

Supporting information – Kaipātiki 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'm pleased to share the board's priorities for the 2019/2020 financial year. Last year, we asked for your feedback on what was most important for us to deliver from the 2017 Local Board Plan. The focus for this year is to finish off what we've started.

Since adoption of the plan, we have significantly increased our spending on initiatives that will enhance the environment for future generations. We have pushed for the pre-emptive closure of bush tracks to prevent further spread of the devastating kauri dieback disease while long-term management options are investigated. We are also pleased to have completed the long-awaited pedestrian and public amenity improvements in the Birkenhead main street.

In the 2019/2020 financial year, we are investing to improve our playgrounds, provide more shade, update our park signage and redevelop our bush tracks. We will also increase the monitoring of our streams to better understand how we can improve the water quality. We will continue investment into Pest Free Kaipātiki, our flagship community-led initiative.

We are particularly excited about advancing the coastal link between Shepherds Park and Tui Park and establishing a toddler-focused playground at Jean Sampson Reserve. The redevelopment of Birkenhead War Memorial Park remains a priority and we will be progressing with the design of the multi-purpose community and sports facility that replaces the grandstand.

We are completing an update of all our reserve management plans. They will be combined into one document called the Kaipātiki Local Park Management Plan. This plan will guide the way we look after and use our parks and reserves.

We are continuing to invest in placemaking activities. We hope to provide the community with more opportunities to develop the local places you love and will be encouraging you to get involved.

We will start work on a town centre plan for Glenfield in 2019/2020. We want you all to help shape this important plan, so the future Glenfield better meets everyone's needs and expectations.

Although we have many exciting projects and activities planned, we are aware of specific issues in our community. The confirmation of Kauri dieback in two of our parks was hugely disappointing and will impact how we use and manage these parks. We are also aware of coastal inundation issues at Little Shoal Bay and will work on addressing these as best we can.

We would love to know if you agree with the above priorities and whether there are other matters that require our attention.

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

In 2019/2020, we plan to invest \$17.4 million to renew and develop assets and \$8.9 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	\$8.9m	\$16m	Renewals Parks maintenance
 Environmental Services	-	\$0.2m	
 Planning	-	\$0.3m	
 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?