

Supporting information – Howick Local Board

Each year we deliver activities and services in your local board area. These are based on our 2017 Local Board Plan, which sets our three-year direction for the local board.

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Message from the chair

I am proud of our achievements since adopting the local board plan in 2017, and pleased to introduce our investment priorities for the 2019/2020 financial year.

Since 2017, we have funded improvements to our waterways, additional library hours and supported a wide range of community projects and local business associations through grants, funding or partnerships. We have promoted tourism in our area and have been committed to ensuring our environment is treasured by investing in pest eradication initiatives.

We know that celebrating cultural diversity is important to you, so we have responded by supporting the arts, local theatres, and local bands. 2018 also saw the introduction of the highly successful inaugural Moon Festival event.

We are committed to ensuring the significant local growth in our area is effectively managed through investment in walking and cycling networks and by supporting the investigation of multi-sport facilities at Lloyd Elsmore Park.

Since 2017 we have invested in a Howick Village Centre Plan and a Howick Heritage Plan to ensure a sound strategy is in place for those areas. Going forward, we will provide support for implementing the actions from these plans.

In the next financial year, we will continue to invest in our environment by investigating improvements to the seawall at Cackle Bay, investing in weed and pest control initiatives and supporting ongoing maintenance of community assets. We aim to have dedicated dog exercise areas to support our active and healthy local community outcome. We continue to advocate for the earliest possible delivery of the library, multi-use community facility and aquatic centre at Flatbush.-

We welcome your views on how we are tracking and whether we are moving in the right direction.

What we propose in your local board area in 2019/2020

In 2019/2020 we plan to invest \$16.1 million to renew and develop assets and \$24.1 million to maintain and operate assets as well as provide local programmes and initiatives. The budget in the local area is allocated as follows:

Key areas of spend	Capital spend 2019/2020	Operating spend 2019/2020	Projects
 Community Services	\$15.5m	\$22m	Renewals Parks maintenance
 Environmental Services	-	\$0.2m	
 Planning	\$0.6m	\$1m	
 Governance	-	\$1m	

Note: the final budgets are subject to change as the council reviews the detailed costs and timing of delivering planned services and investment.

What do you think?

Do you have any feedback?