

## 2.21 Whau Local Board

He kōrero mai i te Heamana

### Message from the Chair



It is my pleasure to present the Whau Local Board's 2019/2020 Local Board Agreement, which outlines the board's intentions for that period.

Our priorities for the 2019/2020 financial year reflect the things that you've said are important to you and will help to make the Whau a great place to live, work and enjoy. Recent feedback from the community has confirmed that our priorities – including our strong advocacy for delivery of a pool and recreation facility – are about right

Having secured long-term budget funding for a pool and recreation facility in the Whau area, the board are now focused on identifying potential sites to progress to the next step of acquiring suitable land for future construction.

With your support, we have also undertaken to continue the good work we currently have underway and advocacy for our significant community projects:

- Continue to work with various Council departments, Council Controlled Organisations (CCO's), Housing New Zealand, private developers and our local community to ensure quality development for Avondale as part of the Panuku Development Auckland 'Unlock' programme
- Continue to support the delivery of a suite of environmental projects in the Whau
- Strengthen and connect communities through implementation of our Ethnic and Pacific Peoples Plans
- Deliver more effectively on our commitments to Maori through the Waitākere ki tua programme.

The board continues to work with many council departments and external organisations to enable a healthy, safe and economically stable, inclusive environment in our town centres, parks and open spaces for all to enjoy.

As elected members, we aim to be the voice of the Whau's diverse communities and we remain committed to ensuring that this voice is heard by council's Governing Body, so that all the communities of the Whau can be recognised, celebrated and supported.

Tracy Mulholland

Whau Local Board Chair

## 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 Whau 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. For this year, the Whau Local Board will focus its advocacy on progressing implementation of the pool and recreation centre by advancing site identification.

## Te Rohe ā-Poari o Whau Whau Local Board area





A population of

**84,000**



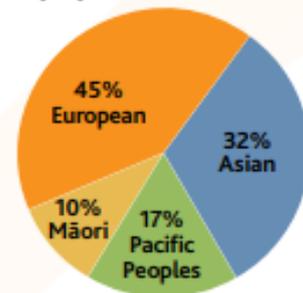
Projected to increase to more than 105,000 by 2033.

Includes the major town centres of Avondale and New Lynn



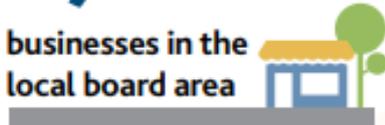
The Whau River is the defining feature of our area

A diverse population with:



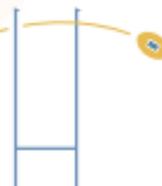
**5,831**

businesses in the local board area



We are home to: more than

**80** local parks



**3**

libraries



Data sources: Statistics New Zealand Population Estimates (2017), Population Projections (2013-base) and 2013 Census.

## Local Board Plan outcomes

The Whau Local Board Plan 2017 sets out the aspirations the local board has for the area. The outcomes in the Whau Local Board Plan are:

### Outcome 1: Well-planned towns, facilities and housing

The Whau is growing due to its location, access to public transport and housing development. Our towns will need to accommodate more people of greater diversity, and require matching community facilities and sound infrastructure.



West Edge development taking shape.

### Outcome 2: Great neighbourhoods with strong community connections, capacity and voices



Green Bay Street Food at Green Bay Community House.

Our vision is that no matter where you come from or how old you are, there is a place for everyone in the Whau.

### Outcome 3: It's 20 minutes to all we need by walking, cycling and public transport



Avondale train station.

We are well serviced with rail and feeder bus routes linking our communities and the Whau to the rest of Auckland. Our bus services and cycle paths are starting to criss-cross the Whau, linking our towns and facilities.

The City Rail Link is estimated to reduce travel time between New Lynn and Britomart to less than 30 minutes.

### Outcome 4: Enhanced natural environment



La Rosa Gardens Reserve, Green Bay.

Our vision is that our communities help to protect and enhance our environment. To create a healthy and liveable environment, our greenhouse gas emissions must be reduced. This can be achieved through changing our lifestyle choices,

paying attention to how and where we redevelop, our infrastructure choices, and restoring and enhancing our natural ecosystems.

### Outcome 5: Strong local businesses and more quality local jobs

The local board's vision is for successful and resilient businesses in Rosebank, New Lynn, Kelston and Avondale, working together to attract new markets and innovate. We want to see more people with higher education achievements gaining well-paid employment and working locally.



Avondale shops.

### Outcome 6: Celebrating our creative edge in our streets, neighbourhoods and communities



Cast of Out of Date, a play produced by local community arts organisation Creative Souls Project.

Our vision is for our diversity and creativity to enrich our lives. We celebrate our arts and cultures across the Whau and are recognised as a creative community.

### Outcome 7: Our heritage is known, protected and our stories are shared



Te Toi Uku Clay Works.

Our vision is for a strong foundation of knowledge available to the wider community. We will work with others to support the preservation of our heritage as much as possible. We will seek innovative ways to work

with owners and developers to preserve or acknowledge our built and/or natural heritage.

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.

Our local board plan provides the framework for engaging rangatira ki te rangatira or chief to chief, to share information and work together. As part of our commitment to Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi, the Whau Local Board continues to aim for a close working relationship with mana whenua to reinforce their position of partners and kaitiaki (guardians) of the environment in this area. The Whau Local Board Plan ambition to improve economic and social well-being will have a positive impact on mana whenua and mataawaka living and working in the Whau and its neighbouring areas. The Whau will support Auckland Council's promotion of a Māori identity as Auckland's point of difference in the world.

## Whau Local Board Agreement 2019/2020 [Text to be updated]

### Priorities by activity area

Auckland Council's 2019/2020 funding priorities for local activities which contribute to key community outcomes in the Whau 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 is a broad activity area, which includes:

- 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 million.

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

- Libraries: continued additional funding provision to ensure extended hours and additional programme deliveries in the Whau's three libraries
- Community Centres and Community Hubs: continue increased support to deliver locally-based activities and community leadership, with an increased focus on our Community Houses and Hubs
- Community Grants: enable delivery of projects, activities and services that benefit our community
- Local Parks Sports and Recreation: Continued betterment of parks involving improved ground conditions, play and exercise opportunities as well as easy connections via pathways (including Te Whau Pathway).

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

- Outcome 1: Well-planned towns, facilities and housing
- Outcome 2: Great neighbourhoods with strong community connections, capacity and voices
- Outcome 6: Celebrating our creative edge in our streets, neighbourhoods and communities.

### 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
<b>We provide library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life</b>			
The number of internet session at libraries (unique sessions over public computing or public WIFI networks) (million)	New Measure	0..53	0.41
The number of visits to library facilities (million)	New Measure	0.68	0.67
Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery	83%	85%	85%

Performance measure	Actual 2017/18	LTP Target 2018/19	Annual Plan Target 2019/20
<b>We fund, enable and deliver community events and experiences that enhance identity and connect people</b>			
The percentage of attendees satisfied with a nominated local community event	New Measure	75%	75%
The number of attendees at Council-led community events	New Measure	2,000	2,000
<b>We fund, enable and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people</b>			
The percentage of arts and culture programmes, grants and activities that are community led	New Measure	85%	85%
<b>Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities</b>			
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	New Measure	30%	35%
<b>Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities</b>			
Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe	Day: 69%	Day: 74%	Day: 74%
	Night: 31%	Night: 26%	Night: 26%
<b>We provide art facilities, community centres and hire venues that enable Aucklanders to run locally responsive activities, promoting participation, inclusion and connection</b>			
The number of participants in activities at art facilities, community centres and hire venues	New Measure	389,632	410,000
The percentage of art facilities, community centres and hire venues network that is community led	New Measure	35%	40%
<b>We provide recreation programmes, opportunities and facilities to get Aucklanders more active, more often</b>			
The percentage of park visitors who are satisfied with the overall quality of sportsfields	New Measure	76%	76%
<b>We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves and beaches</b>			
The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks	73%	77%	77%
The percentage of residents who visited a local park in the last 12 months	75%	77%	77%
<b>We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture</b>			
The percentage of local programmes, grants and activities that respond to Māori aspirations	New Measure	7.2%	10%

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

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

- Young Enterprise Scheme: students learn key work and life skills and business knowledge
- Heritage fund: support preservation and sharing of local stories for future generations through minor heritage projects
- Ethnic Identity: Implement the findings of the completed Ethnic and Pacific Peoples Plan
- Quality town centre developments and local transport centres: foster quality town centre development and improvements to local transport centres; support place-making projects that foster community identity and encourage shared action

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

- Outcome 2: Great neighbourhoods with strong community connections, capacity and voices
- Outcome 5: Strong local businesses and more quality local jobs
- Outcome 7: Our heritage is known, protected and our stories are shared.

### 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
<b>We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland</b>			
The percentage of Business Associations meeting their Business Improvement District (BID) Partnership Programme obligations	100%	100%	100%

## 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:

- Industry Pollution Prevention: increased support to this educational programme which informs our urban industries and businesses about impacts their activities may be having on local waterways
- Low Carbon: Implementing the Whau Local Board's action plan on climate change through a range of collaborative initiatives through the local low carbon network
- Home Energy Advice: This project will enable improved home health and comfort through improved energy use behaviours in low income or ethnically diverse residents

- Sustainability Hub: enable skills, knowledge and resources to make positive choices for sustainable living and reduction of our ecological footprint
- Continue supporting the work of the Manukau Harbour Forum through advocacy and raising the profile of issues affecting the harbour.

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

- Outcome 2: Great neighbourhoods with strong community connections, capacity and voices
- Outcome 4: Enhanced natural environment.

### Levels of Service

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Performance measure	Actual 2017/18	LTP Target 2018/19	Annual Plan Target 2019/20
<b>We manage Auckland's natural environment</b>			
The proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes	86.7%	90%	90%

### 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 of 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.**

## Funding Impact Statement [To be provided by Financial Planning and Strategy team]

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
<b>Financial year ending 30 June</b>		
<b>Sources of operating funding:</b>		
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		
<b>Total operating funding</b>		
<b>Applications of operating funding:</b>		
Payment to staff and suppliers		
Finance costs		
Internal charges and overheads applied		
Other operating funding applications		
<b>Total applications of operating funding</b>		
<b>Surplus (deficit) of operating funding</b>		
<b>Sources of capital funding:</b>		
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		
<b>Total sources of capital funding</b>		
<b>Application of capital funding:</b>		
Capital expenditure:		
- to meet additional demand		
- to improve the level of service		
- to replace existing assets		
Increase (decrease) in reserves		
Increase (decrease) in investments		
<b>Total applications of capital funding</b>		
<b>Surplus (deficit) of capital funding</b>		
<b>Funding balance</b>		

## Appendix A: Advocacy initiative

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.

The key advocacy area for this local board is:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
<b>Progressing implementation of the pool and recreation centre by advancing site identification</b>	The Whau Local Board's One Local Initiative (OLI) for a pool and recreation centre in the Whau has been approved in the Long-term Plan and the next step is to identify a site. The board wishes to see this initiative proceed to implementation without further delay and has identified site identification as being key to progressing the initiative.	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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