

2.4 Great Barrier Local Board

He kōrero mai i te Heamana

Message from the Chair



We've been successfully working our way through the key initiatives outlined in the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2017. A major achievement was the switch to alternative energy for the island's council buildings. The service centre, local board office, dentist, morgue and Claris rural fire station are now off diesel and powered by solar energy.

I'm pleased to say the Aotea Learning Hub is going from strength to strength. The next focus will be working with Aotea Education Trust and the Ministry of Education (MoE) to find it a more permanent home and finding a solution for early childhood education. For this coming financial year, we will be continuing to support our health, tourism, arts, family support and education groups.

We submitted an objection to the Coastal Resources Limited marine dumping consent and are continuing to support iwi and community High Court objections. We will also continue to advocate for alternatives to dumping seabed materials in the marine environment. We will be continuing our support for the Ecology Vision coordinator, biodiversity/biosecurity officer, water quality and biosecurity projects.

We recently looked at ways to improve our heritage sites, village spaces and the accessway/linkages between them. These ideas have been captured in plans that will ultimately feed into the Aotea Great Barrier Area Plan. We will continue to work on designs for the Claris cemetery site and investigations into northern cemetery sites.

The island feels like it's in a good place, with stories of a number of small enterprises cropping up from broadband to beer, walking tours to community nurseries, and a Community Recycling Centre. We will be continuing to support the Visitor Strategy, International Dark Sky Sanctuary status and contestable community grant rounds.

One of our main focuses for financial year 2019/2020 will be looking at a housing strategy to tackle some of our limited housing availability issues.

Ngā mihi

Izzy Fordham

Chair, Great Barrier Local Board

About Local Board Agreements

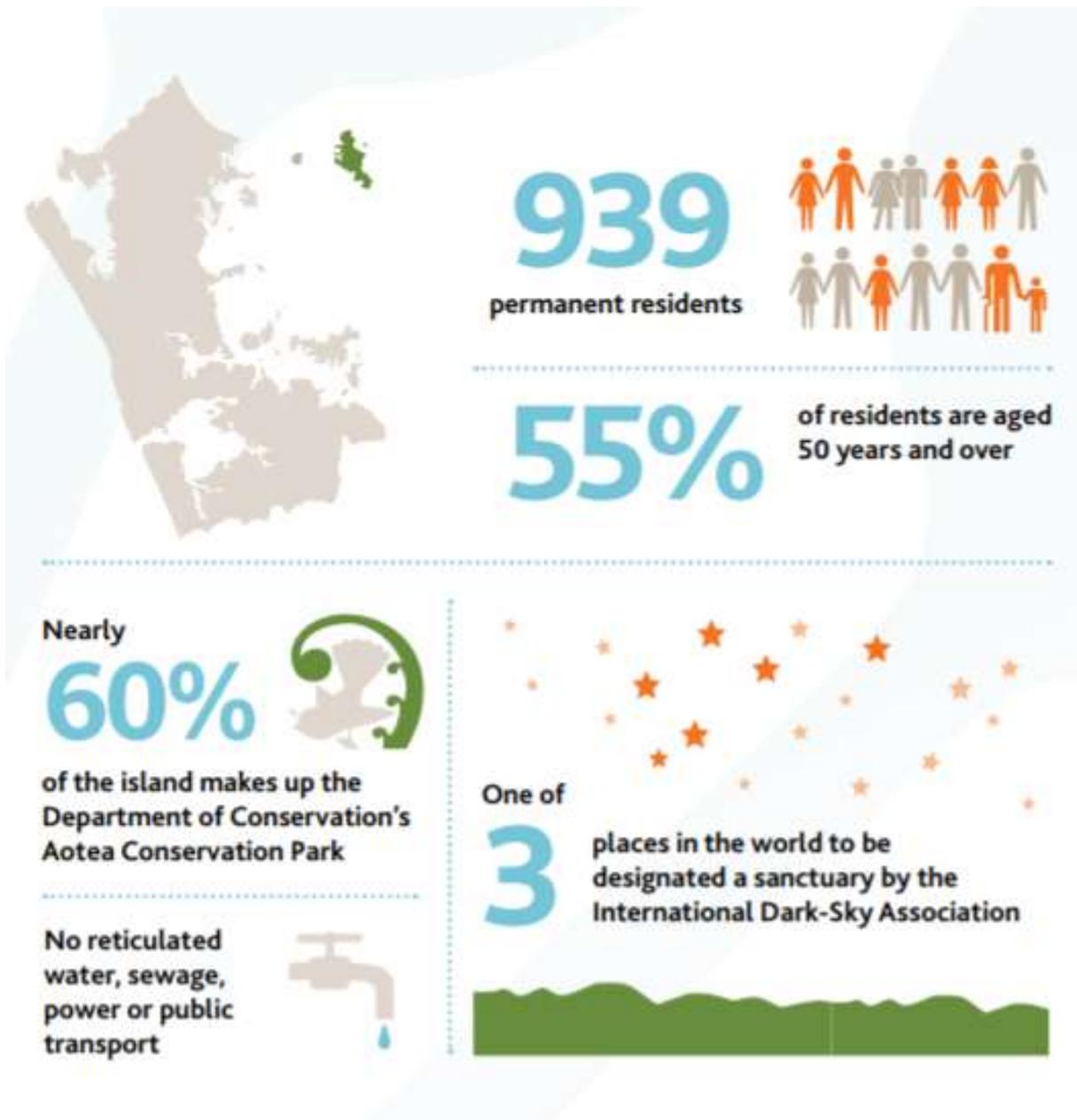
Auckland Council's shared governance model means local boards are responsible for decision-making on local issues, activities and services and providing input into regional strategies, policies and plans. The local board agreement sets out the local board's budget, funding for activities, levels of service, performance measures and targets for the financial year 2019/2020 which has been agreed with Auckland Council's governing body.

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

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

Te Rohe ā-Poari o Aotea Great Barrier Local Board area





Data source: Statistics New Zealand 2013 Census.

Local Board Plan outcomes

The Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2017 sets out the aspirations of the local board. The outcomes in the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan are:

Outcome: Our people thrive and life is good



Local children at the official launch of the Aotea / Great Barrier Island International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

This is how we see our future. Our community groups are strong and independent. Our health services are locally-led and meet our unique needs. Our elderly can stay here comfortably and our youth can return after finishing their

education. All our people live well and thrive. Our natural and cultural heritage is restored and protected. Our community groups achieve their aspirations and our public open spaces are beautiful, functional and designed by locals. There are cemeteries in the north, centre and south of the island. Our children get a good education and there are learning opportunities for all ages.

Outcome: Our infrastructure is future-proofed



The local board funded installation of solar panels at Great Barrier Island Golf Club.

This is how we see our future. Our roads are safe, usable all year round and well maintained. Walkers, cyclists, drivers and truckers share our roads with ease and enjoy breathtaking views along the way. All our

villages have a park and community building that we love and look after, connected by walkways and cycle trails. We have minimal signage and it fits with our environment. Our locals and visitors can get from place to place by some form of public transport. We have waterways that are fish friendly. Our wharves and airfields meet the needs of locals, visitors and businesses. We have modern efficient communications but our ridgelines are not dotted with cellphone towers. Our houses are warm, sustainable and affordable.

Outcome: Our environment is protected and enhanced



The Awana Stream weir before it was removed in April 2017 for fish migration.

This is how we see our future. We lead the way in the Auckland region as a place where the environment is at its best. Pests are so few (or even better, eradicated) that our native wildlife and forests flourish. We remain off the grid

with an increasing percentage of our energy coming from affordable, renewable and secure sources. Our island is a showcase of the very best in environmental practice with reduced reliance on fossil fuel. We dump only what cannot be reused, recycled or composted, and lead the region on the path to zero waste and low carbon. Our water and food supply is safe and secure. Our coastal waters are full of life and our streams run clean and free.

Outcome: Our economy is sustainable and prosperous



Gerald and Caity Endt from Okiwi Passion.

This is how we see our future. We have more people, more jobs and more opportunities. Our businesses can make a buck and new ones spring up to meet demand. Our employees earn a living wage. We have thriving

social enterprises and can buy locally produced meat and locally caught fish on-island. We encourage locals and visitors to buy locally both for sustainability and to support local producers. Our people are supported to upskill, our businesses can find the skills they need, and jobs stay on island. We are great hosts to visitors and their experience makes them want to come back with their friends. We engage our many part-time residents to help make the island a great place to live and visit. Our environment and night sky are internationally acclaimed and protected.

The local board agreement outlined in this document reflects how we plan to support these outcomes through agreed activities in the 2019/2020 financial year. In addition, each local board carries out responsibilities delegated by the Governing Body in accordance with the delegated power, and with the general priorities and preferences in the local board plan.

Working with Māori

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

The Great Barrier Local Board and mana whenua Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea have common aspirations in a wide range of areas outlined in their hapū management and strategic plans and wish to work together to advance a number of initiatives as signalled in the local board plan.

We are committed to building a strong relationship with Ngāti Rehua-Ngātiwai ki Aotea and have allocated funding to support resourcing to engage in mutual issues such as waste recovery, cemeteries, International Dark Sky Sanctuary and marine protection.

Great Barrier Local Board Agreement 2019/2020

Priorities by activity area

Auckland Council's 2019/2020 funding priorities for local activities that contribute to key community outcomes in the Great Barrier local board area are set out below under each local activity.

Levels of service, performance measures and targets are also set out below under each local activity.

Local Community Services

Local community services are a broad activity area including:

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

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

The key initiatives we have planned for 2019/2020 include:

- Community grants to our local health, education, tourism and community groups
- Funding to support iwi responsiveness
- Supporting our International Dark Sky Sanctuary status
- Further investigation into a northern cemetery site
- Further investigations into our village spaces and the accessways and linkages between them

The local community services and key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcomes in the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan:

- Our people thrive and life is good
- Our infrastructure is future-proofed

Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local activity. The level of service statement is in blue below.

Performance measure	Actual 2017/18	LTP Target 2018/19	Annual Plan Target 2019/20
We provide library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life			
The number of internet session at libraries (unique sessions over public computing or public WIFI networks) (million)	New Measure	0.01	0.01
The number of visits to library facilities (million)	New Measure	0.01	0.01
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	93%	85%	85%
We fund, enable and deliver community events and experiences that enhance identity and connect people			
The percentage of attendees satisfied with a nominated local community event	New Measure	70%	70%
We fund, enable and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people			
The percentage of arts and culture programmes, grants and activities that are community led	New Measure	85%	85%
Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities			
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that are community led	New Measure	35%	40%
The percentage of Empowered Communities activities that build capacity and capability to assist local communities to achieve their goals	New Measure	30%	35%
Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities			
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe	Day: 96%	Day: 92%	Day: 92%
	Night: 85%	Night: 90%	Night: 90%
We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves and beaches			
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	83%	70%	70%
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	69%	81%	81%
We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture			
The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations	New Measure	12%	14%

Local Planning and Development

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

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$45,000

The key initiatives we have planned for 2019/2020 include:

- Implementation of the Aotea Great Barrier Island Visitor Strategy
- Development of a housing strategy

The local planning and development activity, including the key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcomes in the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan:

- Our infrastructure is future-proofed
- Our economy is sustainable and prosperous

Levels of Service

There are no performance measures for this activity.

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Local Environmental Management

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

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

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$XX.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2019/2020 include:

- Funding to support biosecurity projects including argentine ants, plague skinks, rabbit control, weed surveys and the Okiwi pest control coordinator
- Employment of a biodiversity/biosecurity officer
- Support for the Ecology Vision through the resourcing of a coordinator
- Freshwater quality monitoring including septic tank education and support for riparian planting and fencing

The local environmental management activity and key initiatives outlined contribute towards achieving the following outcomes in the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board Plan:

- Our environment is protected and enhanced

Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local activity. The level of service statement is in blue below.

Performance measure	Actual 2017/18	LTP Target 2018/19	Annual Plan Target 2019/20
We manage Auckland's natural environment			
The proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes	89%	100%	100%

Local Governance

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

The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 which determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making. There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2019/2020.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$XX million.

Funding Impact Statement [To be tabled at the business meeting]

This prospective funding impact statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of Section 21 (5) of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009. It covers the year from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 and outlines the council's sources of funding for local activities in this local board area and our plan to apply them.

\$000	Annual Plan 2018/19	Annual Plan 2019/20
Financial year ending 30 June		
Sources of operating funding:		
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties		
Targeted rates		
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		
Fees and charges		
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		
Total operating funding		
Applications of operating funding:		
Payment to staff and suppliers		
Finance costs		
Internal charges and overheads applied		
Other operating funding applications		
Total applications of operating funding		
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		
Sources of capital funding:		
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		
Development and financial contributions*		
Increase (decrease) in debt		
Gross proceeds from sale of assets		
Lump sum contributions		
Other dedicated capital funding		
Total sources of capital funding		
Application of capital funding:		
Capital expenditure:		
- to meet additional demand		
- to improve the level of service		
- to replace existing assets		
Increase (decrease) in reserves		
Increase (decrease) in investments		
Total applications of capital funding		
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		
Funding balance		

Appendix A: Advocacy initiatives

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

Key advocacy areas for this local board include:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Local Improvement Projects (LIPs) Funding	<p>The board has a small Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI) capex budget of about \$300k per term which allows for one small/medium sized capital project.</p> <p>The board's LDI capex project this term is the Claris cemetery costing about \$600k.</p> <p>In recognition of the limitations presented by the allocated LDI capex budget, the board had over recent years been given access to Local Improvement Projects (LIPs) funding for small capex projects such as walkway upgrades, interpretation signage, planting and benches. This funding was annually \$180-200k.</p> <p>We are advocating to retain our LIPs funding of \$200k for FY19/20 and possibly future years.</p>	Governing Body
Marine dumping	<p>Dumping of any waste is not acceptable in the marine environment. We ask Auckland Council to look for alternatives and to require all consent applications for seabed dredging to consider other solutions for this material.</p>	Governing Body
Quarantine zones	<p>The board supports environmental services investigations into the possibility of quarantine zones for the Auckland region.</p> <p>We request to input into this project as we believe it could be an important tool for biosecurity within our Treasure Islands.</p>	Governing Body
Dark Sky Sanctuary	<p>The board requests protection of the Aotea Great Barrier Island International Dark Sky Sanctuary status through appropriate regional and local planning measures and recognition of Aotea Great Barrier Local Board as an interested party in planning decisions.</p>	Governing Body

Appendix B: How to contact your Local Board

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



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