Contemporary Art Trust
Managing Partner
A Charitable Trust committed to contemporary art that is locally engaged, regionally responsive and internationally ambitious.
Attachment A

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![Image of station platform]

![Image of station building]
Business Model

With the interior of the Parnell Station Building not required operationally by Auckland Transport, and commercial use of the interior not currently feasible, the building presented a case study opportunity for use as a ‘meanwhile’ space for artists. The temporary venture will provide a point of interest for the local community and add value to a non-operational AT building asset for future commercial opportunity.

The interior of the building will be licensed to Te Tūhi for a 3-year period from April/May 2019. The interior has been specifically designed to be fit-for-purpose as artist studios and gallery space while also protecting the heritage fabric of the building for future restoration. Fit-out costs have been kept as low as possible in order to keep the studio spaces affordable.

Auckland Transport has funded the fit out costs, which will be recovered from CAF over the three year licence period. CAF passes this charge on to studio artists. The business model is net zero for AT and CAF.
Attachment A

Item 8.2

Te Tuhikā is one of New Zealand’s foremost contemporary art organisations, known for commissioning ambitious new works by diverse artists. Te Tuhikā is renowned for supporting curatorial research, resulting in exhibitions that are locally engaged, regionally responsive and internationally ambitious with a strong awareness of social, political and environmental issues. Te Tuhikā also leads the field in delivering a strong programme of community engagement through its public programme.

Te Tuhikā provides spaces to visual artists who support its values and ways of working. As a supportive, not-for-profit organisation, Te Tuhikā plans to keep studio rents as low as possible. This will require occasional fundraising efforts.

Te Tuhikā’s studio project will provide an environment in which artists can develop their practices and expand their networks. It is intended that the studios will contribute to a vibrant arts and cultural community in Auckland, combining principles of collaboration, experimentation and inclusiveness, and engaging with the wider arts sector and the general public through public programmes including open studios, exhibitions and events.

Artist Criteria

To secure and maintain a Te Tuhikā Artist Studio, artists need to demonstrate how they will contribute to the aims and intentions of the studio project.

Te Tuhikā is looking for a mix of artists at different stages of their careers and with a variety of visual arts practices.

Studies are prioritised for visual artists who are:
- Committed to critically engaged contemporary visual art practice.
- Either have, or are seeking to build, a career as a professional artist.
- Exhibiting or engaging in opportunities (exhibitions, projects, residencies) locally, nationally and/or internationally.
- Committed to regular on-going use of their studio.
- Committed to constructively participate in Te Tuhikā’s artistic and education programmes.
1. **Open Space corridor or Green Link Corridor**

Auckland City Memorandum dated January 1992 – tabled at the meeting

1.1. This was a proposal put forward by the Zoo in 1992.

This is an idea whose time has come.

We want you to embrace this idea and declare the following areas an
Open Space Corridor: Bullock Track Gully, Western Springs Stadium,
Western Springs Forest, Western Springs Lakeside, Waiatea (Motions
Creek), the Zoo, Jaggers Bush, Seddon Fields, Lemington Walk, Westmere
Coastal Edge, and Te Tokaroa (Meola Reef), Motat, Chamberlain Park,
Western Springs Gardens and Horticultural Centre, Meola Creek, Pasadena
Intermediate School, Western Springs College, Sir Keith Park Memorial
Airfield, Moa Reserve, Fowlds Park and Arch Hill Reserve.

1.2 I have just started talking to **North West Wild Link** whose co-ordinator has
expressed interest in this idea of formally extending the corridor to central
Auckland. An idea which is really only recognising what is happening in
practice. I have to take this further with them to put it to the whole group
but the conversation has started.

1.3 **Save Chamberlain Park** want to see the Park turned into a wildlife sanctuary
and golf course, similar but not the same as Wairakei Sanctuary and Golf,
instead of split up, and the mature ‘protected’ trees destroyed (the
masterplan is to reconfigure the golf course to a 9 hole course).

1.4 By joining Western Springs Lakeside Park with Chamberlain park by a
green bridge Auckland Council would double the size of the biodiversity
hotspot in the centre of the city.

1.5 By declaring the ‘open space corridor or green corridor ’ and restoring the
link between Western Springs Lakeside park and Chamberlain Park, plus
extending the Western Springs SEA, or creating a new category to preserve
these areas for wildlife in perpetuity, Council will immediately signal a
change in its focus from concrete, intensification and undervaluing its
urban tree canopy amenity towards living together sustainably in balance
and harmony with nature.

1.6 This will require a different, more skilled, approach to the management of
these areas which Council Community Facilities currently does not have
the skills for. I am not impressed with Downer’s new manager Carl he
seems to have the same old unsatisfactory solutions which is destroying
our biodiversity – culling the wild birds who are congregating in Western Springs because humans are feeding them. We need to find new solutions.

1.7 I am writing to Shale and you all in greater detail about the problems with the current focus of your Western Springs Plan.

2. Western Springs Forest going forward:

Rob's Notice of Motion gives you all an opportunity to pause and have a second look. It would be very shocking if you failed to do this because of political expediency. We are not going to go away.

2.1 Last meeting Shale raised the issue of personal liability and Deborah Manning explained why his view was incorrect.

But there is another issue which you have failed to properly consider which will attach liability and which the full public liability risks have not been assessed.

2.2 In March 2018 I explained to you all in a letter why you were exposing yourselves to personal liability and Council to liability for damage to the stakeholder residents whose brick houses, prone to cracking, are located at the top of the hill backing on to the forest.

2.3 A comprehensive geotechnical and structural engineering report has never been done on the consequences to the hillside of removing the 200 protected trees and the under-storey ngahere. The Forest Owners Association identifies a 1-6 years ‘window of vulnerability’ for slope instability after vegetation removal if replanting with fast growing *pinus radiata*. They say the period is much longer if replanting with natives. A landscaper friend who works in Auckland told me that it could be as long as 20 years.

2.4 This area is clay and we know that as soon as the vegetation is removed the hillside will start to dry out. The houses on the top of the slope are double-walled brick houses which are prone to cracking. It is probable, if this project proceeds, that these houses buildings insurance policies will have their premiums increased as a direct result of this project. The public liability risk to Council over the next 1 to 20 years has not been assessed or even addressed.

2.5 Two Geotech reports that have been done to date on this project:

1) was done for a company called Greenscene and limited its use to Greenscene but Council was allowed to rely on it solely for the resource consent application. No other persons were allowed to rely on this report. It is significant that Waitemata Local Board relied on this report to tell the residents of West View Road incorrectly that their houses were safe. This
report did not even address this issue. The report is limited to advising solely for the period of the clear felling project;

2) the second Geotech report was done for Council. Is limited to the period of the clear felling project alone. It says the houses at the top of the hill will not be affected but it is not comprehensive. Does not cover the possibility of vibration damage to the houses. Only Council can rely on it.

There is and never has been a structural engineering report.

There has never been an assessment of the public liability risks to Council of the long term possible negative consequences to the properties and slope stability. This is totally irresponsible. Just underlines the big problems with this project going forward no matter what the Commissioners decide.

3. The Commissioner’s decision if it is consent with conditions:

Through the resource consent process residents have identified serious problems in this department. Residents have no confidence in this department.

4. The Resource Consent process has resulted in a modified plan and methodology but it’s deeply flawed and inadequate. We just don’t know what Community Facilities intend to do now. They have ignored direction from the Commissioners and were disrespectful of Council’s own processes. We don’t trust them to guard the values of our SEA Forest nor to comply with conditions the Commissioners may set.

5. Residents have formed an incorporated society in preparation for the decision. Residents and submitters are now in a position to take the matter further - to the Environment Court - should consent be granted.

6. The numbers of trees to be lost by this project in Western Springs Forest represent approximately 4-5 years tree removal events, in the Waitemata Local Board area, of urban forest canopy cover, all in one event.

7. According to that tree loss report, Westmere is already one of the suburbs suffering the most tree loss. The destruction of this Forest habitat in Westmere also has huge negative implications for Auckland’s biodiversity.

Rachel Carson warned in Silent Spring “we stand now where two roads diverge”. 1962 The risks of not taking the correct road are too grave to contemplate.

Earth’s human population has doubled since 1970 1 million plant and animal species now at risk of imminent extinction. 3 quarters of all land and 2 thirds of our waters altered by human activity that prioritises plunder of our natural riches over conservation.
REPORT TO: Zoo Director and Parks Manager
Avondale, Mt. Albert, Western Bays

FROM: Hugh Lusk
Senior Landscape Architect

DATE: January 1992

RE: WESTERN SPRINGS- MEOLA REEF
OPEN SPACE CORRIDOR
PRELIMINARY REPORT JANUARY 1992

1.0 Background

1.1 Auckland Zoo in its strategic plan (see Appendix) has promoted the concept of establishing a bush habitat corridor linking the Bullock Track, Grey Lynn with Westmere, and Te Tokoroa (Meola Reef). This corridor would provide the potential to increase indigenous wildlife in the area by restoring the degraded open space habitat as well as utilising the resource as an aid for education and the interpretation of conservation values. It would also secure a natural backdrop to the Zoo, which will enhance its standing as quality open space.

1.2 The Western Springs-Meola Reef Corridor landscape is a landmark open space influenced by the lava flows of Three Kings, Maungawhau and Owairaka. While the landscape has been substantially modified in European times some of the features which make it unique are either still intact or can be restored. Auckland City Council and the local community have recognised opportunities to conserve and restore habitat by supporting conservation projects at Te Tokoroa (Meola Reef), Jaggars Bush and Western Springs. However, to ensure that community needs are satisfied by developing open space values to their maximum potential there is a need for an integrated strategy to establish a clear plan for the management of the corridor.

1.3 The intended Open Space Corridor would be the result of the physical and visual linking of the following areas: Bullock Track Gully, Western Springs Stadium, Western Springs Forest, Western Springs Lakeside, Waiaatea (Motions Creek), the Zoo, Jaggars Bush, Seddon Fields, Lemington Walk, Westmere Coastal Edge, and Te Tokoroa (Meola Reef). The waters of the creek and the basalt lava flow are two linear elements to which the spaces are variously linked.
1.4 In addition the open space corridor is in turn connected to other open space in the locality viz.: Motat, Chamberlain Park, Western Springs Gardens, Meola Creek, Pasadena Intermediate School, Western Springs College, Sir Keith Park Memorial Airfield, Moa Reserve and Fowlds Park.

2.0 The Brief

2.1 The principal purpose of this preliminary study is to carry out a landscape survey of the character areas that make up the open space corridor particularly addressing physical and visual character, ecology and the presence of built elements.

Ultimately the following will need to be tackled:

- Investigate work to date to enhance the conservation values of the corridor.
- Liaise with Zoo staff to establish habitat values that would complement the Zoo Strategic Plan.
- Identify opportunities for enhancing conservation values in the composite character areas through habitat enhancement and creation.
- Prepare open space landscape plans and specifications which include a strategy for appropriate rehabilitation of specific character areas.
- Prepare designs and guidelines for pedestrian circulation, interpretation and management of the corridor.
- Consider appropriate siting for extramural Zoo facilities including a storage and composting area and fodder crop plantations.

As part of further study and analysis of the character areas the following other parameters will need to be discussed: landform and physiography, open space land status, microclimate, the built environment, and heritage and statutory issues (ACC, ARC and DoC requirements).

3.0 The Open Space Corridor Plan

3.1 The plan “Western Springs Meola Reef Open Space Corridor: Potential for Landscape Enhancement/Habitat Creation” illustrates the linked spaces which provide the potential for the establishment of a managed habitat corridor. The corridor is made up of the following character areas:

- Bullock Track
- Stadium Fields
- Western Springs Stadium
- Western Springs Forest
- Zoo Forest
- Zoo
- Jaggers Bush
- Seddon Fields
Lemington Walk
Westmere Coastal Edge
Te Tokaroa/Meola Reef, and
the meandering Waiaatea, Motons Creek
linking the character areas.

3.2 The ecology of the character areas is remarkably diverse. Included are the fresh and estuarine waters of Waiaatea, the indigenous and exotic bush zones, regenerating coastal foreshore, wetland and steep dry ridges, grazed pasture and mown parkland and plantation forest.

3.3 The plan "Open Space Corridor - Potential for Landscape Enhancement/Habitat Creation" provides an area by area summary of potential for improvement of corridor habitat and other landscape elements.

The broad objectives for the management of the corridor are as follows:
- Recognise the visual significance of the open space edge linking Western Springs/Meola Reef.
- Conserve existing indigenous habitat.
- Rehabilitate derelict and other areas to create self-sustaining habitat corridors.
- Phase out noxious and other invasive weeds as appropriate.
- Upgrade pedestrian circulation by improving existing walkways and providing new links between character areas.
- Record and conserve heritage sites.
- Provide interpretation of the corridor habitat and other landscape elements.
- Satisfy zoo requirements for expansion including new storage and composting facilities and the provision of fodder tree crops.

4.0 Recommendations and further work:
1. Present preliminary study findings to the Zoo Director and Parks Manager, Avondale, Mt. Albert, Western Bays.
2. Further liaise with Western Area office on open space management, development and funding issues.
3. Liaise with DoC, ARC, community groups on preliminary study and opportunities for community involvement.
4. Prepare landscape conservation and rehabilitation plans for the open space corridor, i.e. linking Waiaatea/Te Tokaroa/Westmere with the Bullock Track. These plans should include the following:
4.1 Definition of the character areas in the open space corridor, in terms of their present habitat and landscape quality.

4.2 Identification of opportunities for conservation and rehabilitation in each area.

4.3 Preparation of a strategy for conservation and rehabilitation of habitat by revegetation etc.

4.4 Preparation of working drawings and specifications for each character area.

4.5 Development of a phased programme for implementation.

5.0 Provision of a rigorous on-going post implementation evaluation.

Hugh Lusk
Senior Landscape Architect

Appendix

From "Auckland Zoo Development Plan" July 1991
"The Zoo intends to continue its role as a vital community resource in the 1990's. It has recently reviewed its mission and confirmed that its primary goal is conservation, with a responsibility to conserve the biological heritage of Auckland. These goals require the Zoo to develop accordingly".

Areas Requiring Change

"Hillside - this was identified as an important area, highly valued as a back-drop to the zoo and as native woodland with wildlife content ... passive recreation area with interpretative walks ..."

Zoo Missions and Goals

Over the last decade expectation of Zoos have changed dramatically as a response to increasing environmental pressures and changes in technology.

Among these are:

- The rapid disappearance of wild habitats and wildlife
- Increased public knowledge and 'interest' in wildlife and conservation
- etc.
Auckland Zoo Mission Statement:

"To provide for the citizens of Auckland and its visitors an animal-focused recreational and educational facility which takes an active role in the long term conservation of wildlife, with emphasis on that of NZ."

The Zoo and Conservation

The Zoo's goal of conservation is to keep living species alive, as part of a natural biological community. It can make an even greater contribution by raising public understanding and involvement in wildlife conservation.

Key Features of Tomorrow's Zoo

Thematic zones ...
... New Zealand Living Communities ...
Key exhibits include ... board walk paths (interpreted) through bush on hillside. (Where the Rainforest, NZ House of the Night and Native Bird Aviary will be located).

See p.p. 29-30 "The Setting - Western Springs Area."
and p.33 "Natural Features"

"10 A revegetation programme should be implemented immediately for the forested hillside at the northern end of the zoo. The aim is to restore native habitat, enhancing the stand of regenerates (sic) bush currently there. It is critical that adequate native understorey be available to replace the mature canopy of exotics which are very old and beginning to die."

".... develop interpretative programmes focusing on conservation."

"Auckland Zoo 1990/91 Action Plan (p. 61)."

"Animal Exhibits/Facilities"

... Goal
3. Expand existing facilities and/or develop off-site facilities to ensure the achievement of the Zoo's aims.

... Objective
"Examine the need for expansion to existing facilities (e.g. Western Springs, Meola, Seddon Fields) or development of off-site facilities.

Target.
Include assessment of off-site facilities and Zoo expansion in Strategic Development Plan.

References
- Auckland City Council Employment Department Reports on Green Print Walkways.
- Western Springs Stadium - Revegetation Report Auckland City Council 1987
- Auckland City Proposed District Scheme 1987
- Auckland Zoo Development Plan, July 1991
- Western Springs Draft Management Plan, 1979
WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD
ACHIEVEMENTS REPORT (draft)
1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

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Message from the Chair

PLACEHOLDER — To be drafted

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Projects and Initiatives

Ponsonby Park

The former Auckland City Council purchased 254 Ponsonby Road in 2006 with the intention of developing a mixed-use site incorporating a public open space.

In 2014 we endorsed a community-led design process, which allowed community members to take the lead in developing their vision for the design of Ponsonby Park. The design was strongly endorsed by the public and saw the development of the full site as an open space including a park, pavilion, plaza, lanes and street upgrades.

We adopted the community’s vision as Waitematā Local Board’s priority unfunded capital project and advocated to the Governing Body for funding to develop the site through the council’s 10-year budget process.

In December 2018 the Environment and Community Committee unanimously supported retaining the full site at 254 Ponsonby Road for the purpose of creating a civic space.

There is sufficient One Local Initiative funding (allocated through the Long-term Plan 2018-2028) available for phase one of the project ($5.5 million) without asset sales. For phase two ($5.3 million), the local board proposes to partially fund this through the Council’s Service Property Optimisation approach. A detailed business case and design of the site can now commence for construction in 2020/2021.

Community Facility Improvements

Auckland Central City Library

The local board made additional funding available, so that the Auckland Central City Library can open for an extra hour on Saturdays and Sundays.

The additional opening hours on weekends have enabled library staff to start a new program called “browse the basement” which involves assisted visits to the library’s collection held in the basement. During a recent tour, a large Iranian contingent attended and excitedly took photos on the basement lower level, a space they described as ‘really magical’.

These additional hours have been very well received and we intend on continuing to support this initiative in the next financial year.
Grey Lynn Library
The local board has continued to allocate additional funding so that the library can remain open an extra half hour each Saturday. The later closing time has been well received and allows the library to accommodate more visits from children and families over the weekend.

313 Queen Street
This community space underwent a renovation in late 2018, including kitchen renewal, bathroom facilities and hot water capacity to enable the reactivation of this lesasable space. Expressions of interest from performing arts groups interested in leasing the space were sought following the renewal and closed in December 2018. Each application received was reviewed and evaluated against a set of criteria. The lease to occupy the renovated space has been awarded to [name of successful applicant].

Baseent Theatre
We allocated funding from our renewal budget to upgrade the toilet facilities and accessibility of the theatre building on the ground level. The upgrade was completed March 2019.

Herne Bay Petanque Club
In December 2018 the bathroom fixtures and fittings at the Herne Bay Petanque Club were replaced, making the facilities more fit for purpose for users.

Parnell Baths
A comprehensive upgrade was undertaken at Parnell Baths which included works to the pool concourse and improvements to the pool filtration system. The facility re-opened on 1 December 2018 and remained open until 29 April 2019.

Gray Lynn Paddling Pool
The Gray Lynn Paddling Pool near the Grosvenor Street entrance to Gray Lynn Park received an upgrade in November 2018. The perimeter fencing was replaced, and the pool and associated buildings were repainted.

Albert Park Caretakers Cottage
In November 2018 the structural review, seismic strengthening, exterior and interior upgrade of the Albert Park Caretakers cottage was completed.

The Albert Park Caretakers Cottage will be made available for use by community and other groups.
Albert Park - Band Rotunda
The historic band rotunda, understood to be the oldest of its kind in Auckland, was renewed in November 2018, which involved replacement of old and damaged material and repainting.

Symonds Street Cemetery

Symonds Street Cemetery is one of Auckland’s most historic and unusual public parks. With its combination of scattered graves, grassed open spaces, deciduous glades and native forest, the cemetery forms an interesting and unique passive recreation area on the fringe of the city centre.

We recognise the significance of this place and have allocated funding towards programmes that ensure the maintenance and restoration of the cemetery’s monuments and surrounding natural heritage area.

Symonds Street Cemetery Development Plan implementation

The local board runs a response fund which delivers objectives from the Symonds Street Cemetery development plan, this includes:

- the continued licencing and management of the STORY app;
- providing specialist conservator services to repair or remove graffiti vandalism on monuments;
- providing conservator advice to assist families prepare consents and undertake conservation work on family graves; and
- purchasing plants and support community and volunteer events in the cemetery.

The app is a great source of historical information on the cemetery via the net.

Some of the families that attended the Heritage Festival walks at the cemetery offered to share their family stories, the stories of John and Jane Smith and Chief Constable Benjamin Woods are now available on the STORY app.

Symonds Street Cemetery Monument Conservation Programme

A monument conservation programme has been developed to assist in informing the future care of the cemetery, focusing on the protection and preservation of this historic site.

Three monuments were identified for major work in the Wesleyan section of the cemetery, namely Nutting, Thorne and James. The conservation work on these monuments was completed in March 2019.
Symonds Street Cemetery Pathway Network
In 2012 we embarked on a long term initiative to upgrade Symonds Street Cemetery as a local park.

In July 2018 the local board approved the development and installation of the Symonds Street Cemetery pathways as part of their Community Facilities Work Programme.

The draft Symonds Street Cemetery path network detailed plan 2018 was prepared and consulted on. This led to some amendments which has resulted in the final Symonds Street Cemetery Path Network Detailed Design being adopted by the local board in February 2019. Physical works commenced late May 2019.

Park Improvements

Western Park local boardwalk, path and stair renewal
In October 2016 the stairs were renewed at Western Park. This included the installation of new handrails along the stairs to improve accessibility and the viewing platform on Hopetoun Street has been re-decked.

In December local board members joined local residents to celebrate the new stairs that connect Hopetoun Street with Western Park.

Grey Lynn Park change room upgrade
This long-standing project got the green light in May 2019. The change rooms at Grey Lynn Park are due for an upgrade which entails the development of new change rooms and toilets and includes demolition of the Old Athletics building.

The local board has provided direction to the concept design which was consulted on with the Richmond Rovers Rugby League Club.

The physical works are expected to start after the Richmond Rovers Rugby League winter season, around October 2019.

Saltburn Reserve Entrance Way
The Masonic Lodge was purchased from an Open Space budget by the former Auckland City Council to create an entranceway into Saltburn Reserve.

Following public consultation in 2018, where 68 per cent of respondents favoured prioritisation of green open space, the local board made the decision to progress with the new entranceway at Saltburn Reserve.

The reserve is a neighbourhood park and provides valuable green space to the community and removal of the Masonic Lodge will allow the reinstatement of open space and will improve both functional and aesthetic outcomes at the reserve.
The project is expected to be completed by the end of June 2019.

Waitematā - Freemans Bay Park

A new park area has been created in Freemans Bay on the corner of Wellington and Hepburn Streets. In 2018 it was named Waitematā - Freemans Bay Park. Fencing has been removed to make the park more accessible to the community and picnic table has also been installed.

The local board is also supporting a community-led planting plan for the park.

St Mary’s Bay Road planting

The local board allocated funding from its Local Board Transport Capital Fund, to be used for the enhancement of the streetscape at St Mary’s Bay Road.

A survey with residents revealed that the majority of residents had a preference for any newly planted trees to be of a small to medium stature, evergreen and without any known predisposition to cause infrastructure problems.

Playground Improvements

Vermont Reserve Playground

Following public consultation, additional play equipment was installed at Vermont Reserve to incorporate climbing features, monkey bars and a junior playground structure.

The playground upgrade was celebrated on 23 November 2018. Around 80 people attended the event, with a sausage sizzle provided by maintenance contractor Ventia.

The new play equipment has been welcomed by locals, and the Community Facilities team are currently working on solutions to improve accessibility.

Sackville Reserve Playground

A new path entrance and play features for children to explore were installed at Sackville Playground.

To celebrate an event was held on 5 December 2018, with local board members staffing the sausage sizzle for the guests.
Ireland Street Reserve Playground
The Ireland Street Reserve playground has been upgraded, which included the installation of two sets of benches following the local board receiving feedback there was not enough seating in the Reserve.

The play equipment was replaced with a new set of swings, a junior playground structure as well as some stepping logs.

Western Springs Park Playground
The Western Springs Playground is up for renewal however the project was put on hold until the outcome of the Western Springs Lakeside To Wai Orea Development Plan was known.

In August 2018 we consulted on the draft Western Springs Lakeside To Wai Orea Development Plan.

The consultation feedback indicated that it was important to users of the park for the playground to be upgraded to a natural play design and we have taken on this feedback and progressed to the conceptual design stage of an upgraded playground.

Currently the project timelines are aiming for construction in Spring 2019.

Out and About Programme

The Out and About Programme is a new initiative in the local boards’ work programme, which delivers a series of free activities and events held in our local parks, spaces and places. The programme provides opportunities for people to get physically active.

Some of the summer activations were an Amazing Race with 45 participants at Western Park, a Kite Day with 36 participants at Newmarket Park, ‘on ya wheels’ treasure hunt with 85 participants at Grey Lynn Park and a park fun day with 25 participants at the Auckland Domain.

In March 2019 we delivered two girls wellness skate clinics at S10 Park, which had an average of 14 participants and focused on basic skills so beginners become confident enough to transition safely to the skate park environment.

Our first Wild Streets Festival of Play event was held at Western Park which had around 150 participants in attendance. This included a series of facilitated games with some requiring both parents and kids to work together.

Auckland Dragon Boating facilitated two ‘have a go’ sessions at Westhaven Marina during March which built slowly with 14 paddlers for the last session held.
A Women in Urbanism bike event was held, which went from the Lightpath to Westhaven
with 22 riders in attendance and included conversations along the way about how cycleways
are working for Aucklanders and their families.

Environmental Initiatives

Waitematā Stream [Moaia Creek] Restoration
This project is a catchment approach to restoring Waitākia Stream (Moaia Creek) and
empowers community and school groups to undertake water quality monitoring and
riparian restoration planting.
In August 2018 there was a Bluegreen planting event with 143 plants planted in an area
south of the spring. Another initiative from the Bluegreens volunteer group included
monitoring of pests and pest trapping.

Conservation Volunteers New Zealand had been approached to support the planting at
Motons Road and as a result over 560 plantings have occurred.

At Western Springs College students have been working on clearing and bagging
tradesandia.

At Point Chevalier School, 130 plants were planted on the bank below Te Mahurehure
Marae by 100 children. They also have a plant nursery and have produced 421 eco sourced
plants of which 368 are large enough to plant. Another 400 plants were supplied with local
board funding which provided a variety of sedges and trees for planting.

Newmarket Streamside Assistance

Newmarket Streamside Community Restoration project is a community led initiative that is
facilitated by Gecko Trust, in partnership with Auckland Council and funded by the local
board.

Through social gatherings and newsletters, From the Deck community group have engaged
with the local community and received a high level of support from the surrounding
residents.

The group have since built stone steps to enable access to the stream. They have also
conducted rat pulses and discussions as well as weeding bee events with the community.

The group is currently working on a management plan for the area as well as a volunteer
planting day for later this year.
Waipapa Stream Restoration
This initiative is in its sixth year and is a continuation of restoration works which entails pest plant control and replacement of native planting along the open section of Waipapa Stream in Parnell.

In November 2018 a poetry competition was held at Parnell School where students were asked to write a poem that related to the Waipapa Stream and the Auckland Domain environment. On a community weeding day at the stream, the winning poems were painted by a local calligrapher on the handrail running alongside the stream.

The Parnell Community Trust have started a "loan to own" pest trap library where traps are available to the wider Parnell community to purchase or loan. The wooden trap boxes have been made by the Men's Shed Auckland East.

Waipāruru Stream Restoration
This is a new restoration project initiated by the local board in 2018. The benefits of this initiative include the restoration and improvement of our local waterways, increasing both terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity by creating ecological corridors and restored riparian margins. It also empowers local communities to connect and advocate for their local natural environment and for positive freshwater outcomes.

This year a stream clean-up took place and water quality monitoring programme has been developed.

There was also the discovery of banded kokopu and eels in Waipāruru stream in Symonds Street Cemetery. The eels were found during the bat and fish survey undertaken as part of developing the restoration plan funded by the local board.

A community stream ecology workshop was held in March 2019. This workshop connected community members of the two similar stream restoration projects for the local board area (Waipāruru and Waipapa Stream).

Low Carbon Network
The Low Carbon Network is a network of individuals, households, groups, businesses operating within the Waitēmatā Local Board area, working together to promote and support local community activities that implement the Waitēmatā Local Board’s Low Carbon Action Plan.

Low carbon network members have been encouraged to get involved in the climate action conversations, in particular the Auckland Climate Action Plan Symposium. Two low carbon network members presented at the Finance and Performance Committee to highlight the need for Auckland Council to require organisations like Auckland Transport to have clear climate targets and action plans.
Other events across the low carbon networks included a Rākau (trees) event held at the Sustainable Coastlines Flagship, end of year event supporting food waste rescue initiative ‘Everybody Eats’, provision of a low carbon dinner at Ellen Melville Centre, network conversation on Air Quality with NIWA Scientists, Richard McKenzie and wider low carbon network events including a youth focused activity collaborating with the Whau Youth Board and an Arts and Climate change series at Ecofest West over March and April 2019.

Low Carbon Lifestyles
This project supports and empowers householders to lead low carbon lifestyles.

242 households were engaged with in the Waitematā Local Board area (totalling 760 residents). Of those 395 completed the four-week follow up survey with 185 taking a total of 435 actions, averaging 2.6 actions per household.

The most popular actions were talking to their household about energy efficiency, turning off appliances, reducing their shower times and changing to energy-efficient lightbulbs.

A full report with the carbon and financial savings is expected later this year.

Agrichemical-free parks
A number of parks within the Waitematā Local Board area are now being maintained without the use of agrichemicals.

The first parks to have benefited are Albert Park, Western Park, Myers Park and the non-sports sections of Victoria Park.

More than $70,000 has been allocated to the initiative, which comes in response to public feedback during the 2017 Waitematā Local Board Plan and Long-Term Plan 2018 – 2028 consultation processes.

Urban Forest Restoration
We are committed to protecting and delivering local restoration projects that restore our urban forests.

The first five sites that have been selected for restoration projects are: St Stephens Cemetery, Pt Erin Park, Point Resolution, Seddon Fields, Westmore Park, Woona Place Access and Westmere Leamington Esplanade.

Physical works so far have been prioritised on maintenance of last year’s plantings at Seddon Fields and Pt Erin Park and site prep for this year’s new plantings. This will be followed by further pest plant control. Physical works are predicted to run through July. Commented [F54]: Requires further CLA advice. Is this for Seddon Fields and Point Erin only? What is happening at the rest of the parks identified. If no achievement to report then remove from ALL.
Digital Safeswim signs
Safeswim provides real-time information online about beach safety and water quality at 84 of Auckland’s beaches. It also gives real-time warnings about unexpected beach safety risks as they occur and provides information about wind direction and tides.

This year the local board funded the installation of two digital Safeswim signs which will be installed at Herne Bay and Judges Bay so that the real-time water quality information is available at these popular swimming spots.

Community resilience

Community Disaster resilience building
Grey Lynn, Parnell and Ponsonby Community Centres have been identified as suitable facilities to take on a leadership role in promoting emergency resilience building with their local communities. They would be providing a place of safety for their community where needed during an emergency, including providing communities with emergency preparedness information and welfare support during an emergency.

The local board has allocated funding to hold two in Case of Emergency (ICE) workshops for the facilities and their communities. ICE workshops are designed to encourage step-by-step action on emergency preparedness and building local networks and social connectedness.

Addressing Homelessness

Addressing homelessness is a priority for the local board.

In September 2018, the local board endorsed a pilot outreach programme by James Liston Hostel to be held at Duthwaite Hall in Duthwaite Park from September to December 2018. The programme provided 11 weeks of engagement and support for rough sleepers, between 8.00am and 2.00pm, supervised by James Liston Hostel staff. This created an opportunity to engage with people experiencing homelessness in the area and provide links to support services.

In March 2019 the local board approved funding for the following initiatives to support the needs of the homeless community in the city centre:

- $10,000 to Lifewise to support scoping of an Auckland Housing Help Centre for a face-to-face information, advice and navigation service using a self-help approach for people who can solve their own housing needs and provide advice and support for people with multifaceted issues.

- $8,000 to Heart of the City to support the 2019 Street Guardians programme. This programme enables rough sleepers to experience and benefit from work and
community activities. The local board’s contribution will support operational delivery of the 2019 programme, building on the 2018 pilot.

- $2,000 for a volunteer training and appreciation event hosted by the local board, to acknowledge and thank the groups and individuals who volunteer their time to support the homeless community in the local board area.

Staff continue to work with the Auckland City Mission outreach team to provide training for the volunteers, building their capacity to support their work with the homeless community.

The local board hopes to continue to partner with community agencies, central government and collaborate with council teams to ensure a holistic and joined-up approach is taken to address issues in the local board area.

Planning

Parnell Plan

The Parnell Plan was adopted by the local board in December 2018.

The plan was created through a community empowered approach supported by a working group made up of representatives from the Blind Foundation, Parnell Heritage, Waitakere Local Board, Parnell District School, youth representatives, Auckland War Memorial Museum, the Parnell Business Association, Parnell Community Trust, Parnell Community Committee and mana whenua.

Community-wide engagement on the draft plan was undertaken in May and June 2018. The collaborative, community-led approach to developing the draft plan for Parnell resulted in positive, constructive feedback from many submitters.

The public engagement received over 200 pieces of feedback and the use of the “Tuk-Talk” initiative was very successful with over 600 feedback forms being submitted.

The plan’s vision for Parnell is “Auckland’s First Suburb: A thriving, creative, and collaborative community that celebrates its unique natural, cultural and historic environment.”

This vision is supported by five objectives and a range of strategies under each objective, as follows:

- Objective 1: Promote Parnell as an innovative and creative place to work, live, visit and do business
- Objective 2: Enhance connectivity and accessibility within Parnell and with its neighbouring places
Objective 3: Enable the community to use and enjoy its great places and spaces
Objective 4: Value, protect and enhance Parnell’s natural environment
Objective 5: Respect, recognise and protect Parnell’s historic and cultural heritage and character.

The Waitematā Local Board and other agencies will be guided by this plan in their future planning and activities in Parnell.

Meola Reef Reserve Te Tokaroa Development Plan
The Meola Reef Reserve Te Tokaroa Development Plan was finalised and published online in March 2019. The plan presents a holistic direction that provides for the full range of community needs and will enable a coordinated development of Meola Reef Reserve Te Tokaroa over the next 10 plus years.

We recognise Meola Reef Reserve Te Tokaroa as a significant historical mahinga kai site that provided food for Māori travellers in the past.

It is a significant reserve for its richness in history, geology, ecology and its diverse community use.

Today it forms part of a network of open spaces and has become widely appreciated for its off-leash dog area. We want to ensure the reserve will continue to provide for the future needs of Aucklanders.

Western Springs Te Waipoua Lakeside Park Development Plan
The Western Springs Lakeside Te Waipoua Lakeside Park Development Plan was adopted by the local board in XXXX 2019.

This lakeside park is a popular destination park that visitors from across the Auckland region enjoy. Visitors use the park for a range of activities, including walking, connecting with nature, peace and quiet and entertaining children.

The local board commissioned the development plan to provide a vision and action plan which will guide improvements for Western Springs as well as its neighbouring reserves and facilities over the short, medium, and long-term.

Public consultation on the draft plan was carried out in July and August 2018 and there was a high level of satisfaction with the way the plan aims to improve key outcomes. These outcomes include water quality, connectivity, celebration of the site’s history, creating a ‘refuge away from the city’ and provision for events. Ecological and water quality improvements were identified as the highest priority outcomes desired by users.

The results from the survey and the final approved plan will help the local board align renewals, and discretionary local board LDI budgets with outcomes that are needed and supported by the users of the park.
Annual Budget 2018/2019

Auckland Council consulted on its Annual Budget 2019/2020 and a proposed amendment to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 regarding property transfers between 17 February and 17 March 2019. The Annual Budget 2019/2020 includes a Local Board Agreement for the Waitematā Local Board which sets out local board priorities and how the priorities will be funded.

We did not propose any major changes to the existing work programme for 2019/2020 as we continue to deliver the projects identified in the 2017 Waitematā Local Board Plan.

During the consultation period we held 10 community events including a Facebook live event, and a hearing style event. This was a great opportunity for the local board to receive your feedback on whether we have got our local board priorities right.

The majority of the responses for the local board area either supported (45 per cent) or partially supported (43 per cent) the local board’s priorities.

The feedback that we received is used to inform our future work programmes and the Local Board Agreement.

The Waitematā Local Board Agreement was adopted in June 2019.

City play network assessment

The local board commissioned an assessment of the current and future playground and play network requirements in the Waitematā Local board area.

The assessment will align with the outcomes of the City Centre Masterplan, local board development plans and other relevant plans e.g. Panuku led plans.

The output of this assessment will inform renewal projects and identify gaps in the play network to enable the local board to make informed investment decisions.

The assessment is expected to be completed by mid-2019.

Pedestrian connectivity

Salisbury Reserve greenway

The greenway connection through Salisbury Reserve which connects Argyle Street and Salisbury Street was completed in October 2018.

Parnell Train Station pathway

The new pathway connection from Parnell Train Station to Karlaw Park student village and business area was funded by the local board and opened late 2018.

The pathway provides a much-needed accessible connection from the platform through the Domain to Karlaw Park and on to the University of Auckland.
On 15 November 2018 members of Waitematā Local Board, Auckland Transport, Parnell Community Committee and Parnell Business Association enjoyed a first walk on the new pathway.

**Ellen Mahille Centre Pedestrian Mall**

On 15 October 2018 Freyberg Place officially became a pedestrian mall.

To do this the, the bollards at each end of Freyberg Place which were previously lowered to street level, have been raised. This will prevent vehicles driving through the place and make it safer and more pleasant for pedestrians and people using Freyberg Place and Ellen Mahille Centre.

**St Patricks Square Bollards**

The local board approved funding from its Local Transport Capital Fund in February 2019 for the re-installation of bollards at St Patrick’s Square to make the square pedestrian friendly.

The volume of vehicles frequenting the Square have increased, making it unsafe for pedestrians. The bollards, which were part of the original design, will improve pedestrian safety in this area.

**Elam Street Walkway**

The final design of the renewal of the Elam Street staircase is complete and building consent has been granted.

Physical works commenced in January 2019 and is expected to take 6 – 9 months to completed.

**Poynton Terrace**

The Poynton Terrace connection between St Kevin’s Arcade and Myers Park was funded from the City Centre Targeted rate and completed in September 2018.

The project involved construction of a crossing connecting Myers Park to St Kevin’s Arcade and Karangahape Road, to provide a safe and attractive entrance to Myers Park.

**Ponsonby Road pedestrian improvement project**

The local board allocated $221,000 from its Local Board Transport Capital Fund as a top up for the Ponsonby Road pedestrian improvement project for pedestrian amenities along Ponsonby Road between Lincoln Street and Pollen Street.
The improvements included construction of raised speed tables to create a slower-speed environment at intersections, upgrading footpaths, installing new street furniture and trees, and renewing streetlights.

This project has resulted in a more attractive, safer, pedestrian-friendly environment.

Place naming

Te Hō o Hine interpretation signage
In December 2018 new interpretation signage at Te Hō o Hine Place was unveiled by Ngāti Whāitu Orākei, alongside National Council of Women representatives and local board members.

Te Hō o Hine is derived from the whakatauki (proverb) Mearo koe kī te Hō o Hina-āhu-one, that can be taken as meaning ‘pay heed to the dignity of woman’.

The name was a gift from Ngāti Whāitu Orākei in recognition of the Woman’s Suffrage Centenary Memorial located in Te Hō o Hine Place.

Park naming: Waiatarau – Freemans Bay Park and Ko Takere Haere – St Mary’s Bay Park
The local board formally named two reserves at its December 2018 business meeting.

The local board approved the dual names Waiatarau – Freemans Bay Park for the open space on the corner of Hepburn Street and Wellington Street Freemans Bay. Ngāti Whāitu Orākei put forward the name “Waiatarau” the traditional Māori name for the Freemans Bay area. The name means “waters reflecting shadows”, a similar translation is “reflecting waters”.

The reserve at the end of St Mary’s Road that was part of St Mary’s Bay before the construction of the Harbour Bridge has been named Ko Takere Haere – St Mary’s Bay Park.

Ko Takere Haere is the traditional Māori name for St Mary’s Bay/beach at the western end of the site and it means split canoe hull.

Open spaces: Wynyard Quarter
In February 2019 the local board had the opportunity to consider names for three new Wynyard Central urban spaces that were under design and construction.

A brief description of the spaces for naming are as follows:

- a plaza on the southern side of the Hyatt Hotel, on the corner of Maddren and Halsey Streets which is due for completion in Autumn 2019.
- a new neighbourhood park which is due for completion by mid-2020.
• a small open space outside the Precinct commercial building which is due for completion in Spring 2020.

The local board considered the marine / industrial heritage, woman’s heritage, innovation as well as the te reo name as proposed by the Pānuku Mana Whenua Governance Forum as part of the naming process.

The local board adopted the name Urunga Plaza for the plaza on the southern side of the Hyatt Hotel. Urunga directly translated to English means ‘entry’, this name has a point of entry theme that follows the notion of Karanga Plaza at the end of Maddern Plaza, which means ‘welcome’.

The local board endorsed the names Amey Daldy Park for the new neighbourhood park and Freda Barnes Plaza for the small open space subject to consultation with the living relatives or trusts and the National Council of Women.

Amey Daldy was an Auckland temperance activist, feminist and suffragist, with personal connections to Kate Sheppard. She lived in Ponsonby with her second husband, Captain William Daldy.

Freda Barnes was a Law Clerk, Justice of the Peace and trade union activist who supported the waterfront workers in the 1951 waterfront dispute.

The board gave the name Tiramarama Way to a major new laneway running between Halney and Maddern Streets which officially opened in 2018.

Placemaking

**Teed Street Upgrade Launch**

In July 2018 we celebrated the Teed Street upgrade. It was an opportunity to acknowledge everyone who had worked on the project and bless the artwork “Heligraphe” by Ray Haydon commissioned for the upgrade by the Newmarket Arts Trust.

Highlights from the transformation include new street furniture, increased outdoor dining capacity, native trees and shrubs and the new Ray Haydon sculpture. The design features ‘bio-retention’ rain gardens designed to help improve stormwater quality.

Community-led projects

**Gardens 4 Health**

Our contribution to Gardens 4 Health helps provide capacity building through education and maintenance of the local community garden network, strengthening cross council collaboration e.g. Waitomata Low Carbon Action, Waste Minimisation, the Compost...
Collective, Civil Defence, community-led pollinator paths, Resilient Communities and implementation of local area plans.

This year Gardens 4 Health delivered capacity building workshops and provided education and support to the local community garden network.

They have supported the reinvigoration of four garden beds. They hosted a container gardens workshop at Arahuru Trust, supported the weekly Sunday morning garden session at Grafton Community Garden, advised on garden design and plant selection for a range of new sites, and supported management transitions for organisations such as the Te Maara St Columba Community Gardens.

Several of the community gardens have attracted new volunteers, serving as a way to bring communities together. An example of this can be seen through the Organic Market Garden in Symonds Street Garden which is a collaboration with ‘For the Love of Bees’ project.

There has also been significant community engagement to cultivate soil and prepare garden beds for seasonal market garden crops.

Compost Food Scraps Initiative
Building on work previously done, this project works with community gardens in the local board area to develop an integrated approach to creating active composting sites for business and household food scraps.

It is a collaborative initiative with community gardens, residents, businesses and the Compost Collective.

The project includes four aspects:
- building on existing networks and relationships to explore a collaborative approach to neighborhood scale food scraps composting
- conducting case studies to inform understanding of opportunities and challenges of a compost network and establishing good practice examples
- trialing different approaches to community composting for food scraps with community gardens, local businesses and residents
- develop a sector network to share knowledge skills and training in quarters three and four. Case studies will be examined, and trials conducted for community composting of food scraps.

The local board allocated additional funding to this project to assist with engaging key sector agents in the project, to purchase a chipper for use by the compost sector and for purchasing materials to prototype a rodent proof composting system.
Community-led placemaking

The local board funds and supports local community-led initiatives that empower and engage communities to have a say in council planning and decision making to actively engage in placemaking projects and to ensure community aspirations are reflected in council initiated projects.

Funding has been allocated to enable the community-led Seafield View Road art project. This is a mural panel depicting famous people who have lived in Grafton.

The University of Auckland is developing three major sites in Grafton and part of the large development which backs on to Seafield View Road. The University installed large hoardings to protect the building site. The mural panels will cover the construction hoardings while development is underway.

The aim is to help beautify the street during a period of significant change and to remind people of the significant heritage that remains in Grafton, and the importance of protecting this for future generations to enjoy.

At the local board’s March 2019 business meeting, we approved the following grant allocations totalling $40,000 for four community-led placemaking initiatives:

- $20,000 to Ngāti Whāitu Whānui Whānui Maia Ltd for the Sturdee Street Mural Project artist expressions of interest process. This wall extends approximately 250 metres. Its current murals are more than 10 years old and are in need of repair. This grant will support the artist expression of interest process which is the first stage in this mural redevelopment project.

- $10,000 to City Centre Residents Group for the Victoria Quarter placemaking project. This grant will support initiatives for current and future Victoria Quarter residents to contribute their voice to address the community safety issues and to engage in the creation of public spaces that promote people’s health, happiness and well-being.

- $10,000 to the Grey Lynn Business Association for the “Green-Up” Grey Lynn project. This grant will support the Grey Lynn Business Association to increase green spaces in front of local shops in the Grey Lynn village.

- $10,000 to Ponsonby Park community-led design group for the engagement activation. Staff are engaging with these community partners to support implementation of the placemaking initiatives. This grant will support community activation and community-led engagement for the next stages of this development.

Ecological volunteers and environmental programme

The local board allocated $20,000 towards an ecological and environmental volunteers programme.

This programme provides support to volunteer groups to carry out ecological restoration and environmental programmes in local parks, such as community planting events, plant and animal pest control and litter removal.
The following activities have been supported this year:

- ongoing restoration work at Learmonth Reserve
- rubbish clean-up in Albert Park, Myers Park, Symonds Street Cemetery, Western Springs
- weed control and planting at Cox’s Bay Reserve
- ongoing animal pest control (trapping rodents and possums) at Alberon Reserve, Auckland Domain, Newmarket Park, Learmonth Reserve, Tiriti Reserve, Grey Lynn Park and Hukanui Reserve.
- Volunteer tree planting event in recognition of Arbor Day

Kelmarna Community Gardens

Ponsonby’s Kelmarna Gardens has completed improvements to their entranceway thanks to funding from the local board.

New bike parking and wheel stops have been installed along with curved seating designed by Carl Pickens Landscape Architect. Surrounding gardens have been shaped and edged, the driveway smoothed and a circular garden space for pollinator-attracting plants has been created.

Youth Voice

The local board is committed to continue to work with the Waitemata Youth Collective on new approaches and ways of engaging and increasing youth civic participation and ensuring that youth have an influence on council decision-making and planning, especially on activities that they care about most.

This year staff completed a stock-take of organisations and groups working with young people in the local board area and had conversations with youth service providers about the possibility of building a youth voice platform.

In December 2018, 70 people attended the Youth Service Providers Hui. Over 30 different organisations were represented. The focus of this first hui was to build whakainihanuotanga and connections.

Staff have also engaged with Action Education to facilitate a Youth Hui later this year and have met with council’s Digital Team to progress the Youth App Launch.
Partnerships and collaboration

Studio One Toi Tū
Studio One Toi Tū is an inner-city creative hub, supported by the local board that hosts studio and exhibition spaces, artist residencies, venues for hire, creative courses and workshops for all levels of experience.

Its four galleries are located on the ground floor of a landmark Ponsonby building. Studio space is available for hire in three locations, offering opportunities for artists, designers and other creative people to collaborate.

Some highlights this year were a Mataiki exhibition Ngā Rangatahi Toa, Te Pou O Tipuna, Artweek participation with Electric Night and art tours detailing Toi Tū’s history and arts community, Funk Tattoo Weekend in conjunction with Two Hands Tattoo, and a Makers Market Day in early December offered a variety of stalls from the Toi Tū community and the wider public.

The Fringe Arts Festival programme included Degrees of Separation, an exhibit with three collaborative works, a pop-up exhibition “Visual Is Tōkupu” by 13 artists and a pop-up ceramicist exhibition by Monica Tong.

Rainbow Youth exhibited their artistic representations of the 2018 Out Loud project, conversations around the failings and strengths of current mental health and addiction support for queer and gender diverse communities.

The Auckland Performing Arts Centre (TAPAC)
The local board has entered an arts partnership with The Auckland Performing Arts Centre (TAPAC) and has approved a funding contribution to the organisation’s operational costs for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial year.

TAPAC provides a destination for the wider arts community, a platform for emerging performers and we’re absolutely thrilled to support them to keep doing what they’re so exceptional at.

Arts and culture activities and programmes at TAPAC provide access to and participation in the arts for people of all ages, cultures and levels of experience.

The partnership is a critical step in helping the organisation to achieve greater sustainability.

The Central City Community Network
The local board contributes funding to the Central City Community network to increase community connectedness and capacity building in the central city, it is a central hub for people to exchange information on what’s happening in the central city, connect, network, collaborate and initiate community projects.
It is delivered through a partnership between council and the Ellen Melville Centre team, under a model that empowers other stakeholders to take a lead role in organising the monthly meetings.

Members of the Central City Community Network have reported positive outcomes as a result of networking opportunities from increased interaction and collaboration within the central city.

**National Erebus Memorial**

With the 40th anniversary of the Erebus accident to be marked in 2019, the New Zealand government is constructing a national memorial at Auckland's Dove-Myer Robinson Park / Tauraua Pā, commonly known as the Parnell Rose Gardens.

The National Erebus Memorial design To Paearangi Ataata - Sky Song was announced in April 2019 by the Prime Minister and Mayor Phil Goff.

The design was chosen with the support of the local board and Ngāti Whāitu Orākei.

The local board really honoured to host such a historically significant memorial in one of our local parks.

**Ponsonby Community Centre – Shade Sail**

In December 2018 the local board made a funding contribution towards a shade sail structure at Ponsonby Community Centre.

The preschool located at the centre has an outside play and learning area that has full sun most of the day during the summer months. As an interim measure the centre had provided a temporary shade sail structure during the summer period to protect the children from the sun.

The shade sail structure will allow approximately 100 preschool children a wider range of learning activities through the opportunity of spending more time outdoors and providing them with greater sun protection.

**Public Art**

**Rainbow Machine**

The Rainbow Machine is one of many art programmes helping to build a sense of identity and belonging for Aucklanders. The local board supported some of the early concept designs and hosted the Rainbow Machine’s first installation at Silo Park this year.

Auckland children can now make rainbows thanks to the creativity of artists working with Callaghan Innovation.
The machine was at Silo Park between 25 January and 31 March. Visitors could turn the machine’s bright yellow module to face the sun and make rainbows, without needing a single raindrop. If the sun’s not shining, you can still interact and play with the machine’s robust mechanics.

Scientists from Callaghan Innovation brought their expertise to the design of the optical module from which rainbow spectra are formed, enabling the concept team of architects and artists Shahriar Asdollah-Zadeh, Patrick Loo and Sarosh Mulla to bring Rainbow Machine to life.

It houses eight custom-made lenses to refract light. The lenses and the module were built using innovative technology with specialised manufacturing processes.
Support to business associations

Seven business associations operate within the Waitematā local board area, of which six are established as Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). The local board continues to be represented on business associations, providing advice, advocacy support and allocating funds to help deliver local initiatives.

Below is the list of the business associations with their respective local board member representative:

- Grey Lynn Business Association – Daniela Reche

- Heart of the City (BID) – Shale Chambers

- Karangahape Road Business Association (BID) – Richard Northey

- Newmarket Business Association (BID) – Rob Thomas

- Parnell Business Association (BID) – Vernon Tava

- Ponsonby Business Association (BID) – Pippa Coom

- Uptown Business Association (BID) – Adriana Avendaño Christie
Local events

The local board continues to commit funding to new and established local events as they are a great way to bring local communities together to connect and celebrate the community we live in.

Myers Park Medley
Myers Park Medley is an inner-city event held every summer, with this year’s event held on 17 February 2019.

This community day out brought together city centre residents to connect and celebrate our unique community. The family-friendly day was filled with roaming entertainment, activities and games.

The varied stage entertainment reflected the diverse audience, with a mixture of young and old, different backgrounds and cultures, from people attending alone, pairs of friends, and extended families.

Helen Clark visit and Ellen Melville 1-year celebration
To coincide with the one-year celebration for the revamped Ellen Melville Centre, former Prime Minister Helen Clark was welcomed at an event held in a room named in her honour.

The upstairs room retains its original Pioneer Women’s Hall name, while the five rooms in the centre all have names recommended by the Auckland branch of the National Council of Women. The whole building was renamed the Ellen Melville Centre after the upgrade last year.

The new room names honour the significant contributions to Auckland civic life made by Elizabeth Yates, Betty Wark, Eletina Paddy Walker, Marilyn Waring and Helen Clark.

Understood to be the first space named for the former Prime Minister, it is at the heart of the community centre building which won design and architecture awards during its restoration.

Cutting the ribbon in 2017 was a very proud day for the local board. Since then the Ellen Melville Centre has become a thriving hub and a building that is central to its community.

Parnell Festival of Roses
In November 2018 we celebrated the 35th Anniversary of the Parnell Festival of Roses at the Parnell Rose Gardens.
This well-loved festival was a big success this year with record turnout of 9,000 people. The festival is one of the local board’s flagship events that we aim to ensure is accessible, zero waste and community focused.

**Pop in Waitematā**

Pop is a series of temporary pop-up art projects in public spaces, bringing creativity and surprise to central Auckland. They are designed to integrate arts and culture into the everyday lives of Aucklanders by taking arts and culture into open public spaces.

This year the local board invested $65,000 to support the Pop 2019 season. Between 22 February 2019 – 12 March 2019 projects were delivered at various locations in the local board area.

The events included:
- Pop Ping Pong - game of ping pong with electronic soundscapes
- Pop Marbles - engaging passers-by to construct a unique marble run
- Pop Pilots - a selfie opportunity for runners to strike a pose
- Pop Drop - two super-sized water-filled droplets at Karanga Plaza, Wynyard Quarter
- Pop Poetry - held at Symonds Street cemetery and Karangahape road
- Pop Stage - sharing some sweet sounds around the town.

**Good Citizens’ Awards**

Every two years the Waitematā Local Board hosts the Good Citizens’ Awards in recognition of community members and groups for going above and beyond for the benefit of the community and the environment.

Nominations were open from 18 March to 14 April 2019. We were very pleased to have Bruce Kilminster and The Very Rev. Rev. Anne Million, Dean of Auckland on our selection panel this year. Their expertise and community knowledge was a valuable contribution to the selection process.

The awards ceremony was held on 16 May 2019 at the Auckland Town Hall and guests were entertained with performances by the talented Freemant Bay School Kapa Haka Group and Auckland Street Choir.

We celebrated the huge contribution by volunteers and heard the amazing stories behind each of the nominations. We are privileged to have fantastic individuals and groups in our community doing such amazing work.

Awards were made in four categories - Children and Young People Awards, Individual Awards, Community Group Awards and Long Service Awards to a diverse range of recipients from across Waitematā.
Congratulations to everyone who was recognised on the night and thank you for the great work that you do in the Waitematā communities.

Children & Young People Award
Lucia Scott-Smith
Teresa Lee
Nelia Hinton

Individual Award
Liam Dargaville
David Lei Wang
Ruth Busch
Nick Loesley
Sandra Jenkins
Anna Malcolm
Lynne Frith
Brigitte Stittig
Rohan Macmahon
Edyta Plowman

Community Group Award
I Got Your Back Pack
Asian Family Services
UN Youth New Zealand

Long Service Award
David Haigh
John Hill
Gerry Hill
David McGregor
Penny Sekuka

Local board supported events

The local board support a range of community events through our Events Partnerships Fund and Events Development Fund. These funds allow us to partner with local groups on community-led events and support our communities in developing and establishing signature events for the area.
**Doc Edge Festival 2019**

Doc Edge is a not-for-profit organisation based in Auckland that promotes documentary, creates healthy audience appreciation for documentary and makes New Zealand a documentary destination on the world stage.

The local board supported Doc Edge Festival 2019 with a grant of $5,000.

**Festival Italiano**

The local board supported this festival with a grant of $25,000.

The Italian Festival Season was held from 30 August until 28 October hosting a variety of Italian events in Auckland. The popular street event Festival Italiano was held on 28 October covering Osborne Street, Kent Street and the Rialto Centre in Newmarket.

**Artweek Auckland**

Artweek Auckland is an annual, week-long festival celebrating the visual arts of Auckland. Artweek 2018 was held 4 – 14 October. The local board supported the week-long festival with a grant of $23,000.

**West End Cup**

The West End Cup is an international tennis tournament held annually in December in Westmere. 2018 saw a return of New Zealand’s top tennis players to contest the Men’s, Women’s and Junior titles including members of the New Zealand’s Davis Cup and Federation Cup teams.

The local board supported this free for spectators’ event with a grant of $10,000.

**Grey Lynn Park Festival**

The 2018 Grey Lynn Park Festival was held on 25th November and was the 35th year running.

Since 1984 locals initiated a fun filled day bringing together the community

The festival receives a $25,000 grant from the local board’s contestable events fund.

**Franklin Road Christmas Lights**

Every year, Franklin Rd residents light up their houses from December 1 until Boxing Day. The free event is in its 26th year. The Christmas lights remain on until 11pm daily.

This year the local board funded the opening night and rubbish bins for the event.
Anzac Day Services
Anzac Day Services were held 25th April 2019.

The local board provided funding to the Grey Lynn RSC towards delivering an Anzac Day service, and St David’s Presbyterian Church towards the cost of delivering the Art of Remembrance held on Anzac Day Eve.

Citizenship Ceremonies
The local board supports the delivery of an annual programme of citizenship ceremonies in conjunction with the Department of Internal Affairs.

It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the new citizens commitment to New Zealand.

Lightpath Festival
The second annual Lightpath Festival, supported by the local board with a $10,000 grant, took place on 3 December 2018. It is a free, family friendly evening celebrating this iconic addition to our city and the joy of people-friendly streets.

The festival was an opportunity to experience the city by night with entertainers, music, art, food, and bike fun along Lightpath Te Ara i Whiti and Canada Street.

Farmers Santa Parade
The Farmers Santa Parade celebrated its 85th birthday in 2018, providing some of the best celebrations yet.

The local board supported the parade with a community grant of $5,000. The parade was held on the 2 December 2018.

Auckland International Buskers Festival
The Auckland International Buskers Festival 2019 returned to the city centre and waterfront for another year, with four full days of entertainment in January 2019. The local board supported this event with a $15,000 grant from its event development fund.

Extraordinary performers came from far and wide with performances to entertain the Auckland crowds.
Community grants and funding

The Waitematā Community Grants Programme provides opportunities for community organisations to deliver projects, activities and services that benefit residents in the Waitematā Local board area.

Our local grants programme aims to provide contestable grants to local communities under the activity areas of arts and culture, events, community development, environment and natural heritage, historic heritage and sports and recreation.

Waitematā Local Board operates three grants schemes under their local grants programme and a separate expression of interest process for the Local Events Development Fund.

Local community grants

The local board ran two local grant and three quick response grant rounds in the 2018/2019 financial year (1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019), allocating a total of $xxxx.

The successful applicants were:

- xxx
- xx
- xxx

Some highlights from the grant recipients were:

Rainbow Youth – “ Held fun, positive and affirming social events aimed at the outcome of supporting and respecting young trans, intersex and gender diverse people by bringing them together as a community to allow mutual peer support”

Grey Lynn 2030 Transition Community Trust – “As a result of the book publication and launch event, GL2030 has raised its profile in the community and strengthened the collaboration between the different groups that came out of GL2030”

Royal NZ Airforce Association – “Brought together a wide range of community members who were supporting Air Training cadets from all over Auckland, as well as veterans and current service personnel to commemorate an historic event in the history of our Air Force Service during World War 1.”
**Accommodation Support**

The local board ran one accommodation support round in the 2018/2019 financial year (1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019), allocating a total of $5,000.

The successful applicants were:

- XXX
- XX
- XXX
Advocacy

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 they will add to the local community.

Regional and national plans and policies

A key role of the local board is to represent communities’ views on regional and national issues by providing feedback on plans and policies. Below is a list of the local board’s submissions in the last year:

- City Centre Masterplan Review
- The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- Law changes to enable Auckland Council to reintroduce general tree protection rules
- Mandatory phase out of single use plastic shopping bags
- Draft Facility Partnerships Policy
- Reforming the Residential Tenancies Act 1986
- Healthy Homes Standards
- Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan
- Auckland Water Strategy
- Freedom Camping
- Queens Wharf Extension Dolphin Mooring
- Sports Investment Plan
- Regional Land Transport Plan
- Regional Public Transport Plan
- Dog Management Bylaw
- Signage Bylaw
- Auckland Transport Safety speed bylaw
- Four Wellbeings Bill
- Productivity Commission Review of Local Government Financing
- Representation Review of Auckland Council elected representation
- Waste Management Plan
Transport advocacy

The local board is dedicated to providing accessible, connected and safe transport networks with well-designed streets. This includes improved safety for commuters, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

The local board’s advocacy positions for transport are:

- Ensure Parnell Train Station is providing full services and is accessible to all users at the earliest opportunity
- Provide accessible pedestrian and cycling connections to Parnell Station. Open the Greenways route from the Strand through the old Parnell tunnel and create an accessible pedestrian connection from Parnell Station to the Domain, the Strand and Parnell Town Centre
- Complete the Auckland Cycle Network
- Improve access between Broadway and Station Square in Newmarket and link to the Newmarket Greenways Plan
- Build light rail within the isthmus
- Auckland Transport to adopt a target of zero serious injuries or deaths on our roads as part of a comprehensive safe systems approach to road safety including safe road design, enforcement, safer speeds and driver education
- Auckland Transport to undertake a trial of a slow speed zone in a residential area and/or a town centre
- Auckland Transport to implement the city centre 30km per hour speed zone (as described in the City Centre Masterplan) and the Wynyard Quarter slower speed zone
- Auckland Transport to consider how every renewal and maintenance project can be leveraged to improve the road design for all users including layouts that include bus lanes, greenways, and cycle lanes, remove cycle pinch points and add better pedestrian crossings
- Auckland Transport to improve intersections with substantial foot traffic for pedestrians and developing solutions to improve safety and amenity for pedestrians
- Auckland Transport to advocate for a change of the give way rule requiring motorists to give way to pedestrians crossing parallel to the main road at intersections
- Auckland Transport to continue implementing residential parking schemes to manage commuter parking in central Auckland suburbs following consultation with residents
- Auckland Transport to develop the 2018/2019 footpath renewal programme
- Secure a regional budget to enable the implementation of the Waitematā Local board Greenways prioritised routes
• Auckland Transport to provide opportunities for greener in every streetscape improvement
• Auckland Transport to reduce black carbon levels on Queen Street by looking at opportunities to reduce emissions from buses and trucks

Some of the highlights of transport projects that progressed as a result of the local boards’ advocacy include:

• Franklin Road Upgrade – The local board advocated to secure the budget for this $20m project which includes undergrounding lighting, new footpaths, cycleway and separation. The project aims to provide an urban streetscape to accommodate all road users while retaining the natural heritage value.

• Residential parking schemes – The local board continues to advocate for the implementation of residential parking schemes to manage commuter parking in central Auckland suburbs following consultation with residents. This year zones have been installed in Parnell, Grey Lynn and Grafton.

• Pedestrian safety improvements – Auckland Transport and the local board’s focus on safety as a priority has resulted in new pedestrian crossings at College Hill, Kelburn Avenue and Shortland Street as well as improvements to existing crossings on Parnell Road and Ponsonby Road.
Other advocacy

The local board advocated to the Governing Body and Government on issues related to the arts, environmental and low carbon, affordable housing and solutions for homeless.

In addition to our advocacy for Ponsonby Park at 254 Ponsonby Road the local board has prioritised the following advocacy areas:

- **Affordable housing**: Ensure Auckland Council actively builds or enables others to provide affordable housing through appropriate mechanisms and tools.
- **Housing solution for homeless people**: Deliver short and medium-term housing solutions to address homelessness including funding for the Auckland City Mission HomeGround project.
- **Work towards eliminating agrichemical use**: Secure a budget to eliminate agrichemical spray and embrace the commitment to minimise agrichemical use.
- **Reduction of wastewater flows into waterways and the Waitematā Harbour**: To increase funding for water quality improvements to accelerate the delivery of cleaner harbours, beaches and streams and support the delivery of localised solutions for all four catchments (Maoriboom, Grey Lynn, City Centre and Parnell/Neckmarket).
- **Ensure Auckland’s regional arts and cultural institutions and programmes are financially sustainable**: To secure appropriate funding to ensure the financial sustainability of projects, facilities, venues and events including the delivery of the free entertainment programme currently delivered by Regional Facilities Auckland.

The local board also advocated for the following issues:

- **Open and Closed Cemetery Maintenance Budget**: Secure a regional maintenance budget to maintain a base service level for open and closed cemeteries.
- **Auckland Domain Capital Improvements Budget**: Secure adequate capital funds to progress the Auckland Domain Master Plan.
- **Central Community Recycling Centre Drop Off sites**: Secure the acquisition of a second drop-off facility and the completion of a main processing site which, together with the site being developed on Great North Road, will comprise a regional waste management network that will service the needs of Waitematā, Albert-Eden and Puketapapa local boards.
- **Pt Erin Pool Redevelopment Initiative**: Prioritise Pt Erin Pool for redevelopment according to the recommendations endorsed by the Waitematā Local board in 2013 in relation to two potential development concepts.
• Auckland is an Age and Child and Youth Friendly City: Continue to put older persons, children and young people first so Auckland can become an age, child and youth friendly city that is fit for all
• City of Peace: Support the development of a regional policy that prohibits the promotion, marketing and sales of weapons of war in council facilities including facilities managed by council-controlled organisations
• Penzance Street Arts Precinct: Support the creation of an arts precinct at 1-3 Penzance Street and Penzance Road from a commercial lease to a community arts facility, subject to the outcome of a business case and / or needs analysis
• Carliole House: Ensure the restoration and protection of Carliole House and consider acquisition if necessary
• Built Heritage Acquisition Fund: Support an effective built heritage acquisition fund to help save at risk buildings or other built features that have heritage merit from destruction by neglect, by purchase, short term hold or sale
• Restoration and protection of the St James Theatre: Council provides support to the Auckland Notable Properties Trust in the restoration and protection of St James Theatre
• Auckland Council Living Wage: Ensure that there is budget provision of a ‘living wage’ for council employees and progressively for contractor employees
• CCC Low Carbon Targets: Advocate to the Governing Body for council-controlled organisations to include low carbon targets in their Statements of Intent
• Single Use Plastic: Support mechanisms to reduce single use plastic and eliminate single use plastic bags
• Full Council ownership of Ports of Auckland: Ensure Ports of Auckland Limited remains in full council ownership
• Investment Policy: Follow a policy of social and environmentally responsible investment
• Victoria Quarter: Take action to progress the City Centre Master Plan objectives for the Victoria Quarter area including Nelson Street to deliver a quality urban neighbourhood that enhances the area’s historic character and where the safety of pedestrians is prioritised
• Implementation of the Smoke Free Policy: Auckland Council to continue to deliver on the vision and outcomes of the council’s Smokefree Policy 2017 – 2025 by extending smokefree public areas to plazas, civic squares, shared spaces, urban centres, alfresco dining areas and beaches
• MOTAT Redevelopment: Support the redevelopment of MOTAT that achieves the dual outcomes of continuing the long-term preservation of its collections and providing high quality recording and presentation of the history of transport and technology in Auckland and New Zealand
Waitematā Local Board Governance

Auckland Council has a shared governance model with decision-making shared between the Governing Body (mayor and councillors) and local boards.

The Governing Body provides decision-making and oversight of decision on regional activities whilst local boards provide decision-making and oversight of decision on local activities. The local board are also the communities’ advocates that represent the local community for regional issues, strategies, policies, plans and decisions which have local importance.

The Waitematā Local Board is made up of seven elected members, whose purpose is to make decisions that support the priorities of the local community and deliver initiatives that improve the wellbeing of the local community.

Auckland Domain Committee

The committee has decision-making responsibility over parks, sports, recreation and community services and activities within the Auckland Domain, the city’s oldest park. It is comprised of three Governing Body members, three local board members and two members of the Māori Statutory Local Board. Waitematā Local Board Chair Peppa Coom, Deputy Chair Shane Chambers and local board member Vernon Tava sit on this committee.

Joint Governance Working Party

The Joint Governance Working Party was established to consider governance matters of mutual interest to the Governing Body and local boards. The working party consists of four councillors and four local board members.

Waitematā Local Board Member Richard Northey was appointed the chair of the Joint Governance Working Party, which is the first joint working party to be chaired by a local board member.

The working party has been mandated to oversee the implementation of the Governance Framework Review, a review of the Auckland shared governance model.

The Representation Review was tasked to the working party to review Councils’ representation arrangements to ensure fairness of representation including across all Governing Body wards within each local board and across all subdivisions.

The working party also reviewed the Code of Conduct and provided their recommendations for amendments to the Governing Body.
Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ)
Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) represents the national interests of councils in New Zealand and leads best practice in the local government sector.

Waitematā Local Board Chair Pippa Coom has joined LGNZ’s National Council (ex-officio) as the local board representative.

The New Zealand Local Authority Traffic Institute (Trafinz)
The New Zealand Local Authority Traffic Institute or Trafinz is an organisation that represents local authority views on road safety and traffic issues in New Zealand.

Waitematā Local Board Chair Pippa Coom is a member of the executive committee, which consists of 15 councillors and officers from various councils across the country.

In November 2018, Pippa spoke at the Trafinz conference ‘Prioritising for People’ held in Wellington.

Auckland City Centre Advisory Board
The Auckland City Centre Advisory board is a key advisory body, supporting the City Centre Masterplan’s vision.

The Auckland City Centre Advisory board assists and advises on city centre issues and achieving the vision and strategic outcomes of the City Centre Masterplan and Auckland Plan.

They advise the council Governing Body, Waitematā Local Board and council controlled organisations.

The board also advises the council on how to spend the city centre targeted rate, which is paid by City Centre businesses and residents to upgrade and develop the city centre.

Members are representatives of city centre business and resident groups. The panel also includes the Mayor, a mana whenua representative, a councillor and Waitematā Local Board member, Deputy Chair Shale Chambers.

City Rail Link Community Liaison Groups
As part of City Rail Link (CRL) designation conditions, Local Community Liaison Groups representative of the residents, property owners and businesses directly affected by CRL construction have been established.

The Waitematā Local Board representatives of the CRL Community Liaison Groups are, Chair Pippa Coom for the Downtown and Midtown Community Liaison Group; Member Adriana Avedano Christie for the Upland and Mt Eden Liaison Group and Member Richard Northey for the Karangahape Road Community Liaison Group.
The groups meet regularly throughout the CRL construction, with the purpose of receiving regular updates on project progress, monitoring the effects of construction on the community and giving feedback to CRL on any concerns and issues.
Looking Ahead

PLACEHOLDER - to be drafted