I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 25 August 2020
Time: 1.00pm
Venue: This meeting will proceed via Skype for Business. Either a recording or written summary will be uploaded on the Auckland Council website

Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board
OPEN AGENDA

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1 Welcome

Chairperson I Fordham will open the meeting held by Skype for Business and welcome everyone in attendance. Member V Toki will lead a karakia.

2 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

3 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 28 July 2020, as a true and correct record.

5 Leave of Absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

6 Acknowledgements

At the close of the agenda no requests for acknowledgements had been received.

7 Petitions

At the close of the agenda no requests to present petitions had been received.

8 Deputations

Standing Order 7.7 provides for deputations. Those applying for deputations are required to give seven working days notice of subject matter and applications are approved by the Chairperson of the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board. This means that details relating to deputations can be included in the published agenda. Total speaking time per deputation is ten minutes or as resolved by the meeting.

At the close of the agenda no requests for deputations had been received.
9 **Public Forum**

A period of time (approximately 30 minutes) is set aside for members of the public to address the meeting on matters within its delegated authority. A maximum of 3 minutes per item is allowed, following which there may be questions from members.

At the close of the agenda no requests for public forum had been received.

10 **Extraordinary Business**

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

(a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and

(b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-

(i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and

(ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting."

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

(a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-

(i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and

(ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but

(b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion."
Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report
1. To approve the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board’s environment work programme 2020/2021.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary
2. This report presents the board’s environment work programme and associated budgets for approval for delivery within the 2020/2021 financial year (see Attachment A).
3. The work programme responds to the outcomes and objectives that the local board identified in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2017, in particular that ‘our environment is protected and enhanced’. 
4. The COVID-19 pandemic has exerted considerable pressure on the council’s financial position. In July 2020, the Governing Body adopted the council’s Emergency Budget 2020/2021, which has reduced both capital and operating budgets. However, locally driven initiatives (LDI) operational funding has not been reduced.
5. The board provided feedback to Infrastructure and Environmental Services staff on the projects it would like to fund in a series of workshops. The board indicated its support for the following projects, with budgets as listed below:
   - Argentine ant and plague skink surveillance - $19,000
   - a funding contribution towards a conservation advisor role - $33,750
   - coastal weed survey - $10,000
   - ecology vision - $30,000
   - Ōkiwi pest coordinator - $15,000
   - pest pathways - $15,000
   - rabbit and feral cat control - $26,000
   - freshwater management programme - $30,000
   - waterways protection fund - $20,000.
6. The proposed work programme has a total value of $198,750, which can be funded from within the board’s draft locally driven initiatives (LDI) budget for the 2020/2021 financial year.
7. In addition to these projects, $1,500 has been carried forward from the board’s 2019/2020 freshwater management programme budget to the 2020/2021 financial year. This budget will support planting around Mulberry Grove Reserve that was unable to be completed in the 2019/2020 financial year, due to dry weather conditions.
8. The proposed work programme also includes a regional project being led by Healthy Waters in relation to an emergency water supply for Aotea / Great Barrier. Internal design for this project will take place in the 2020/2021 financial year, and construction is proposed to take place in 2021/2022, subject to funding availability. While no local board funding is required
for this project, it has been included in the 2020/2021 work programme to enable the board and community to have visibility of progress throughout the financial year.

9. Updates on the delivery of this work programme will be provided through the board’s quarterly performance reports.

Ngā tūtohunga

Recommendations

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

a) approve its environment work programme 2020/2021 (Attachment A to the agenda report) including associated budget as summarised in the table below:

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b) note that $1,500 of locally driven initiatives budget has been carried forward for the 2019/2020 freshwater management programme, for completion as part of the attached work programme in 2020/2021.

c) note that the attached environment work programme includes a regional Healthy Waters project related to an emergency water supply for Aotea / Great Barrier, to enable visibility on progress throughout the 2020/2021 financial year.

Horopaki Context

10. Each year, the local board decides which activities to allocate its annual budget toward, through a series of workshops. The local board feedback in these workshops have informed the work programme.

11. The COVID-19 pandemic has exerted considerable pressure on the council’s financial position, which has had flow on effects for budgets available in the 2020/2021 financial year. Given the new financial realities facing Auckland, the council has adopted an Emergency Budget 2020/2021, which has reduced both capital and operating budgets from those anticipated prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, this does not include a reduction of locally driven initiatives (LDI) operational funding.

12. The COVID-19 pandemic occurred part way through the planning cycle for the development of the 2020/2021 local board work programmes. This led to local boards undertaking a reprioritisation exercise for all proposed activity.
13. The work programme responds to outcomes and objectives that the local board identified in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2017. In particular, it supports the outcome ‘our environment is protected and enhanced’ through initiatives that address ecological and biosecurity challenges, and freshwater stream improvements.

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu
Analysis and advice

14. The proposed work programme is made up of activities continuing from previous financial years, including ongoing environmental projects.

15. The proposed activities for delivery as part of the board’s environment work programme 2020/2021 are detailed below (see Attachment A for further detail). These activities will support the board to achieve its local board plan objectives ‘we lead our region in ecological health’ and ‘all our freshwater streams will be healthy’.

Argentine ant and plague skink surveillance - $19,000

16. The board has indicated it would like to continue to support Argentine and Darwin’s ant surveillance in the 2020/2021 financial year. Plague skink surveillance will also continue to support regionally funded research work also being carried out on Aotea Great Barrier.

17. The board has supported this project since 2016 and allocated $24,000 towards this project in its environment work programme in the 2019/2020 financial year (resolution GBI/2019/63).

18. This surveillance work will inform decisions on the targeted control and management of these pest species at high-risk sites. Staff recommend that the board allocate $19,000 towards the continuation of this project in the 2020/2021 financial year. This is $5,000 less than the 2019/2020 budget, as plague skink detection work will be carried out by the regional dog handler team in the 2020/2021 financial year.

Conservation advisor - $33,750

19. The board has indicated it would like to continue to contribute funding towards a conservation advisor role for Aotea Great Barrier in the 2020/2021 financial year. The conservation advisor role will ensure the provision of specialist biodiversity advice, as well as support for biodiversity and marine projects, and community education on Aotea Great Barrier.

20. The board established a part-time advisor position in 2017 and allocated $45,000 towards this role in the 2019/2020 financial year. The role was complemented with regional funding, which enabled a full-time position for the 2019/2020 financial year.

21. A proposal for regional funding to enable a full-time conservation advisor resource in 2020/2021 will be submitted to the Auckland Council’s executive leadership team for consideration in August 2020. If regional funding is not available due to the council’s financial position, the role will remain part-time using local board funding.

22. As the role is not likely to be recruited until September 2020 at the earliest, a reduced budget of $33,750 is recommended for the 2020/2021 financial year.

Coastal weed survey - $10,000

23. The board has indicated it would like to continue to support a coastal weed survey initiative in the 2020/2021 financial year. The board has supported weed survey initiatives for several years and allocated $10,000 towards this project in the 2019/2020 financial year.

24. This survey work will inform decisions on targeted pest plant control and enable the removal or control of low incidence coastal weeds. It is recommended that the board allocate $10,000 towards this project in the 2020/2021 financial year.

Ecology vision - $30,000
25. The board has indicated it would like to continue funding support for the progression of the ecology vision project in the 2020/2021 financial year. The board has supported the ecology vision since its development in 2016 and allocated $30,000 towards this project in the 2019/2020 financial year.

26. This project will enable the engagement of a facilitator to coordinate ecology vision meetings and events, maintain the ecology vision website, and form a community governance group to lead the ongoing implementation of the ecology vision.

27. It is recommended that the board allocate $30,000 towards this project in the 2020/2021 financial year.

**Oiwi pest coordinator - $15,000**

28. The board has indicated it would like to continue funding an Oiwi pest coordinator in the 2020/2021 financial year. The board has supported this project for several years and allocated $15,000 towards this project in the 2019/2020 financial year.

29. This project enables the engagement of a coordinator to facilitate a community pest control programme in Oiwi. It is recommended that the board allocate a further $15,000 towards this project in the 2019/2020 financial year.

**Pest pathways - $15,000**

30. The board has indicated it would like to continue to support the management of pest pathways in the 2020/2021 financial year. The board has supported treasure island ambassador initiatives for several years and allocated $10,000 towards this project in the 2019/2020 financial year.

31. This project will enable pest pathway ambassadors based on Aotea / Great Barrier to help increase visitor, resident and transport operator awareness of pest pathways from the mainland. Ambassadors will also survey businesses that import high-risk products to Aotea / Great Barrier to better understand their knowledge of biosecurity and provide them with options to reduce their impact on the environment.

32. It is recommended that the board allocate $15,000 towards this project in the 2020/2021 financial year.

**Rabbit and feral cat control - $26,000**

33. The board has indicated it would like to continue to support the reduction and elimination of rabbit populations in targeted areas in the 2020/2021 financial year. The board has supported this project since 2014 and allocated $26,000 towards this project in the 2019/2020 financial year.

34. This project will enable continued rabbit control at Claris, Awana, Whangapoua and Oiwi, and will support regionally funded rabbit control work. Auckland Council and the Department of Conservation will continue to work together on this project to reduce rabbit and feral cat numbers across Aotea / Great Barrier.

35. It is recommended that the board allocate a further $26,000 towards this project in the 2020/2021 financial year.

**Freshwater management programme - $30,000**

36. The board has indicated it would like to continue to support water quality improvements in local waterways in the 2020/2021 financial year. The board has supported freshwater management initiatives for the past four financial years and allocated $50,000 towards this project in the 2019/2020 financial year, in addition to a $15,000 carry forward from the 2018/2019 financial year.

37. Funding for this project in 2019/2020 supported onsite wastewater system inspections and education, waterway restoration activities, and a newly established waterways protection fund. It is recommended that the board allocate $30,000 towards the continuation of these
activities in the 2020/2021 financial year, in addition to $20,000 for a separate waterways protection fund as detailed below.

Waterways protection fund - $20,000

38. The board has indicated it would like to continue the provision of its waterways protection fund in the 2020/2021 financial year. This fund was established in 2019 as part of the board’s freshwater management programme, with $29,500 ring-fenced for community-led initiatives that improve water quality on Aotea / Great Barrier.

39. It is recommended that the board allocate a further $20,000 towards this fund in the 2020/2021 financial year.

Aotea / Great Barrier emergency water supply project (to be funded using regional budgets in 2021/2022, subject to budget availability)

40. The board has requested the inclusion of an Aotea / Great Barrier emergency water supply project in its 2020/2021 environment work programme, to enable visibility of progress throughout the financial year.

41. In 2020/2021, this project will involve the internal design of a small multi barrier water treatment system, proposed to be located in Claris. Upon completion of the construction works, this will provide an emergency water supply source for Aotea / Great Barrier residents to access in times of extreme water shortages. Mana whenua engagement will also be undertaken in the 2020/2021 financial year, before the final location for the water supply is confirmed.

42. Construction of the water supply was intended to be regionally funded in 2020, however due to the council’s financial constraints arising from COVID-19, budget availability for construction is yet to be confirmed. The project is expected to be prioritised for delivery and regional funding in the 2021/2022 financial year, subject to funding availability.

43. An emergency water supply plan will also be developed, which will include (but not limited to) the following:
   - details of previous rainfall
   - trigger levels for activating the emergency water supply
   - processes for activating and deactivating Aotea / Great Barrier contingency water supplies
   - details around the operation of the contingency water supply site.

Activity carried forward from 2019/2020

44. The Corporate and Local Board Performance team has identified a project from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board locally driven initiatives (LDI) operational budget 2019/2020, where there was an agreed scope and cost which was not fully delivered.

45. In addition to the projects outlined in this report, $1,500 has been carried forward from the board’s 2019/2020 freshwater management programme budget to support planting around Mulberry Grove Reserve. This planting was unable to be completed in the 2019/2020 financial year due to dry weather conditions, so will be completed as part of the board’s environment work programme in 2020/2021.

Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi
Climate impact statement

46. Table 1 outlines the activities in the 2020/2021 work programme that have an impact on greenhouse gas emissions or contribute towards climate change adaptation.

Table 1: Climate impact assessment of proposed activities
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<td>Auckland Council staff flying to Aotea / Great Barrier to carry out work can produce a large carbon footprint. This project will support an Aotea-based conservation advisor, which will help to minimise Auckland Council’s greenhouse gas emissions.</td>
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<td>Ecology vision</td>
<td>This project works to protect native species that may be impacted by climate change. Additionally, the project supports initiatives that counter greenhouse gas emissions, such as tree planting through ecological restoration. There may be some carbon emissions associated with this project through air travel to and from Aotea.</td>
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<td>Ōkiwi pest coordinator</td>
<td>The Ōkiwi pest coordinator project works to protect native species that may be impacted by climate change.</td>
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<td>Pest pathways</td>
<td>The pest pathway project aims to educate residents and visitors to Aotea on the greenhouse gas emissions associated with freight to Aotea which also presents a biosecurity risk. Ambassadors will promote a ‘buy local’ campaign to minimise both biosecurity risks and greenhouse gas emissions.</td>
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<td>Rabbit control</td>
<td>Carrying out rabbit control helps to minimise climate impacts such as erosion, particularly in sandy coastal areas.</td>
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<td>Freshwater management programme and the waterways protection fund</td>
<td>Empowering and connecting communities back to the natural environment will increase climate resilience. The implementation of stream restoration and protection efforts will minimise the impact of flooding, and provide habitats to improve biodiversity and carbon sequestration. These efforts will also protect stream banks from erosion caused by the increased rainfall events resulting from climate change.</td>
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<td>Aotea / Great Barrier emergency water supply project</td>
<td>The provision of an emergency water supply source will enable residents on Aotea / Great Barrier to be more resilient in the event of extreme water shortages. Such events are expected to become more frequent and severe as a result of climate change.</td>
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Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera

Council group impacts and views

47. The work programme was developed through a collaborative approach by operational council departments, with each department represented in the integrated team that presented the draft work programme to the local board at a series of workshops.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe

Local impacts and local board views

48. The projects proposed for inclusion in the board’s environment work programme will have positive environmental outcomes across the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area. Particular focus areas for the 2020/2021 work programme include Claris, Awana, Whangapoua, and Ōkiwi.
49. The projects noted above align with the local board plan outcome ‘our environment is protected and enhanced’. The proposed environment work programme has been considered by the local board in a series of workshops from November 2019 to July 2020. The views expressed by local board members during the workshops have informed the recommended work programme.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori
Māori impact statement

50. It is recognised that environmental management, water quality and land management have integral links with the mauri of the environment and concepts of kaitiakitanga.

51. The proposed activities in the 2020/2021 environment work programme align with the Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea hapū management plan, as they work to:
   - protect indigenous flora and fauna
   - protect awa, moana and wai through the waterway restoration projects
   - encourage kaitiakitanga and Mātauranga Māori.

52. The Ōkiwi pest coordinator and pest pathway projects will encourage collaboration through work with Te Kura o Ōkiwi.

53. Mana whenua engagement on the Aotea / Great Barrier emergency water supply was scheduled for 2019/2020, however this was postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Engagement will now be undertaken in the 2020/2021 financial year, before a water supply location is confirmed.

54. Where aspects of the proposed work programme are anticipated to have a significant impact on activity of importance to Māori then appropriate engagement will be undertaken.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea
Financial implications

55. The proposed environment work programme budget for 2020/2021 is $198,750 of the board’s locally driven initiatives (LDI) operational budget. This amount can be accommodated within the board’s total draft budget for 2020/2021.

56. In addition, $1,500 has been carried forward from the board’s 2019/2020 freshwater management programme budget to the 2020/2021 financial year. This budget will support planting around Mulberry Grove Reserve that was unable to be completed in the 2019/2020 financial year, due to dry weather conditions.

57. No local board budget is required to undertake the Aotea / Great Barrier emergency water supply project. The capital budget required to undertake construction will be covered by regional budgets, once funding becomes available.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga
Risks and mitigations

58. The COVID-19 pandemic could have a further negative impact on the delivery local board work programmes if the COVID-19 Alert Level changes (New Zealand’s 4-level Alert System specifies measures to be taken against COVID-19 at each level). The deliverability of some activities will decrease if there is an increase to the COVID-19 Alert Level.

59. Attachment B shows the identified significant risks associated with activities in the proposed 2020/2021 work programme.

60. Resourcing of the proposed work programme is based on current staff capacity within departments. If changes to staff capacity have an impact on work programme delivery, this will be signalled to the local board at the earliest opportunity. Staff will also signal if any other
unforeseen circumstances may impact on the delivery of the activities outlined in this report, alongside options to address such challenges.

Ngā koringa ā-muri

Next steps

61. Delivery of the activity in the approved work programme will commence once approved and continue until 30 June 2021. Activity progress will be reported to the local board on a quarterly basis.

62. Where the work programme identifies further decisions and milestones for each activity, these will be brought to the local board when appropriate.

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| 206 | Argentine ant and plague skink surveillance | This project will support continued biosecurity surveillance within settlement areas for the presence or absence of Argentine and Darwin’s ants. Plague skink surveillance will also continue to support the regionally funded research work being carried out. This initiative will also record any native reptiles found in surveyed areas to better understand the diversity of reptiles in residential Aotea Great Barrier. | Benefits of this project include:  
- enabling informed decisions on the targeted control and eradication of Argentine and Darwin’s ants from Aotea Great Barrier  
- assisting in verifying that pest ants and plague skinks are restricted to localised sites on Aotea Great Barrier  
- enabling early intervention and control of small populations of pest ants and plague skinks  
- providing a proactive approach to managing pest ants and plague skinks  
- providing employment for qualified locally based contractors  
- creating a better understanding of native reptile diversity in areas of the island where plague skinks are absent to help guide management decisions. | Our environment is protected and enhanced | ML5: Environmental Services | No further decisions anticipated. | Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 | LOI: Open | $19,000 |
| 207 | Conservation advisor | This project will support continued employment of a conservation advisor (previously known as biodiversity/security advisor) for Aotea Great Barrier. The position will be equally funded from regional budgets allowing for a full-time position. The advisor will work to:  
- support the Natural Environment Delivery team (previously known as biosecurity and biodiversity operations) with project management and delivery  
- provide information to the Natural Environment Design team (previously known as biosecurity and biodiversity planning)  
- increase community led conservation action and support  
- provide expert technical advice on pest plant and animal control and support marine conservation activities  
- support and facilitate landowners and community-based restoration initiatives  
- protect and enhance indigenous biodiversity on Aotea Great Barrier. | The conservation advisor will:  
- increase the on-island capacity for protecting indigenous biodiversity on Aotea Great Barrier  
- increase the on-island capacity for controlling pest plants and pest animals as guided by the Regional Pest Management Plan (in development)  
- provide an increased response time to requests for environmental restoration advice on the island  
- increase community engagement  
- increase biosecurity and biodiversity initiatives on Aotea Great Barrier, including marine conservation initiatives  
- provide technical expertise to community groups for planning and implementing pest control programmes. | Our environment is protected and enhanced | ML5: Environmental Services | No further decisions anticipated. | Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 | LOI: Open | $33,750 |
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<td>Coastal weed survey</td>
<td>This project will support continued surveying of the Aotea / Great Barrier coast for pest plants, and undertake any removal or control of low incidence weeds.</td>
<td>Benefits of this project include: building a database on the presence and distribution of low incidence exotic plants; enabling the immediate removal of small populations of low incidence weeds; reducing the rate at which pest plants, that are currently absent or in low numbers, establish on the island; providing a proactive approach to pest plant management; providing employment for qualified locally based contractors.</td>
<td>Our environment is protected and enhanced, IAES: Environmental Services, No further decisions anticipated.</td>
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<td>Ecology vision</td>
<td>This budget will continue to support the progression of the Great Barrier Island Ecology Vision project. It will fund the engagement of an ecology vision facilitator that will facilitate ecology vision meetings, workshops and events; manage and maintain an ecology vision website, social media presence and advocacy through local publications; coordinate any proposed ecology vision activities; help with the formation of a community governance group to lead the ongoing implementation of the ecology vision; work towards the establishment of ecological oases on Aotea / Great Barrier.</td>
<td>The ecology vision facilitator will increase the participation of residents in community-led ecological restoration. The programme will: work toward improving ecosystem health in local communities by reducing pest numbers, improving the health of waterways, protecting threatened species, and cleaning up rubbish; provide an opportunity for local people to learn more about the biodiversity in their neighbourhoods; provide the community with the tools and information needed to be successful in community-led ecological restoration; provide local employment opportunities through the creation of community-led ecological restoration activities.</td>
<td>Our environment is protected and enhanced, IAES: Environmental Services, No further decisions anticipated.</td>
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<td>Okawi pest coordinator</td>
<td>This budget will continue support for a pest-coordinator to encourage and facilitate community-led pest control in Okawi. This project enables the pest coordinator to support the current trap network by ensuring traps are serviced regularly and monitoring is maintained. The coordinator will also undertake five-minute bird counts as well as educating the Okawi community about best practice pest management.</td>
<td>Benefits of this programme include: increasing community awareness of pest species and control; developing pest control programme plans, and assisting with the implementation of these plans by providing expertise and equipment; increasing community knowledge of the lagoons in the Okawi area and how to protect these lagoons.</td>
<td>Our environment is protected and enhanced, IAES: Environmental Services, No further decisions anticipated.</td>
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| 211 | Pest pathways                 | This budget will continue support for local ambassadors to help increase visitor, resident, businesses and transport operator awareness of biosecurity practices and roles for managing pests as set out in the Regional Pest Management Plan. Ambassadors will also survey businesses that import high-risk products to Aotea Great Barrier to better understand their knowledge of biosecurity and provide them with options to reduce their impact on the environment. | Benefits of this project include:  
- Increasing community awareness of pest species and pest control through advocacy at the entry and exit points on Aotea Great Barrier  
- Improving the awareness of businesses about how they can reduce their ecological impact through the minimisation of freight  
- A biosecurity presence at the entry and exit points on Aotea Great Barrier during the peak summer visitor period, helping to improve response times to incursions if observed  
- Providing employment opportunities for residents, in particular the youth of Aotea Great Barrier | Our environment is protected and enhanced | M&E: Environment Services | No further decisions anticipated. | Q2, Q3, Q4 | LD: Opex   | $15,000   |
| 212 | Rabbit and feral cat control  | This budget will continue support for an ongoing rabbit control programme which utilises best practice methodologies to control rabbits at high-priority sites on Aotea Great Barrier. These sites will include Clairs, Awaia, Okai township and Whangapoua. Auckland Council and the Department of Conservation will continue to work together throughout the lifetime of this programme to reduce rabbit and feral cat numbers across Aotea Great Barrier. | This programme reduces the number of rabbits on Aotea Great Barrier. This helps to reduce the damage caused by rabbit grazing and digging, therefore preserving pastoral and native plants, reducing erosion and protecting arable infrastructure. Sustaining lower numbers of rabbits also means there is less food available to feral cats. Fewer feral cats will result in less predation of native birds, such as Pateke. | Our environment is protected and enhanced | M&E: Environment Services | No further decisions anticipated. | Q3, Q4   | LD: Opex   | $20,000   |
| 1521| Freshwater management programme | This budget will continue to support the education of communities about the importance of maintaining onsite wastewater systems and the impacts these systems can have on water quality. The onsite wastewater education programme will target the Typhoona, Okai, Medlands, and Clairs catchments and 10 free tank inspections will be provided. Surveys will be undertaken to better understand existing behaviour and to promote best practice around using onsite wastewater systems. Waterway restoration and rehabilitation initiatives will continue to be used as a tool to engage and empower local communities to better understand water quality issues and strategies for improving water quality. This is the fifth year of water quality projects funded by the board. | Benefits of this programme include:  
- Improving water quality in rivers, streams and harbours in the local board area  
- Building on existing relationships with local communities  
- Improving habitat and biodiversity within riparian margins  
- Protecting harbours from sediment and contaminants | Our environment is protected and enhanced | M&E: Healthy Waters | No further decisions anticipated. | Q2, Q3, Q4 | LD: Opex   | $30,000   |
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| 1502| Waterways protection fund - Aotea / Great Barrier | To continue the grants programme supporting landowners on Aotea/Great Barrier with financial assistance to fences and plant waterways from stock in order to restore the riparian margins along waterways in Aotea Great Barrier. Healthy Waters will lead and manage the delivery of the fund to ensure commitments described in the individual funding agreements are delivered as per agreement and on time. Grants are paid as soon as works are completed, invoices provided and works inspected. The fund will be advertised through social media. Our Auckland and farming outlets across the island. | Benefits of this programme include:  
- improving water quality in rivers, streams and harbours in the local board area  
- improving habitat and biodiversity within riparian margins across the island  
- protecting harbours from sediment and contaminants. | UES: Healthy Waters               | Local board approval of recommended grant recipients to be sought in May 2021. | Q3, Q4 | LDI: Opex | $20,000 |
| 2176| CARRY FORWARD: Freshwater Management Programme    | This budget will support planting around Mulberry Grove Reserves that was unable to be completed in the 2019/2020 financial year, due to dry weather conditions. Note: the budget for this activity is carried forward from 2019/2020. | Benefits of this programme include:  
- improving water quality in rivers, streams and harbours in the local board area  
- building on existing relationships with local communities within these areas  
- improving habitat and biodiversity within riparian margins across the island  
- protecting harbours from sediment and contaminants. | UES: Healthy Waters               |                                             | Q1             | LDI: Opex | $1,500  |
| 2303| Aotea / Great Barrier emergency water supply project | This project for an Aotea / Great Barrier emergency water supply has been included to enable visibility of progress throughout the financial year. This project will involve the internal design of a small multi barrier water treatment system that is proposed to be located in Clarris. This will provide an emergency water supply source for residents. Mana whareis engagement will be undertaken before the final location for the water supply is determined. An emergency water supply plan will also be developed. The project is expected to be prioritised for delivery and regional funding in the 2021/2022 financial year, subject to funding availability. No local board budget is required to undertake this project. | Upon completion of the construction works this project will provide an emergency water supply source for Aotea / Great Barrier residents to access in times of extreme water shortages. | UES: Healthy Waters               | No further decisions anticipated. | Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 | ABS: Capex - Development | $ -    |
## Risks and proposed mitigations for the 2020/2021 environment work programme

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<td>Argentine ants and plague skinks, coastal weed survey, and rabbit control projects</td>
<td>There is a risk that landowners do not provide permission to access their properties.</td>
<td>These projects have been successfully running for several years. The contractors are familiar to the community, so the risk around landowner permission is considered low.</td>
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<td>Conservation advisor</td>
<td>There is a risk that this role is not able to be recruited, and that regional funding to allow for a full-time role is not approved, due to the council’s financial constraints.</td>
<td>A business case to support the recruitment of this role will be submitted to the council’s executive leadership team consideration in August 2020. If funding is not approved, the part-time role may be recruited using local board funding.</td>
<td>Low-medium</td>
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<td>Ecology vision</td>
<td>There is a risk of a lack of community willingness to undertake ecology vision projects.</td>
<td>As the project has been specifically tailored to the community, this risk is considered low.</td>
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<td>Ōkīwi pest coordinator</td>
<td>There is a risk that landowners do not provide permission to access their properties. There is also a risk that the community will not engage in pest control activities.</td>
<td>The Ōkīwi pest coordinator role has been functioning since 2016/2017 without encountering any landowner access issues. The Ōkīwi coordinator is well-known and trusted by the community, so these risks are considered low.</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<td>Pest pathways</td>
<td>There is a risk of a lack of engagement with pest pathway ambassadors.</td>
<td>Only two people in the 2019/2020 engagement did not want to respond to questions or receive information from the ambassadors. Therefore this risk is unlikely to impact on the overall data able to be collected through this project. The risks versus the outcomes that this project provides are considered low.</td>
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<td>Freshwater management programme</td>
<td>There is a risk that landowners and community groups are not interested in participating in the programme. There is also a risk that advice given through the programme does not translate into action.</td>
<td>Only nine per cent of landowners engaged did not want to participate in the last survey, so this risk is considered low. The provision of 10 free onsite wastewater inspections offered as part of the programme is expected to contribute towards community interest and participation in the programme.</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<td>Waterways protection fund</td>
<td>There may be risks that there is a lack of community interest in the fund, or that the fund is oversubscribed.</td>
<td>Healthy Waters staff will work with the local board’s communications team to share stories around previous successful applications to promote future applications. In the case that the fund is oversubscribed, funds will be prioritised for projects with the highest environmental impact.</td>
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<td>Aotea / Great Barrier emergency water supply project</td>
<td>There is a risk that a suitable location is not identified, and also that regional funding is not available for the construction of the water supply source.</td>
<td>Staff will work with mana whenua and the local board to find a suitable site, as part of the design process to be undertaken in 2020/2021. This project is considered a medium priority for regional funding in 2021/2022, however will be prioritised for delivery sooner if funding becomes available.</td>
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Te take mō te pūrongo
Purpose of the report
1. To approve the community services work programme 2020/2021.

Whakarāpopototanga matua
Executive summary
2. This report presents the local board’s community services work programme and associated budgets for approval for delivery within the 2020/2021 financial year (see Attachment A).
3. The community services work programme includes activities to be delivered by the following departments:
   - Community and Events.
   - Libraries.
   - Parks, Sport and Recreation.
   - Service, Strategy and Integration.
4. The work programme responds to the following outcomes and objectives identified in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2017:
   - Our people thrive and life is good.
   - Our environment is protected and enhanced.
   - Our infrastructure is future-proofed.
   - Our economy is sustainable and prosperous.
5. COVID-19 put significant pressure on Auckland Council’s finances. The Emergency Budget 2020/2021 was adopted by Governing Body in July 2020 (GB/2020/76).
6. While the budget has reduced capital and asset based services (ABS) operating budgets, locally driven initiatives (LDI) operational funding has not been reduced.
7. The local board provided feedback to staff on the activities it would like to fund in anticipation of its reduced budgets in a series of workshops.
8. The proposed work programme has a LDI operational budget value of $482,100, which can be funded from within the local board’s LDI operational budget for the 2020/2021 financial year.
9. ABS budgets were reduced due to the Emergency Budget and specific reductions have been detailed in the Analysis and Advice section of this report. The local board Customer and Community ABS operational budget for 2020/2021 is $1,076,880. This budget is direct operational expenditure only and does not include revenue and excludes depreciation and finance costs if applicable.
10. Projects from 2019/2020 LDI operational budget have been carried forward where there was an agreed scope and cost which have not been delivered. These are shown as separate activity lines in the work programme.
11. Updates on the delivery of this work programme will be provided through the local board’s quarterly performance reports.
Ngā tūtohunga
Recommendation/s
That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

a) approve the community services work programme 2020/2021 and associated budget (Attachment A to the agenda report).

b) note that activities with locally driven initiatives (LDI) operational budget carried forward from 2019/2020 are included in the work programme (Attachment A to the agenda report).

Horopaki
Context

12. Each year, the local board decides which activities to allocate its annual budget toward, through a series of workshops. Local board feedback from these workshops have informed the work programme.

13. The work programme responds to local boards priorities as expressed in its local board plan.

14. The COVID-19 pandemic has exerted considerable pressure on council’s financial position, which has had flow on effects for the budgets available in the 2020/2021 financial year.

15. Given the new financial realities facing Auckland, council has adopted an Emergency Budget 2020/2021.

16. The budget reduced both capital and operating budgets from those anticipated prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. This does not include a reduction of locally driven initiatives (LDI) operational funding.

17. COVID-19 occurred part way through the planning cycle for the development of the 2020/2021 local board work programmes. This led to local boards undertaking a reprioritisation exercise for all proposed activity.

18. Table 1 shows the business objectives and strategic alignment for community services departments. These also guided the development of the work programme.

Table 1: Adopted community-based strategies and plans

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| Arts, Community and Events      | Provision of services, programmes, events and facilities that strengthen and connect communities and create a sense of belonging and pride | • Hire Fee Framework  
• Events Policy  
• Toi Whītiki  
• Thriving Communities |
| Libraries                       | Provision of library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life | • Auckland Libraries Strategy 2020 |
| Parks, Sport and Recreation     | Provision of services to actively engage Aucklanders to lead healthy lives, connect with nature | • Parks and Open Space Strategic Action Plan  
• Sport and Recreation Strategic Action Plan |
The proposed work programme is made up of activities continuing from previous financial years, including annually occurring events or projects and ongoing programmes. It also includes new initiatives supported by the local board.

**Asset Based Services (ABS) operational activities**

20. The Emergency Budget reduced the anticipated asset based services (ABS) operational budgets across all 21 local boards. This has required a reduction in asset based services (ABS) operational budgets in the local board’s community venues, libraries and facilities.

21. Staff provided advice about how services delivered from community facilities could be adjusted to achieve the savings of the Emergency Budget. Staff discussed proposed changes at workshops with the local board in July 2020.

22. Proposed changes to community venues, facility programming and opening hours in response to budget constraints are:

**Libraries: Great Barrier Library**

23. Libraries will have no reductions to approved standard opening hours: 42.5 hours per week across one library.

24. Efficiencies will still be required and will be managed across the library network. Analysis of staffing resource vs customer use has shown where efficiencies can be achieved by optimising staffing levels within the local board area.

25. The local programming budget has been reduced. There will be a reduction in the number of external partners coming in to support programming, however, programmes will continue to be run by staff within libraries for 2020/2021.

**Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI) operational activities**

26. LDI operational activities in the work programme respond to the local board plan and local board feedback. Community services LDI activities are detailed at Attachment A.

27. The proposed work programme has a total LDI operational budget value of $482,100, which can be funded from within the local board’s LDI operational budget for the 2020/2021 financial year.

28. The Corporate and Local Board Performance team have identified projects from the LDI operational budget 2019/2020 where there was an agreed scope and cost which have not been delivered. Carry-forwards are expressed as separate activity lines in the work programme.

**COVID-19 impacts on the community were considered while developing the work programme**

29. Staff acknowledge that our communities have faced significant challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic lock down.

| Service, Strategy and Integration | Provision of service and asset planning advice and support more integrated delivery of community outcomes | • Community Facilities Network Plan  
• Parks and Open Space Strategic Action Plan |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| and value our cultural identity  | • Auckland Growing Greener Framework  
• Urban Ngāhere Strategy                                                                 |                                              |
30. In preparing recommendations for the 2020/2021 work programme, a number of COVID-19 related matters have been considered. The 2020/2021 work programme seeks to prioritise activity that responds to these needs:

- newly vulnerable communities
- financial constraints
- accessibility restrictions
- community resilience
- community response and recovery.

**Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi**

**Climate impact statement**

31. Table 2 outlines the activities in the 2020/2021 work programme that have an impact on greenhouse gas emissions or contribute towards climate change adaptation.

**Table 2: Climate impact assessment of proposed activities**

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<td>542</td>
<td>Dark Sky Sanctuary</td>
<td>Work alongside Destination Great Barrier and iwi to leverage Aotea’s Dark Sky Sanctuary accreditation. Funding will cover annual compliance costs, and other International Dark Sky Association requirements such as public engagement.</td>
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<td>1983</td>
<td>Funding for connectivity improvements on Aotea / Great Barrier</td>
<td>Allocate funds to investigate and advocate for improvements to telecommunications infrastructure on Aotea / Great Barrier.</td>
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**Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera Council group impacts and views**

32. The work programme was developed through a collaborative approach by operational council departments, with each department represented in the integrated team that presented the draft work programme to the local board at a series of workshops.

**Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe Local impacts and local board views**

33. The activities in the proposed work programme provide important community services to the people of the local board area. Work programme activities support the outcomes and objectives outlined in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2017.

34. They contribute to building strong, healthy, and vibrant communities by providing services and spaces where Aucklanders can participate in a wide range of social, cultural, art and recreational activities.

35. These activities improve lifestyles and a sense of belonging and pride amongst residents.

36. The community services work programme has been considered by the local board in a series of workshops from November 2019 to July 2020. The feedback received from the workshops has informed the proposed work programme.
**Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori**

**Māori impact statement**

37. Table 3 outlines the activities in the 2020/2021 work programme that contribute towards the delivery of specific Māori outcomes.

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<td>Māori Responsiveness: Community Te Reo course</td>
<td>Aotea Education Trust, in collaboration with kawa marae, will deliver a community Te Reo course. A qualified Te Reo tutor of mana whenua descent will tutor two classes: one for the Aotea Learning Hub students and one for the wider community.</td>
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38. Karanga Atu! Karanga Mai! relationship approach responds to Māori aspirations and delivers on council’s statutory obligations and relationship commitments to Māori. It guides staff to deliver on agreed work programme activities and support the local board to achieve the outcomes in its local board plan.

39. Where aspects of the proposed work programme are anticipated to have a significant interest or impact on activity of importance to Māori then appropriate engagement will be undertaken.

**Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea**

**Financial implications**

40. Activities are funded from one or multiple budget sources which include: ABS operational expenditure and LDI operational expenditure.

41. The total community services work programme LDI operational budget for 2020/2021 is $482,100. This budget was unaffected by the Emergency Budget.

42. ABS budgets were reduced due to the Emergency Budget and specific reductions have been detailed in the Analysis and Advice section of this report. The local board Customer and Community ABS operational budget for 2020/2021 is $1,076,880. This budget is direct operational expenditure only and does not include revenue and excludes depreciation and finance costs if applicable.

43. Each activity line has a budget allocation, which covers the delivery for the 2020/2021 period. Where activity lines show a zero-dollar budget, this reflects that the implementation costs are met through staff salary or other funding sources.

44. Where activities are cancelled or no longer required during the financial year, the local board can reallocate the budget to an existing work programme activity or to create a new activity.

45. Project where budget has been carried-forward from 2019/2020 are shown expressed as separate activity lines in the work programme.

**Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga**

**Risks and mitigations**

46. The COVID-19 pandemic could have a further negative impact on the delivery local board work programmes if the COVID-19 Alert Level changes. New Zealand’s 4-level Alert System specifies measures to be taken against COVID-19 at each level.
47. The deliverability of some activities will decrease if there is an increase to the COVID-19 Alert Level. Some activities can be adapted to be delivered at different COVID-19 Alert Levels.

48. Resourcing of the work programmes is based on current staff capacity within departments. If changes to staff capacity have an impact on work programme delivery, this will be signalled to the local board at the earliest opportunity.

49. The key risks for activities that are managed through the work programme are non-delivery, time delays and budget overspend.

50. Where a work programme activity cannot be completed on time, due to unforeseen circumstances, this will be signalled to the local board at the earliest opportunity.

51. As the work programme includes ongoing activity and annually occurring events or projects, the associated risks have been identified and managed in previous years. Additional risk management for these activities is ongoing and can be reported quarterly.

52. Risks and mitigations for new activity lines were considered during the scoping phase. There may be risks associated with trialling a new activity for the first year. These will be continually assessed and reported to the local board through quarterly reporting when required.

Ngā koringa ā-muri
Next steps

53. Delivery of the activity in the approved work programme will commence once approved and continue until 30 June 2021. Activity progress will be reported to the local board on a quarterly basis.

54. Where the work programme identifies further decisions and milestones for each activity, these will be brought to the local board when appropriate.

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<td>Operational Grant - Great Barrier Island Community Heritage and Arts Village</td>
<td>The Great Barrier Island Community Heritage and Arts Village Trust operates the Great Barrier Island Community Heritage and Arts Village facility and enable community participation in the visual arts for people of all ages, cultural diversity and level of experience. FFB: First quarter payments to this partners was paid out in Q1 (G8/2020/50).</td>
<td>Residents and visitors have access to and can participate in the arts. Great Barrier Island heritage is preserved and promoted. Local artists and members have the opportunity to present their creative work and share new ideas.</td>
<td>Our people thrive and life is good</td>
<td>CS: ACE: Arts &amp; Culture</td>
<td>No further decisions.</td>
<td>Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4</td>
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<td>Build capacity - Aotea Family Support Services and Community Worker project</td>
<td>Fund the Aotea Family Support Group to a) provide services for the island’s families, youth and elderly -$40,000 and b) Manage the Community Worker Project, which provides a focal point for residents trying to navigate central government departments - $42,000</td>
<td>The community can develop the capacity to design and deliver activities, collaborate with council. A diverse range of people can influence decision making. The local board can work in partnership with mana whenua.</td>
<td>Our people thrive and life is good</td>
<td>CS: ACE: Community Empowerment</td>
<td>No further decisions.</td>
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<td>Apply the Empowered Communities Approach: Connecting communities</td>
<td>Broker strategic collaborative relationships and resources within the community. Engage less accessible and diverse groups to build capacity and inclusion and support wheat community groups. Support community-led placemaking, urban revitalisation and planning initiatives that can collaborate with council and influence decision-making on place-based planning and implementation. Support groups to access operational and technical expertise to address barriers to community empowerment. Respond to the aspirations of mana whenua, marae, marae and Māori organisations in conjunction with local board Māori responsiveness activities.</td>
<td>Diverse communities can participate in council decision-making and activities to influence the things they care about. Organisational barriers to improving community outcomes can be identified and addressed. Communities can access tools to support designing and delivering local initiatives. The local board can respond to Māori aspirations.</td>
<td>Our people thrive and life is good</td>
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<td>539</td>
<td>Māori Responsiveness: Community Te Reo course</td>
<td>Aotea Education Trust, in collaboration with kawa manea, will deliver a community Te Reo course. A qualified Te Reo tutor of mana whenua descent will tutor two classes: one for the Aotea Learning Hub students and one for the wider community. Note that the total cost of the activity is $8,400 - $3,000 of which will be paid out of this budget line, with the remaining $4,400 coming from the earned toward Māori responsiveness budget from 2019-20 (line item 2160).</td>
<td>Increase levels of Te Reo proclivity in our community and strengthen lines with mana whenua by honouring the Treaty of Waitangi.</td>
<td>Our people thrive and life is good</td>
<td>CS: ACE: Community Empowerment</td>
<td>No further decisions.</td>
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<td>541</td>
<td>Build Capacity: Aotea Lifelong Learning Action Strategy</td>
<td>Collaborate with Aotea Education Limited to develop and implement a lifelong learning action strategy for the island. Activities include establishing a drop off early childhood education service, running a learning hub for correspondence school students, vocational pathways for secondary schooling, pathways for adult education and a skills development programme to address local skill shortages.</td>
<td>There are more education options, which can support the development of a skilled workforce and a local economy that is vibrant and sustainable. Young people are supported to stay in education for longer and then move directly into employment.</td>
<td>Our people thrive and life is good</td>
<td>CS: ACE: Community Empowerment</td>
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<td>542</td>
<td>Dark Sky Sanctuary</td>
<td>Work alongside Destination Great Barrier and partners to leverage Aotea’s Dark Sky Sanctuary accreditation. Funding will cover annual compliance costs, and other International Dark Sky Association requirements such as public engagement.</td>
<td>The island retains its Dark Sky Sanctuary status, and the community can leverage economic opportunities from Dark Sky Sanctuary status.</td>
<td>Our economy is sustainable and prosperous</td>
<td>CS: ACE: Community Empowerment</td>
<td>No further decisions.</td>
<td>Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4</td>
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<td>543</td>
<td>Investment of capital grants to sustain local community facilities</td>
<td>Fund community facilities that are owned by local community groups through a contestable grants process and provide advice on their investment of the grants to support the facilities being fit for purpose and community access to services.</td>
<td>There is a local network of fit for purpose facilities and community organisations can collaborate with council and influence the things they care about.</td>
<td>Our people thrive and life is good</td>
<td>CS: ACE: Community Places</td>
<td>No further decisions.</td>
<td>Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4</td>
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<td>Anzac services Aotea/Great Barrier</td>
<td>Fund services and parades for Anzac Day.</td>
<td>Local people can remember fallen servicemen and women through a meaningful and respectful commemoration.</td>
<td>Our people thrive and life is good</td>
<td>CS: ACE: Events</td>
<td>No further decisions.</td>
<td>Q4</td>
<td>LDI: Opex</td>
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<td>553</td>
<td>Community grants Great Barrier</td>
<td>Community groups receive funding through a contestable grants process.</td>
<td>$46,240 of the community grants budget will be ring-fenced for food resilience, marine protection and resilience projects.</td>
<td>Our people thrive and life is good</td>
<td>CS: ACE: Advisory</td>
<td>No further decisions.</td>
<td>Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4</td>
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| 1062| Build capacity: Funding for Destination Great Barrier Island and implementation of the Aotea / Great Barrier Island Visitor Strategy | Fund Destination Great Barrier Island to manage tourism on Aotea / Great Barrier Island, including the running of the Visitor Information Centre in Grants, and to work with the local island community, Ngāti Rua tua Ngātiwenu ki Aotea, DOC and island-based service providers to implement the Great Barrier Island Visitor Strategy. |  - Tourism on Aotea is developed and managed in a way that strengthens and empowers our community, stimulates our economic development, promotes our environmental and cultural taonga, and delivers a unique tourism experience in a way that celebrates our local distinctiveness.  
  - Increased opportunity for the local community to develop the capacity to do things for themselves.  
  - Improved ways of working in partnership with mana whenua.  
  - Increased opportunities for a diverse range of people to influence decision making and decide what is important. | Our economy is sustainable and prosperous | CS: AGE: Community Empowerment | No further decisions anticipated. | Not scheduled | LD/ Opex | $ 54,000 |
| 1063| Funding for connectivity improvements on Aotea / Great Barrier                | Allocate funds to investigate and advocate for improvements to telecommunications infrastructure on Aotea / Great Barrier. | Improved connectivity for residents of and visitors to Aotea / Great Barrier island - better internet and mobile coverage, fewer black-outs, future-proofed infrastructure, more secure connectivity for public services such as health, police and council and coverage for our northern communities and two marae. | Our infrastructure is future-proofed | CS: AGE: Community Empowerment | Not scheduled | LD/ Opex | $ 10,000 |
| 2001| AoteaOra Community Trust administration support                            | Provide funds to the AoteaOra Community Trust so the Trust can employ an administration person to manage accounts and admin. | This Trust is central to the one overarching outcome in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board's three year plan - "Our Island is Resilient". Funding a part-time administration person for the Trust will allow the volunteer trustees to focus more on governance and core business, which is to promote sustainable social and economic development on Great Barrier Island. It will free up the Trust to work more strategically and effectively, and avoid the risk of the trust running out completely. | Our economy is sustainable and prosperous | CS: AGE: Community Empowerment | Not scheduled | LD/ Opex | $ 10,000 |
| 2178| CARRY FORWARD: Housing                                                      | Progress potential solutions to Great Barrier Island’s housing issues as discussed at the 2018 housing experts roundtable, taking into account past work done in this area, in particular the 2019 Affordable Housing Feasibility Study. | Progress in addressing some of the challenges around housing on Aotea / Great Barrier Island, including affordable housing, social housing and rentals. | Our infrastructure is future-proofed | CS: AGE: Community Empowerment | Not scheduled | LD/ Opex | $ 15,000 |
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<td>2180</td>
<td>CARRY FORWARD: rail responsiveness - Respond to Māori aspirations: Ngāti Poroporo Hāpai ki Aotea coordinator</td>
<td>Fund Ngāti Poroporo Hāpai ki Aotea to appoint a Great Barrier based representative to: develop a relationship with the local board; coordinate responses to council-led initiatives and projects. liaison with the appointed coordinator to develop a collaborative plan to respond to the key Māori aspirations and priorities. $4,000 of this budget will also go towards covering the cost of the community Te Reo course (see line item 530)</td>
<td>Increased Māori participation in democratic processes and local decision-making. Increased levels of trust and confidence from Māori. Increased understanding of Māori aspirations and how these relate to the local board work programme. Improved community cultural understanding.</td>
<td>Our people thrive and thrive.</td>
<td>CS: ACE - Community Empowerment</td>
<td>Not scheduled</td>
<td>LDR: Opex</td>
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<td>1449</td>
<td>Access to Library services - Aotea / Great Barrier</td>
<td>Provide a library service, assisting customers to find what they need, when they need it and help them navigate library services and digital offerings. Provide information, library collections and lending services and e-resources as well as support for customers using library digital resources, PCs and WiFi. Hours of service: 42.5 hours over 5 days per week.</td>
<td>Connecting the diverse communities and people of Auckland with the world of information, knowledge and ideas (physical &amp; digital). We support the access to, and use of, collections that inspire and encourage imagination and a joy of reading. Libraries reach out to attract more Aucklanders and remove barriers so they can connect and adapt to the changing world, including 24/7 access to library services through the digital library. Libraries safeguard access to information and freedom of expression.</td>
<td>Q3: Libraries &amp; Information</td>
<td>No further decisions anticipated</td>
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<td>193</td>
<td>G187: Digital Information Development</td>
<td>Look into establishing a digital platform using QR codes to provide additional visitor information. Identify areas of coverage for the location of QR codes and the level of information required in the first tranche of development. Identify a suitable hosting platform and establish costs for setup and ongoing maintenance and roles and responsibilities on upgrades and updates.</td>
<td>Increase the number of visitors accessing the island's Online content.</td>
<td>Our environment is protected and enhanced</td>
<td>CS: PSR: Park Services</td>
<td>Once costs are confirmed the board will need to decide on whether to pursue the project. There could be an ongoing funding requirement.</td>
<td>Q1; Q2; Q3; Q4</td>
<td>LDR: Opex</td>
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<td>2225</td>
<td>CARRY FORWARD Accessway and Linkages plan FY20</td>
<td>Community and marine whaia consultation will be undertaken on the Great Barrier Island Accessway and Linkages Plan developed in FY18, in order to assess the level of support for those linkages that the board consider to be a priority.</td>
<td>Ensuring investment meets community need and delivers value for money. Provide feasible active transport options and opportunity. Greater and easier access to settlements and recreational destinations. Note: the budget for this activity is carried forward from 2018/2020.</td>
<td>Our environment is protected and enhanced</td>
<td>CS: PSR: Park Services</td>
<td>AS Q1 workshop the local board to decide which tracks they wish to consult on.</td>
<td>Q1; Q2</td>
<td>LDR: Opex</td>
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### Approval of the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board community services work programme 2020/2021

#### Attachment A

**Item 12**

**Community Services: Service Strategy and Integration Work Programme 2020/2021**

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<td>2055</td>
<td>CARRY FORWARD/Great Barrier Island Community spaces and reserves activation plan</td>
<td>Finalise activation plan for adoption. Note: the budget for this activity is carried forward from 2019/2020.</td>
<td>Increased satisfaction with the community spaces and reserves on the island.</td>
<td>Our people thrive and life is good</td>
<td>CS: Service Strategy and Integration</td>
<td>2020/21 Approve draft activation plan 11/26: adoption of activation plan</td>
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Approval of the Aotea / Great Barrier Community Facilities work programme 2020 - 2023

File No.: CP2020/10940

Te take mō te pūrongo
Purpose of the report

1. To approve the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Community Facilities work programme 2020/2021 and approve the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 work programmes in principle.

Whakarāpopototanga matua
Executive summary

2. The Community Facilities department is responsible for the building, maintaining and renewing of all open spaces and community buildings. This includes the community leasing and licensing of council-owned premises.

3. This report presents the Aotea / Great Barrier local board’s Community Facilities work programme and associated budgets for approval for the 2020/2021 financial year and for approval in principle for the subsequent two financial years, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 (see Attachment A).

4. The work programme responds to the following outcomes and objectives that the local board identified in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2017:
   - Our people thrive and life is good
   - Our environment is protected and enhanced
   - Our infrastructure is future-proofed
   - Our economy is sustainable and prosperous

5. The council’s financial position has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Council’s Emergency Budget for 2020/2021 has reduced both capital and operating budgets from those anticipated prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. The reduction in anticipated budgets has required the reprioritisation of projects and activities that can be accommodated within the local board’s revised budget.

7. The local board provided feedback to staff on the projects it would like to fund in anticipation of its reduced budgets in a series of workshops between November 2019 and July 2020.

8. A number of projects in the work programme for the 2021/2022 or 2022/2023 financial years have been identified as part of the Risk Adjusted Programme (RAP). Approval is sought for these projects to commence at the beginning of the 2020/2021 year so that they can be delivered early in the event that projects approved for delivery in 2020/2021 are delayed for any unforeseen reason.

9. The work programme includes projects proposed to be funded from regional programmes, including local and sports field development (growth), coastal renewals, slips prevention and the Natural Environment Targeted Rate programmes. Inclusion of these projects in the local board work programme is subject to approval by the relevant Governing Body committees.

10. It is recommended that the local board approve the inclusion of these projects in the work programme and provide feedback for consideration by the relevant Governing Body committees.

11. Additionally, there are some external sources of funding not held by council that contribute to projects such as Panuku and Auckland Transport funding.
12. Updates on the delivery of this work programme will be provided through the local board’s quarterly performance reports.

Ngā tūtohunga
Recommendation/s

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

a) approve the Community Facilities work programme 2020/2021 and associated budget. (Attachment A – Build, Maintain, Renew and Attachment B – Community Leases to the agenda report).

b) approve in principle the Community Facilities work programme 2021/2022 and 2022/2023. (Attachment A – Build, Maintain, Renew and Attachment B – Community Leases to the agenda report).

c) approve the Risk Adjusted Programme (RAP) projects identified in the work programme (Attachment A to the agenda report) as projects that will commence and may be delivered in advance of the expected delivery year, if required to meet expected financial expenditure for the 2020/2021 financial year.

d) note that approval of budget allocation in the 2020/2021 year for multi-year projects implies the local board’s support for the projects in their entirety.

e) note that the inclusion in the work programme of projects that are funded from the Coastal Renewals, Slips Prevention, Local Parks and Sports Field Development and Natural Environment Targeted Rate budgets are subject to approval of the identified budget allocation by the relevant Governing Body committees.

f) provide feedback for consideration by the relevant Governing Body committees in relation to the projects funded from the Coastal Renewals, Slips Prevention and Local Parks and Sports Field Development budgets.

g) note that budget allocations for all projects in the Community Facilities work programme are best current estimates, and amendments may be required to the work programme to accommodate final costs as the year progresses.

Horopaki
Context

13. Work programmes are presented to local boards for approval each year. The 2020 – 2023 Community Facilities Work Programme, detailed in the attachments, contains information on all proposed projects to be delivered by Community Facilities, including capital works projects, leasing and operational maintenance. The projects identified in the work programme have been prioritised for investment based on a combination of local board feedback through a series of workshops, staff assessments of assets and key stakeholder input.

14. The COVID-19 pandemic has exerted considerable pressure on the council’s financial position, which has had flow on effects for the budget for the 2020/2021 financial year. Given the new financial realities facing Auckland, council has adopted an Emergency Budget 2020/2021, which has reduced both capital and operating budgets from those anticipated prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

15. The COVID-19 pandemic occurred part way through the planning cycle for the development of the 2020/2021 work programme. This resulted in a disruption to the work programme development process, including requiring a reprioritisation exercise for all proposed activity.
16. The work programme responds to the outcomes and objectives that the local board identified in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2017. The specific outcomes that are reflected in the work programme are:
   - Our people thrive and life is good
   - Our environment is protected and enhanced
   - Our infrastructure is future-proofed
   - Our economy is sustainable and prosperous

17. The following adopted strategies and plans also guided the development of the work programme:
   - Reserves Activation Plan (in progress)
   - Accessway and linkages plan (in progress)
   - Tryphena Coastal Trail
   - GBI Interpretation Plan

18. The Community Facilities work programme is a three-year programme, this clearly demonstrates the phasing of project delivery and enables the organisation to prepare for delivery. The local board is asked to approve a new three-year work programme each year (approve year one and approve in principle years two and three).

Tātaitanga me ngā tohutohu
Analysis and advice

19. The proposed work programme is made up of activities continuing from previous financial years and new initiatives supported by the local board.

20. Due to COVID-19 impacts, the Emergency Budget means that the budgets available to the local board are reduced from those previously anticipated and as a result, some activity that was previously proposed for 2020/2021 has been deferred or removed from the draft work programme through a reprioritisation exercise.

Capital works programme

21. Investment in the capital works programme will ensure that council facilities and open spaces in Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area remain valuable and well-maintained community assets.

22. The overall capital works programme includes projects for which the local board has discretion to allocate budget, referred to as the local programme, and projects from regional programmes.

23. Specific projects within the work programme may have budget allocated from two or more budget sources, including budgets from both local and regional programmes.

24. The work programme includes both new projects and existing projects that have been continued from the previous financial year where those projects require multiple years for delivery (multi-year projects). All projects include actual anticipated spend as there will be no carry forward of capital funding from the 2019/2020 financial year.

Local Programme

25. The local programme includes those projects that the local board is funding from its discretionary capex budgets, including:
   - Renewals
     The local board can allocate its renewals budget towards the renewal of any council owned asset.
   - Locally Driven Initiative (LDI) and Local Improvement Projects (LIPs)
     The local board has the discretion to allocate its LDI and LIPs capex budget to any
projects that deliver a council asset or as a capital grant to a third party to deliver an asset made available for public use. In 2019/2020 the Aotea / Great Barrier allocated all of its LIPS capex budget towards the Claris Cemetery project and some more from its LDI capex budget. The Emergency Budget 2020/2021 has reduced the LDI capex budget available for delivery for each local board, from that anticipated prior to the COVID emergency for the financial year.

26. In preparing recommendations for the local programme, a number of matters have been considered, including:
- strategies and plans
- service assessment input from Community Services
- asset condition assessments
- input from operational maintenance teams and staff working within facilities
- budget availability.

27. Table 1 shows key projects included in the work programme.

Table 1: Key projects in the work programme

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<td>Line item 3</td>
<td>Claris Cemetery - development of the cemetery</td>
<td>Development of a cemetery at Claris. FY16/17 to FY18/19 - Investigation, feasibility and design FY19/20 - design and resource consent FY20/21 - detailed design FY21/22 - physical works</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
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<td>Line item 10</td>
<td>Mulberry Grove - play space - replacement</td>
<td>Replacement of the skate ramp (either as a skate facility or other play items) at Mulberry Grove (or at a more appropriate location). Replacement options to align of the outcomes of the GBI Reserves and Activation Plan, which is being led by Customer and Community Services in 2019/2020. FY20/21 - concept design (community consultation, obtain any necessary consents) FY21/22 to FY22/23 - physical works</td>
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28. Of particular note in the work programme is advancement of the detailed design stage for the Claris Cemetery development project in 2020/2021. This design stage will enable the proposed installation methodology to be reviewed further with the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board in a workshop to seek their input and confirm their direction.

29. Two key signage projects ‘Tryphena Coastal Trail directional signage’ and ‘Aotea / Great Barrier Island Interpretive signage – continuation’ will complete their current physical works stage within 2020/2021.

30. The One local Initiative (OLI) project ‘Great Barrier - develop solar energy system including electric vehicle with infrastructure’ project has been completed. The savings achieved will enable further physical works to be undertaken to establish a power line to the local Health Trust. This is to be delivered within 2020/2021.

31. The proposed work programme in Attachment A contains:
   - Number of projects (excluding leases and contract lines) over three years: 13
   - Indicative cost for proposed projects in the 2020/2021 financial year: $267,850

Regional Programme

32. The Long-term Plan 2018 - 2028 includes budgets which support the delivery of regional programmes. These budgets are allocated to specific projects within a regional programme by the Governing Body.

33. Where budget is allocated to a project in the regional programme that falls within a local board decision making allocation (e.g. a local park), that project is included in the local board work programme. The local board then has decision making responsibility for that project, within the parameters set by the governing body, namely location, scope and budget. For Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) projects, the local board has decision making responsibility within the parameters of the targeted rate framework and the national kauri dieback programme standards for protection of kauri.

34. Regional budgets include:
   - Local parks and sports field development (growth)
   - Coastal renewals
   - Slips prevention and remediation
   - Natural Environment Targeted Rate funding (NETR).

35. Projects in the local parks and sports field development programme are identified and prioritised based on consideration of a number of factors, including:
   - Extent to which residential growth is generating demand for the project
   - Current levels of provision
   - Available budget.

36. Projects in the coastal renewals and slips prevention and remediation programme are identified and prioritised based on consideration of a number of factors, including:
   - Asset condition
   - Relative hazard and risk
   - Available budget.

37. The allocation of budget to specific projects will be approved by the relevant Governing Body committee post local board work programme adoption.
38. The local board has an opportunity to provide formal feedback on the growth, coastal and slips allocations, through resolution to this report, for consideration by the relevant Governing Body committee prior to approval of the regional programmes.

39. The Natural Environment Targeted Rate programme is a regional budget under the decision making of the Environment and Climate Change Committee and reported to individual local boards.

**Capital Programme Delivery**

**Cost estimates subject to change**

40. Budget allocations within the work programme are best estimates only. Project costings are subject to change and refinement as projects progress through the design and delivery process. Greater clarity will be determined around the specific work required and the cost of delivery of that work once the details are defined.

41. The delivery of individual projects is managed within the overall work programme budget for each local board. Where significant changes to project budgets may need to be considered, or if new projects are added to the work programme, changes may be required to the programme to accommodate final project costs as the year progresses.

**Risk adjusted programme**

42. A number of projects have been identified in the work programme as “risk adjusted programme (RAP)” projects.

43. Approval is sought for these projects to commence at the beginning of the 2020/2021 year so that they can be delivered early in the event that projects approved for delivery in 2020/2021 are delayed for any unforeseen reason.

**Changes to the work programme**

44. Local boards have given a general delegation to the Chief Executive subject to terms and conditions contained in the local board delegation protocols.

45. In relation to work programmes, the delegation protocols require local boards to approve work programmes annually and require staff to seek a decision from the board for “any proposed variations to the approved work programme that may result in an overspend.” The protocols also include a range of more general requirements for reporting to boards, including “decisions of a politically sensitive nature”, “any other matters specified by the Local Board Chair”, and to report other matters on request of the Chair.

46. Staff propose that in addition to proposed work programme variations “that may result in an overspend”, other proposed variations that impact on the agreed outcomes of approved projects or the delivery of the overall approved work programme should also be referred to the board for a decision. Such changes include:

- changes to an approved projects activity description or activity benefit
- changes to project budget or timing that impact other approved projects in the programme
- cancellation of a project
- addition of a new project.

47. More minor changes that do not substantially alter the approved work programmes will be made by staff under general delegation, following discussion with the board, and noted in the quarterly reports.

**Operational maintenance work programme**

48. The regular maintenance of all council-owned built and open space assets plays an important part in:
• increasing the long-term durability of Community Facilities assets
• improving the safety of Community Facilities assets
• ensuring the enjoyment of Community Facilities assets by the users.

49. In the Community Facilities Work Programme, there is one-line item dedicated to all maintenance in the local board area:

   a. Full Facilities Maintenance Contract – these contracts include all buildings, parks and open space assets, sports fields, coastal management, storm damage response, tree management, pest plant management, animal pest management and streetscapes maintenance

50. Staff will be able to provide regular reporting on maintenance through monthly updates to the local boards and through the quarterly report. Community Facilities is also providing additional regular updates to all elected members on contractor performance.

**Leasing work programme**

51. Community leases are a valuable way in which the council provides support to not-for-profit community organisations across the region. These groups provide a wide range of community activities and services aligned with recognised local priorities and are a key part of the mosaic of community activity and infrastructure in Auckland.

52. The detailed list of the community leases and licences that will expire or are due for renewal over the 2020/2021 financial year is provided in Attachment B. Following approval of the work programme staff will proceed with review and renewal of these leases and licences as appropriate during the course of the financial year.

53. Two additional project lines include those leases and licences proposed to be progressed in the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 financial years respectively.

54. Straight forward lease renewals without variations will be processed in accordance with agreed delegations with a written memo to the local board providing the opportunity for the local board to request further information or a formal report. Expired and more complex community leases will be reported to the local board at a business meeting.

**Locally Driven Initiatives (LDI) operational activities**

55. There are no projects in the 2019/2020 Community Facilities Work Programme that had budget allocated from the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board locally driven initiatives (LDI) operational budget 2019/2020 that are being carried forward to the new financial year.

56. There is one new LDI Opex project in the 2020/2021 programme ‘View Shaft continuation works 2020/2021’, with a budget allocation of $5,000.

**Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi**

**Climate impact statement**

57. Many of the activities in the 2020/201 work programme will have impact on greenhouse gas emissions and contribute towards climate change adaptation. These impacts will be considered as projects progress and will be reported to the local board at future reporting opportunities. The sorts of impacts to be considered include:

   a. Maximum upcycling and recycling of old material
   b. Installation of energy efficiency measures
   c. Building design to ensure the maximum lifetime and efficiency of the building is obtained
   d. Lifecycle impacts of construction materials (embodied emissions)
e. Exposure of building location to climate change hazards (sea level rise, flooding (floodplains), drought, heat island effect)

f. Anticipated increase in carbon emissions from construction, including contractor emissions

g. Lifecycle impacts of construction materials.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera

Council group impacts and views

58. The work programme was developed through a collaborative approach by operational council departments, with each department represented in the integrated team that presented the draft work programme to the local board at a series of workshops.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe

Local impacts and local board views

59. The Community Facilities work programme has been considered by the local board in a series of workshops from November 2019 to July 2020. The views expressed by local board members during the workshops have informed the recommended work programme.

60. Community facilities and open spaces provide important community services to the people of the local board area. They contribute to building strong, healthy and vibrant communities by providing spaces where Aucklanders can participate in a wide range of social, cultural, art and recreational activities. These activities improve lifestyles and a sense of belonging and pride amongst residents.

61. The activities in the proposed work programme align with the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2017 outcomes.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori

Māori impact statement

62. The Community Facilities Work Programme ensures that all facilities and open space assets continue to be well-maintained assets that benefit the local community, including Māori. When developing and delivering work programmes consideration is given to how the activities can contribute to Māori well-being, values, culture and traditions.

63. Karanga Atu! Karanga Mai! relationship approach responds to Māori aspirations and delivers on council’s statutory obligations and relationship commitments to Māori. It guides staff to deliver on agreed work programme activities and support the local board to achieve the outcomes in its local board plan.

64. Where aspects of the proposed work programme are anticipated to have a significant impact on activity of importance to Māori then appropriate engagement will be undertaken.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea

Financial implications

65. Financial implications of COVID-19/Emergency Budget have resulted in a reduced renewals budget per local board and significantly reduced development budgets such as growth.

66. Table 3 summarises the relevant budgets, proposed allocation and the balance of unallocated budget available.
### Table 3: Budget allocation

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67. The proposed work programme can be accommodated within the available local board budgets. Approval of the work programme does not have significant financial implications, unless projects experience a significant overspend or underspend.

68. Regular updates on the delivery of the programme will be provided to the local board. These updates will identify progress of all projects and potential amendments to the approved programme including changes to budget allocation and timing.

### Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga

#### Risks and mitigations

69. Where a work programme activity cannot be completed on time, due to unforeseen circumstances, this will be signalled to the local board at the earliest opportunity. This risk is mitigated by utilising the risk adjusted programme (RAP) to progress those projects identified as ready to proceed under the RAP at the beginning of the financial year.

70. If the proposed Community Facilities work programme is not approved at the business meeting, there is a risk that the proposed projects may not be delivered within the 2020/2021 financial year.

71. The COVID-19 pandemic could have a further negative impact on the delivery local board work programmes if the COVID-19 Alert Level changes (New Zealand’s 4-level Alert System specifies measures to be taken against COVID-19 at each level). The deliverability of some activities will decrease if there is an increase to the COVID-19 Alert Level.
72. Staff believe that the proposed work programme is deliverable within existing resources. Delivery progress will be monitored through the year. Any resourcing challenges arising will be brought to the local board’s attention alongside consideration of implications and options to address challenges.

Ngā koringa ā-muri
Next steps

73. Delivery of the activity in the approved work programme will commence once approved and continue until 30 June 2021. Activity progress will be reported to the local board on a quarterly basis.

74. Where the work programme identifies further decisions and milestones for each activity, these will be brought to the local board when appropriate.

Ngā tāpirihanga
Attachments

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<td>Aotea Great Barrier Full Facilities maintenance contracts</td>
<td>The Full facilities maintenance contracts include maintenance and repair of all assets across buildings, parks and open spaces, and sports fields, funded from local board budgets. Those contractors also undertake coastal management and storm damage works, and upcoming town centre cleaning, street litter bin emptying, and vegetation clearance and bare mowing works, although these are funded from regional budgets. This activity and related budget also includes smaller built system contractors such as pool plant specialists and technical systems contractors.</td>
<td>With the maintenance contracts, local board assets are able to be maintained to the approved level of service. These contracts provide for required compliance tasks and scheduled activities including planned preventative maintenance to be completed, and for responses to requests for maintenance. These contracts benefit all members of the public as local board assets are able to be fully utilised if they are fit for the intended purpose, and it offers better value to ratepayers if assets remain in service for their expected life.</td>
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<td>ODLI Great Barrier - develop solar energy system incl. electric vehicle with infrastructure</td>
<td>Develop solar energy system incl. electric vehicle with infrastructure PY19/20 - physical works FY20/21 - complete stage two physical works (develop power line to Health Trust). FY21/22 - investigation and design FY21/22 - physical works.</td>
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<td>Accessway and Linkages Plan - delivery of the priority actions. Customer and community services are leading the planning stage which will determine the physical works to be undertaken in FY21/22. FY21/22 - investigation and design Risk Adjusted Programme (RAP) project.</td>
<td>Providing improved connectivity and opportunities for health, well being and enjoyment of the elders. Workshop all design options with the local board to seek input and direction.</td>
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<td>Development of a cemetery at Clarks FY16/17 to FY18/19 - investigation, feasibility and design FY19/20 - design and resource consent FY20/21 - detailed design FY21/22 - physical works. Funding contributions: LB% Capex $10,000 ABS Capex $20,000 LB% Capex $38,668 LD Capex $6,000 Risk adjusted programme (RAP)</td>
<td>Increased resource capacity for community use. Local Board to approve all design options. Resource Consent conditions, physical works methodologies and engineers estimates.</td>
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<td>Observe the plan for the development and activation of public spaces and reserves on Great Barrier Island. Customer and Community Services are leading the Activation Plan planning process with the Local Board. FY21/22 - investigation and design, physical works.</td>
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<td>Renew structures, buildings, footpaths, roads, fountains and furniture, signage in parks. FY18/19 - investigation and design FY19/20 to FY20/21 - physical works.</td>
<td>Maintain current levels of service provision through planned renewal of the assets. Workshop all identified and any further new sites with local board to seek direction before implementation</td>
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<td>Risk Adjusted Programme (RAP) project.</td>
<td>Maintain current levels of service provision through planned renewal of our assets.</td>
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<td>Great Barrier Island Interpretive signage - continuation</td>
<td>Great Barrier Island Interpretive signage staged delivery continuation as per the signage concept plan. FY19/20 - investigation FY19/20 - concept design (consultation, obtain any necessary consents.) FY2021 - physical works</td>
<td>Providing opportunities for improved connectivity and education about the history of the local area.</td>
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<td>Installation of wayfinding signage on Rangitane Coastal Trail. FY18/19 - investigation and design; FY19/20 - concept design (resource consent, stakeholder consultation); FY2021 - physical works (stage two)</td>
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<td>Workshop all design and cost options with the local board to seek direction before manufacture and implementation.</td>
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<td>Valuing and enjoying our treasured native environment.</td>
<td>Workshop the proposed scope of works with the local board seeking their input and their direction.</td>
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Auckland Transport August 2020 update to the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board

File No.: CP2020/10441

Te take mō te pūrongo
Purpose of the report

1. To provide an update to the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board on transport related matters in their area including the Local Board Transport Capital Fund (LBTCF) and the local board’s Community Safety Fund (CSF).

Whakarāpopototanga matua
Executive summary

This report covers:

2. A general summary of operational projects and activities of interest to the board.
4. Other Auckland Transport news of interest to the board.

Ngā tūtohunga
Recommendation/s

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

a) note the Auckland Transport August 2020 update report.

Horopaki
Context

5. Auckland Transport (AT) is responsible for all of Auckland’s transport services, excluding state highways. We report on a monthly basis to local boards, as set out in our Local Board Engagement Plan. This monthly reporting commitment acknowledges the important engagement role local boards play within the governance of Auckland on behalf of their local communities.

6. This report updates the local board on AT projects and operations in the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board area, it summarises consultations and Traffic Control Committee decisions, and includes information on the status of the LBTCF and CSF.

7. The LBTCF is a capital budget provided to all local boards by the Governing Body and delivered by Auckland Transport. Local boards can use this fund to deliver transport infrastructure projects that they believe are important but are not part of Auckland Transport’s work programme.

8. With the Council's emergency budget now confirmed, the LBTCF for the 20/21 Financial Year has been set at $5.0 million, for allocation across the 21 local boards. Allocation will still be based on the Local Board Funding Policy. Decisions about the 21/22 and 22/23 Financial Years will form part of the LTP/RLTP discussions but early indications are that these years will also see a more constrained capital programme, than prior to the COVID crisis. The specific budget available for the LBTCF in 21/22 and 22/23 will be determined by
the prioritisation of the capital programme through the RLTP and will be subject to the usual consultation and submission processes.

9. The CSF is a capital budget established by Auckland Transport for use by local boards to fund local road safety initiatives. The purpose of this fund is to allow elected members to address long-standing local road safety issues that are not regional priorities and are therefore not being addressed by the Auckland Transport programme.

10. The CSF is funded from Auckland Transport’s safety budget and is dependent on the level of funding Auckland Transport receives from Council. Current indications are that this level of funding will be significantly constrained. Public consultation and the design work is progressing so that projects are designed and ready to go when money becomes available.

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu
Analysis and advice

11. Update on Auckland Transport operations:

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<td>Airfields</td>
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<td>During July 2020, Claris airport recorded 665 aircraft movements. This is higher than the 536 recorded for the same period last year.</td>
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<td>For the past 12 months there have been 9,387 recorded flight movements, which is a decrease of 10% from 10,454 for the same 12-month period in the previous year.</td>
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<td><strong>ADS-B (Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast)</strong></td>
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<td>Landings at Claris are automatically being detected by recently installed ADS-B equipment. There is no longer any need for manual transcription of pilot voice calls avoiding errors.</td>
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<td>There are very few queries being received for incorrectly transcribed radio calls being attributed to the wrong aircraft. Every aircraft has a unique identifying code.</td>
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<td>For safety purposes, radio calls are still recorded and transcribed, and are available to CAA if required.</td>
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<td>(ADS-B is position reports broadcast 60 times per minute by almost all commercial aircraft, and most training aircraft. From 2021 it will be mandatory for any aircraft entering controlled airspace to have ADS-B.)</td>
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<td>Road maintenance and renewals either underway or to be completed in August:</td>
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**Update on Auckland Transport projects:**

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<td><strong>Cowshed Bridge - river bank erosion around bridge</strong></td>
<td>A Bailey Bridge was installed in October 2019. The bridge will be retained to allow safe access underneath the original bridge. Drilling investigations were carried out on site in December 2019. A design report has been received by AT. AT’s Assets to carry out site visit to consider the report’s findings then progress. This has been programmed for design/consenting in the FY 2020/2021 and construction in the FY 2021/2022.</td>
<td>AT have requested a consultant prepares a design fee proposal for approval.</td>
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<td><strong>Slips on Puriri Bay Road</strong></td>
<td>Discussions regarding consents have been held with Auckland Council. Proposed options have been put forward for community and Iwi consultation. As part of the design process, a specialist arborist and ecologist have visited the projects this month and once their report is received, the design can be more integrated and ready for engagement with Mana Whenua.</td>
<td>Awaiting receipt of reports.</td>
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<td><strong>Slips on Aotea Road</strong></td>
<td>Consenting requirements prepared and documentation commencing. A programme of geotechnical investigations is currently being programmed for the larger slips. Drilling investigations were carried out on site in December 2019. Designers report has been received. As part of the design process, a specialist arborist and ecologist have visited the projects this month and once their report is received, the design can be more integrated and ready for engagement with Mana Whenua.</td>
<td>Arrangements are in progress to consult with Mana Whenua regarding all GT Barrier Island slip projects.</td>
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<td><strong>Subsidence on Shoal Bay Road at Pah Beach - The area opposite the</strong></td>
<td>Is under investigation &amp; design Holding remedial works are being priced by contractor. As part of the design process, a specialist arborist and ecologist have visited the</td>
<td>Awaiting receipt of reports.</td>
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13. **Update on local board advocacy projects:**

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| Fish passage remediation     | Following site visits from Auckland Transport, Environmental Services and Healthy Waters, a prioritized short list of the top three priority sites for fish passage remediation has been developed.  
                              | The advice as a result of this visit is that it will be necessary to replace key locations with oversize box culverts.  
                              | Auckland Transport will ensure that future renewals accommodate this.                                                                                                                                 |

**Local Board Transport Capital Fund**

14. Auckland Transport will update local boards on the status of the LBTCF as soon as decisions around the budget are finalised.

15. Please see below for a list of projects and the current status of these projects:

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<td>Resolution number GBI/2018/73 - requesting Auckland Transport to investigate a rough order of cost for</td>
<td>The scheme plan is currently undergoing a road safety audit. Upon completion of this audit the scheme plan and rough order cost will be</td>
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traffic calmers at Claris settlement. | presented to the board.
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The current board has passed resolution GBI/2019/137 requesting that Auckland Transport create a rough order of cost for the replacement of the two culverts (identified by Environmental Services as numbers 66 & 68) under Aotea Road with oversized box culverts. | A consultant has been engaged to evaluate this project, the replacement of the existing triple 900mm culvert and develop a rough order cost. They visited the site in June and the board will be advised of their findings.
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The current board has passed resolution GBI/2020/39 requesting that Auckland Transport prepare a rough order of cost for unsealed road improvements. | Until the emergency budget is complete Auckland Transport will not be able to advise local boards on the funds available in the Local Board Transport Capital Fund. Progress on this project is on hold until available budgets are confirmed for 2020/21.

Community Safety Fund

16. The CSF is funded from Auckland Transport’s safety budget and is dependent on the level of funding Auckland Transport receives from Council.

17. Now that Auckland Council’s emergency budget is confirmed, Auckland Transport is reviewing all CSF projects. It is possible that projects are delayed or even stopped. When more detailed information is available it will be provided to the board.

18. The below table has an update on the projects in the CSF:

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| Remaining section of the Hector Sanderson walkway | $288,000 | AT’s contractor has made steady progress over the past month. They have commenced work at the Blind Bay Rd end and are working their way back to the Claris Hub. AT’s project manager has requested that the contractor review its work programme to ensure that this project is completed in a timely manner.

Auckland Council Arborist/asset owner has requested a route alignment change from the work completed outside the Police Station to the toilet opposite the Claris Hub. He has requested that the route runs inland on top of and around the bank next to the road (to avoid earthworks and tree removals).

The resource consent conditions allow AT to proceed with the path next to the road (allows for earthworks and tree removals).

An alternative design/route has been designed and is now with some of AT’s key stakeholders seeking feedback. AT will present this to the Board after this process, to seek the Boards feedback and a decision on how they wish to proceed with this project. |
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**Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi**

**Climate impact statement**

19. Auckland Transport engages closely with Council on developing strategy, actions and measures to support the outcomes sought by the Auckland Plan 2050, the Auckland Climate Action Plan and Council’s priorities.

20. Auckland Transport’s core role is in providing attractive alternatives to private vehicle travel, reducing the carbon footprint of its own operations and, to the extent feasible, that of the contracted public transport network.

**Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera**

**Council group impacts and views**

21. The impact of the information in this report is confined to Auckland Transport and does not impact on other parts of the Council group. Any engagement with other parts of the Council group will be carried out on an individual project basis.

**Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe**

**Local impacts and local board views**

22. The proposed decision of receiving the report has no local, sub-regional or regional impacts.

**Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori**

**Māori impact statement**

23. The proposed decision of receiving the report has no impacts or opportunities for Māori. Any engagement with Māori, or consideration of impacts and opportunities, will be carried out on an individual project basis.

**Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea**

**Financial implications**

24. There are no financial implications of receiving this report.

**Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga**

**Risks and mitigations**

25. Auckland Transport is reviewing our programme in response to Auckland Council’s emergency budget.

26. Auckland Transport’s capital and operating budgets have been reduced so we can expect that some projects we had planned for 2020/2021 may not be able to be delivered and we expect this will be disappointing to communities that we had already engaged with.

27. Both the CSF and LBTCF are impacted by these budget reductions.

28. Auckland Transport will be mitigating this risk by clearly communicating with the Board on the outcomes and new funding levels so that the Board may make the best use of their available funds.

**Ngā koringa ā-muri**

**Next steps**

29. Auckland Transport will provide another update report to the local board at their next business meeting.
Ngā tāpirihanga
Attachments
There are no attachments for this report.

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Te take mō te pūrongo
Purpose of the report
1. To receive the Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Visitor, Community/Business Survey Report delivered by Destination Great Barrier Island (DGBI).

Whakarāpopototanga matua
Executive summary
2. In 2017 the local board commissioned New Zealand Tourism Research Institute (NZTRI) to work with the community to develop a Visitor Strategy for Aotea / Great Barrier Island.
3. The visitor strategy was completed in 2018. DGBI agreed to work with the board to implement the strategy.
4. One of the agreed actions of the implementation plan was to complete visitor and community surveys every two years to check that the visitor strategy was still on track and actions still relevant, and to test the mood of the community in relation to tourism and visitor numbers.
5. Between December 2019 – April 2020, DGBI ran an online high season visitor survey and online community/business survey. They received 197 visitor responses and 180 community responses.
6. NZTRI collated and analysed the survey findings to produce the attached report.
7. The 2020 survey findings can be used to evaluate the impacts and performance of the visitor industry during the recent high season, and to monitor progress with the strategy after two years.

Ngā tūtohunga
Recommendation/s
That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

a) receive the Aotea / Great Barrier Island: Visitor, Community/Business Survey Report.

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Introduction

- Destination Great Barrier Island (DGBI) requested NZTRI to assist in repeating the high season Aotea / Great Barrier Island (GBI) Visitor and Community/Business surveys which were conducted to inform the Aotea / Great Barrier Island Visitor Strategy (2018-2023).

- This report presents findings from the Visitor Survey followed by the Community/Business Survey. The final section draws comparisons between the 2020 high season Visitor and Community/Business surveys and the corresponding 2018 surveys.

- The 2020 survey findings can be used to evaluate the impacts and performance of the visitor industry during the recent high season, and to monitor progress with the Strategy after two years.
Approach

- Data collection was facilitated by DGBI

- The online high season Visitor Survey ran from 29 November 2019 to 20 April 2020 and generated 197 usable responses. The Visitor survey was open to visitors from other parts of Auckland, NZ domestic and international visitors arriving by ferry, plane or yacht/boat during the survey period.

- The online Community/Business Survey ran from 12 March to 21 April 2020 and generated 180 usable responses (108 community responses, and 72 business respondents). The Community/Business survey was open to residents (full or part-time), business operators (resident or non-resident), and those not living on the Island but consider themselves part of the GBI community.
Visitor Survey findings

Attachment A
Aotea / Great Barrier Island (GBI)

Characteristics of visitors to Aotea / Great Barrier Island (GBI)

preferences, behaviour, perceptions of Aotea / GBI as a destination, previous visits, length of stay, type of accommodation, transport used, information sources, age, gender, education, income, place of origin, purpose of visit, traveling companions, number of...
### Visitor characteristics

#### Annual household income (NZ$)

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Where do visitors come from?

- 50% are from other parts of Auckland
- 31% are from elsewhere in New Zealand
- 19% are from overseas

(Australia, UK, South Africa, Japan, Germany, Canada, USA, Switzerland, Singapore, Samoa, Netherlands, Ireland)

Other regions of New Zealand:

- Waikato: 19%
- Bay of Plenty: 17%
- Northland: 17%
- Wellington: 13%
- Hawkes Bay: 8%
- Canterbury: 6%
- Nelson Marlborough: 4%
- Tasman: 4%
- Otago: 4%
- Taranaki: 4%
- Marlborough: 2%
- Manawatu-Wanganui: 2%
Main purpose of visit

- For a holiday: 58%
- For outdoor activities e.g. hiking, fishing: 18%
- To visit friends or relatives: 12%
- To attend an event: 4%
- To observe the wildlife e.g. bird watching, marine life: 3%
- For business or for professional services: 3%
- Other reason: 2%
Travelling companions

- Partner/spouse: 47%
- Friends: 34%
- Other family members: 31%
- Children (under 14 years of age): 9%
- I travelled on my own: 9%
- Tour group: 4%
- Other: 1%

Multiple responses, therefore total does not add up to 100%
Attachment A

Main mode of transport

To and from Aotea / GBI

71% Scheduled flight

42% Rental Vehicle

35% Private Vehicle

9% Walked

9% Ferry service (passenger only)

8% Ferry service (vehicle and passenger)
Attachment A

Frequency of visits to Aotea / GBI in the past 12 months (including most recent visit)

- Nearly 70% are first-time visitors to Aotea / GBI
- Only 12% had visited four times or more previously
Length of stay on Aotea / GBI

The median length of stay is four nights.

The average number of nights is 5.6.
Type of accommodation used

- Rented accommodation (house, cabin etc.): 39%
- Friend or relatives (house, cabin, etc.): 21%
- Camping: 12%
- Lodge: 11%
- Own accommodation: 10%
- Dept. of Conservation Hut: 6%
- Backpacker hostel: 5%
- Bed and breakfast: 5%
- On board a private boat: 4%
- Farm / Homestay / Woofer: 2%
- Motel: 2%
- Other: 1%
- Retreat: 1%
- Resort / Luxury lodge: 1%

Multiple responses, therefore total does not add up to 100%
Types of information sought about Aotea / GBI prior to visiting

- Activities / things to do: 80%
- Maps and directions: 76%
- Transport options to get to/from the Island: 66%
- Accommodation options: 53%
- Cycling or walking routes: 47%
- Restaurants, cafes, pubs: 46%
- Local transport options when on the Island: 42%
- Parks, forests, outdoor areas: 41%
- Culture and heritage: 21%
- Retail and shopping: 10%
- Other: 2%

65% of respondents looked for information about GBI prior to their most recent visit.

Multiple responses, therefore total does not add up to 100%
44% of respondents used the DGBI website to get information prior to visiting the Island.
## Attachment A

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#### Types of information sought while on Aotea / GBI

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63% looked for information about GBI during their most recent visit. 77% said it was easy to find the information they were looking for.
Order of decision-making when planning a visit to Aotea / GBI

Order of decision-making:
- **Accommodation** first
- **Transport** second
- **Activities or things to do** third
82% of high season visitors said they knew about the Aotea / GBI’s International Dark Sky Sanctuary status.

16% of respondents state that GBI’s Dark Sky Sanctuary status is a very/extremely important factor in their decision to visit.
When making the decision to visit GBI, visitors from other parts of Auckland and from overseas place more importance on the Island’s Dark Sky Sanctuary status than those from elsewhere in New Zealand.
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Where do visitors go and what do they do?
Places where visitors stopped and spent time

- Claris/Kaitoke: 77%
- Tryphena: 76%
- Medlands: 70%
- Port FitzRoy/Okiwi: 52%
- Whangaparapara: 43%
- Awana Bay: 35%
- Okupu: 32%
- Harataonga: 27%
- Other location: 21%
- Karaka Bay: 11%
- Katherine Bay: 9%

Multiple responses, therefore total does not add up to 100%
Outdoor activities - participation and satisfaction

### Participation

- **Tramping, walking**: 92%
- **Beach - swimming, surfing**: 88%
- **Observe wildlife e.g. bird watching**: 80%
- **Stargazing - includes tours**: 65%
- **Kaitoke Hot Springs**: 57%
- **Marine related - boating, cruises, canoeing, kayaking**: 52%
- **Fishing**: 35%
- **Other**: 30%
- **Diving, snorkelling**: 29%
- **Cycling, mountain biking**: 17%
- **Golf**: 8%

### Satisfaction

- **Tramping, walking**: 4.7
- **Beach - swimming, surfing**: 4.6
- **Observe wildlife e.g. bird watching**: 4.3
- **Stargazing - includes tours**: 4.6
- **Kaitoke Hot Springs**: 4.2
- **Marine related - boating, cruises, canoeing, kayaking**: 4.7
- **Fishing**: 4.3
- **Other**: 4.6
- **Diving, snorkelling**: 4.5
- **Cycling, mountain biking**: 4.1
- **Golf**: 4.2

Scale 1= Very dissatisfied to 5= Very satisfied

*Multiple responses, therefore total does not add up to 100%*
Food and beverage activities - participation and satisfaction

**Participation**

- Visited a restaurant / cafe / pub: 92%
- Visited a local food producer: 51%
- Visited a local social / sports club: 38%
- Other: 19%
- Went to a Local Farmers’ market: 18%

**Satisfaction**

- Visited a restaurant / cafe / pub: 4.2
- Visited a local food producer: 4.5
- Visited a local social / sports club: 4.5
- Other: 4.2
- Went to a Local Farmers’ market: 3.9

Scale 1= Very dissatisfied to 5=Very satisfied

*Multiple responses, therefore total does not add up to 100%*
Events - participation and satisfaction

**Participation**

- Art / cultural / heritage event: 31%
- Music event: 10%
- Food & wine event: 7%
- School event: 5%
- Other: 4%
- Sporting event: 3%
- Corporate event: 3%

**Satisfaction**

- Art / cultural / heritage event: 4.4
- Music event: 4.7
- Food & wine event: 4.5
- School event: 4.5
- Other: 4.3
- Sporting event: 3.8
- Corporate event: 4.0

Scale 1= Very dissatisfied to 5=Very satisfied

*Multiple responses, therefore total does not add up to 100%*
Other activities - participation and satisfaction

### Participation

- **Galleries / arts / crafts**: 66%
- **Heritage / museums**: 51%
- **Local markets**: 23%
- **Garden Tour**: 10%
- **Wellness / yoga**: 5%
- **Other**: 4%

### Satisfaction

- **Galleries / arts / crafts**: 4.3
- **Heritage / museums**: 4.3
- **Local markets**: 3.8
- **Garden Tour**: 4.5
- **Wellness / yoga**: 4.1
- **Other**: 4.3

Scale 1= Very dissatisfied to 5= Very satisfied

*Multiple responses, therefore total does not add up to 100%*
88% of visitors indicated that they would **consider re-visiting Aotea / GBI**

97% of visitors said that they would **recommend the destination** to their family and friends.
Attachment A

Item 15

Visitor expenditure

Money spent prior to arrival and while in Aotea / Great Barrier Island, and a breakdown of spending.
Breakdown of prepaid travel spend

Prepaid travel spend (including prepaid holiday packages)
- Flights: 77%
- Accommodation: 51%
- Rental car: 34%
- Ferry (passenger/car): 27%
- Activities e.g. tours: 13%
- Prepaid package e.g. flights, accommodation: 8%
- Food: 5%
- Other: 1%

Prepaid holiday package (8%) - items included
- Accommodation: 100%
- Flights: 100%
- Activities e.g. tours: 62%
- Rental car: 62%
- Meals including breakfast: 54%

Attachment A  Item 15
### Average visitor expenditure on Aotea / GBI (per person per night)

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#### Subtotal

- Accommodation: $NZ5
- Food/beverage e.g. cafes, restaurants: $NZ5
- Shopping e.g. groceries, clothing: $NZ5
- Transport: $NZ5
- Activities and attractions: $NZ5
- Other: $NZ5
- Fuel: $NZ5
- Events: $NZ5
- Total: $NZ5
Perceptions of Aotea / GBI

Visitor experience
What does a visit to Aotea / GBI offer you?

- A beautiful natural environment where I can spend time outdoors: 91%
- An opportunity to escape the city and be on a remote island: 84%
- An opportunity to enjoy the coastal and marine environment: 82%
- An opportunity to step off the grid and get away from it all: 78%
- An opportunity for quiet contemplation: 59%
- An opportunity to connect with friends and family: 55%
- A chance to learn more about the local culture, heritage and the environment: 42%
- A place to gather food e.g. fishing: 29%
- Other: 3%

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Level of agreement | Statements about Aotea / GBI as a visitor destination

- Has beautiful natural attractions (forests, beaches, parks): 4.8
- Offers something distinct and different to other parts of the Auckland region: 4.6
- Is safe: 4.6
- The Island is not overcrowded with visitors: 4.6
- Locals are friendly and helpful: 4.5
- Information for visitors is easy to find when travelling around the Island: 4.0
- Other: 4.0
- Has a good range of accommodation options: 3.8
- Offers interesting cultural and heritage attractions (museums and / or art...): 3.5
- Offers good value for money: 3.3
- Has a good range of restaurants, cafes and pubs: 3.3
- Offers interesting events (festivals, sporting etc): 3.1
- Has good shopping facilities: 2.8

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### Most attractive or appealing aspects of Aotea / GBI for visitors

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<td>Geographically isolated - remote and quiet, uncrowded, sense of space</td>
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<td>Visiting friends and family</td>
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<td>Observing wildlife - animals and birds, marine life in natural habitat</td>
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<td>Variety food and eateries - great eateries, hospitality</td>
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Top three most attractive or appealing aspects about Aotea / GBI

**Pristine environment and natural beauty of the Island (98%)**
- unspoilt, landscapes, stunning scenery, night skies, beaches, forest and bush
  - The environment-wildlife and sky (night), walking tracks and bush are epic
  - Scenery it is absolutely magical and amazing
  - The relatively pristine environments available to explore

**Variety of recreational activities on offer (63%)**
- e.g. hiking, swimming, boating, hot springs, stargazing, garden tour
  - Great marine activities - fishing, snorkelling, kayaking and swimming
  - Walking tracks, great job DoC
  - Wonderful garden tour

**Lifestyle and atmosphere (53%)**
- off the grid, slower pace of life, peace and quiet, how New Zealand used to be
  - Loved being off grid and the natural laid back feel of the island
  - We always enjoy the atmosphere with the locals and freedom for our child to enjoy the outdoors without the hindrance of technology
  - Very peaceful not many people
### Least attractive or appealing aspects of Aotea/GBI for visitors

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<td>Lack of infrastructure and facilities - roads, rubbish, recycling, transport options, connectivity</td>
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<td>Expensive location - cost of basic commodities, petrol, accommodation, transport</td>
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<td>Issues with mosquitoes, feral animals - rodents and feral cats destroying birdlife</td>
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<td>Lack of food variety, limited opening hours – lack of fresh produce, fish, few dining options</td>
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<td>Lack of friendliness of local people/customer service – rude, grumpy, unfriendly</td>
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<td>Lack of visitor information/ local history - opening hours, rubbish/recycling, little Maori history</td>
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<td>Degradation of the environment – abandoned/wrecked cars visible, pig damage, dogs off lead</td>
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<td>Accommodation – not value for money, poor quality</td>
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<td>Other – scary drivers, speeding on the roads, ferry ride, development</td>
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Top three least attractive or appealing aspects about Aotea/GBI

Lack of infrastructure and facilities (71%)
- condition of roads – narrow/unsealed, rubbish, recycling, public transport options, internet connectivity
  
  Roads were intimidating - Some scary narrow roads

  No rubbish bins, hard to dispose of rubbish thoughtfully

  Hard to get around when you do not have a car

  Telephone and WiFi reception difficult

Expensive location (23%)
- cost of basic commodities, petrol, accommodation, transport

  Pricing of goods and services for visitors, when locals pay less for the same thing right in front of you it makes you feel like you are only welcome if you are spending lots of money

  Expensive transport and tours

Issues with mosquitoes, feral animals (16%)
- mosquitoes, rodents and feral cats destroying birdlife

  Seeing feral cats and pigs in the bush while walking

  Cats allowed on the island and dogs on the beaches at all hours

  Lots of little biting bugs on the beach
## Ways to improve a visit to Aotea / GBI

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<td>Better transport options locally and on/off Island - provide public transport, shuttles, cheaper flights and ferry services</td>
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<td>Better hospitality options and customer service - longer opening hours, evening dining option</td>
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<td>More visitor information - things to do, places to shop/dine, off lifestyle – how to prepare</td>
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<td>Conservation - improved pest/animal control - more predator control, ban visitors from bringing cats and dogs, encourage more</td>
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<td>Less expensive - lower overall costs for food, petrol, accommodation and travel</td>
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<td>Limit tourist numbers - avoid getting ‘too touristy’, restrict access especially for cars</td>
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<td>More accommodation options - more rentals in peak season, self catering options</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Other - show more local flavour, access to fresh produce, better weather</td>
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Top three ways to improve a visit to GBI

**Improve infrastructure and facilities 73%**
- rubbish and recycling system, seal roads, more signage, better connectivity-WiFi, internet, payment options
  
  *Sort out the rubbish situation - it isn't working. Looking at the beautiful Port Fitzroy wharf and harbour, there are over 200 bags of rubbish. People have had to put their recycling in their rubbish bag*

  *Lobby Auckland Council to seal the roads that run off the main road through the island*

  *Having internet on mobile. Unable to communicate with family members that I had reached the island and was safe*

**Better transport options both locally and on/off Island 19%**
- provide public transport, shuttles, more regular and cheaper flights and ferry services

  *Potentially a shuttle/bus service to and from the airport to different parts of the island*

  *Booked accommodation and then couldn’t get ferry (plus car) to match as was one week out from when new ferry times came out... The holiday had been 18 months in the making yet I couldn’t secure the transport*

**Better hospitality options and customer service 18%**
- improved customer service, longer/regular opening hours, more evening dining options for visitors

  *Many of the food service workers need to up their game as far as customer service is concerned*

  *Allow restaurants to serve locally caught fish*

  *Things shouldn’t close down during quiet season*
Community and Business Survey findings
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Residential status of all respondents

- 52% of the respondents are full or part-time residents
- 40% of the respondents own/operate a local business

- 0%
- 10%
- 20%
- 30%
- 40%
- 50%
- 60%

3 Non-resident but own/operate a business on the Island
8 Non-resident but consider myself as part of the local community
3 Non-resident but own/operate a local business
52 I am a resident (full-time or part-time)
Where respondents live on the Island

Tryphena: 33%
Port FitzRoy/Okiwi: 18%
Medlands: 14%
Okupu: 9%
Other: 7%
Claris: 6%
Kaitoke: 6%
Katherine Bay: 3%
Awana Bay: 3%
Whangaparapara: 2%
Karaka Bay: 1%

Percent
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Item 15

Characteristics of community respondents

Residential status, age, where they live, length of residency, employment status, annual income
## Community characteristics

### Annual household income (NZ$)

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### Gender

- 60% Female
- 39% Male
- 1% Gender diverse
**Employment status**

**Do you work on the Island?**

- Yes: 58%
- No: 42%

**Do you work for a business organisation that provides services and/or products to visitors?**

- Yes: 66%
- No: 34%
Characteristics of business respondents

Role in business, age, gender, length of residency, location of business, length of operation, primary focus of business
Respondent characteristics

Role in business

- Owner / operator: 61%
- Owner: 34%
- Manager: 3%
- Other: 1%

Distribution of age

- 25 - 34: 6%
- 35 - 44: 18%
- 45 - 54: 18%
- 55 - 64: 31%
- 65 - 74: 19%
- 74+: 8%

Length of residency

- Less than 1 year: 2%
- 1 year: 8%
- 2 years: 12%
- 3 - 5 years: 11%
- 6 - 10 years: 20%
- 11 - 15 years: 8%
- 16 - 20 years: 3%
- 21 - 25 years: Over 25%

Gender

- 50% Female
- 45% Male
- 5% Gender diverse
### Business details

#### Location of businesses

- **Tryphena**: 34
- **Clars**: 19
- **Other**: 16
- **Port FitzRoy/Okiwi**: 12
- **Medlands**: 9
- **Whangaporapara**: 6
- **Kaitoke**: 1
- **Katherine Bay**: 1

#### Number of years business has been operating

- Less than 1 year: 1
- 1 - 5 years: 19
- 5 - 10 years: 19
- More than 10 years: 60

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Primary focus of business

- Accommodation provider (including holiday homes): 31%
- Other business sectors: 24%
- Professional services: 13%
- Visitor attractions / activities / tours: 12%
- Hospitality: 12%
- Retail: 7%
Number of full-time equivalent employees (FTE) (excluding respondent)
Business annual turnover in last financial year

- 67% of businesses receive money from visitors for goods/services.
The importance of visitors to respondent’s business

Turnover generated from visitors / importance to business

Percentage of the annual turnover coming directly from visitors to Aotea / GBI
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Item 15

Attitudes towards Aotea / GBI

Community and Business
### Most attractive or appealing aspects about Aotea / GBI

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<td>Geographically isolated - off the grid, not crowded, untouched, undeveloped</td>
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<td>Natural beauty of the island - scenery and landscapes, night skies</td>
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<td>Other - nostalgia, family history, favourable climate</td>
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Top three most attractive or appealing aspects about Aotea/GBI

**Lifestyle (82%)**
- pace of life, living off the grid, variety of outdoor pursuits, peacefulness
  
  *Accidentally ahead of the times in self sufficiency, solar energy adoption... water management and waste*

  *Self sufficient living (power, water, vegetables, seafood, home-brew)*

  *Solitude, the peace and quiet the island offers in many places*

**Pristine natural environment (79%)**
- nature, coastline, beaches, bush, biodiversity
  
  *It's wild and unspoilt*

  *Beaches and streams - water that is clean*

  *Lush bush and streams*

**Belonging and membership (65%)**
- sense of community, friendly locals
  
  *Community, knowing the people I share this island with*

  *Community... family feeling*

  *Earthy, honest, funky people*
## Least attractive or appealing aspects about Aotea / GBI

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<td>Lack of infrastructure - unsealed roads, new rubbish and recycling system, poor internet/WiFi, no high school or childcare facilities</td>
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<td>Tourism, tourists and visitors - lack of respect shown by visitors, summer visitor numbers, over promoting the Island for little gain</td>
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<td>Social issues - alcohol and drug culture, limited job opportunities, affordable housing, lack of education</td>
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<td>Environmental degradation - rubbish issues, lack of conservations/reserves, overfishing, animal control - pests</td>
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<td>Local Governance - too much regulation, external influences – impact of Auckland Council’s decisions making policies on local communities</td>
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<td>Transportation - travel, logistics around getting freight to the Island, limited ferry services</td>
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<td>Other - accessibility, impact of weather, lack of things to do</td>
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Top three least attractive or appealing aspects about Aotea / GBI

Culture of local community (54%)
- gossip/bullying, close mindedness, negativity
  
  **Community bickering, us and them attitudes, knocking others, tall poppy syndrome**

  **Barrier rumours i.e. gossip**

  **Attitudes of some long time locals on newcomers**

Cost of living (45%)
- price of food, freight, petrol, travel, high school costs

  **High costs of necessities building materials, metal, food**

  **Difficult or expensive transport options for family travel**

Lack of infrastructure (37%)
- unsealed roads, new rubbish and recycling system, poor internet/WiFi, no high school or childcare facilities

  **Corrugated unsealed roads and lack of maintenance of these roads in general**

  **Tourism - this is being pushed so much the infrastructure of the Barrier is struggling and is at a crisis point in some cases. e.g. the rubbish debacle**

  **Internet coverage - could help with people trying to stay employed**

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Attitudes towards the Visitor industry

Community and Business
Level of agreement | Statements about the impact of visitors to Aotea / GBI

- Visitors to Aotea / Great Barrier Island stimulate employment opportunities for residents: Mean Community 4.1, Mean Business 4.4
- Visitors are good for the local economy: Mean Community 4.1, Mean Business 4.4
- Communities on the Island are reliant on visitors as a source of income and employment: Mean Community 3.8, Mean Business 4.1
- It's good to have a break from large numbers of visitors during the low season: Mean Community 3.8, Mean Business 3.7
- Because of visitors things get overcrowded during the summer season: Mean Community 3.1, Mean Business 3.6
- Visitors have a negative impact on the local environment: Mean Community 2.8, Mean Business 3.4
- Visitors to Aotea / Great Barrier Island lead to better maintenance of public facilities and services: Mean Community 3.2, Mean Business 3.8
- The increase in the number of holiday rental homes on Aotea / Great Barrier Island is a good thing: Mean Community 2.7, Mean Business 3.1
Level of agreement | Summary of statements about the impact of visitors to Aotea / GBI

**Business and community respondents** tend to strongly agree with the statements that:

- Visitors are good for Island’s economy
- Visitors to Aotea / GBI stimulate employment opportunities for residents

**Community and Business respondents** both agree that “it's good to have a break from large numbers of visitors during the low season”

**Business respondents** express stronger agreement with the statements that:

- Local communities are reliant on visitors as both a source of income and employment
- Visitors to Aotea / Great Barrier Island lead to better maintenance of public facilities and services

**Community respondents** express stronger agreement with the statements that:

- Visitors have a negative impact on the local environment
- Because of visitors things get overcrowded during the summer season

**Community respondents** express stronger disagreement with the statement that “the increase in the number of holiday rental homes on Aotea / Great Barrier Island is a good thing”
The impact of visitors to the Island on respondent’s quality of life

67% of business and 39% of community respondents feel mainly **positive** about the impact of visitors on their quality of life.

21% of community and 3% of business respondents see the impact of visitors on their quality of life as being mostly **negative**.
In the next 5 years what would you like to see in terms of visitor numbers?

55% of community and 51% of business respondents would like to see visitor numbers remain ‘about the same’

36% of business respondents would like to see visitor numbers increase

21% of community respondents would like to less visitor numbers than there are now
What would you like to see in terms of visitor numbers during the following months?

### Mid-December to Mid-January

- **More visitors**
  - Community: 9%
  - Business: 10%

- **About the same**
  - Community: 61%
  - Business: 70%

- **Less visitors**
  - Community: 30%
  - Business: 20%

### Mid-January to April

- **More visitors**
  - Community: 30%
  - Business: 30%

- **About the same**
  - Community: 51%
  - Business: 62%

- **Less visitors**
  - Community: 19%
  - Business: 8%

### May to September

- **More visitors**
  - Community: 50%
  - Business: 56%

- **About the same**
  - Community: 32%
  - Business: 31%

- **Less visitors**
  - Community: 18%
  - Business: 13%

### October to Mid-December

- **More visitors**
  - Community: 42%
  - Business: 48%

- **About the same**
  - Community: 42%
  - Business: 48%

- **Less visitors**
  - Community: 16%
  - Business: 4%
Level of agreement | Statements about local networks/collaboration and links to the visitor industry

- The local economy depends heavily on the visitor industry: 4.2
- Local business associations/networks are of benefit to my business: 3.6
- Local businesses are supportive of the visitor industry: 3.5
- Local businesses work well together: 3.5

Mean Scale: 1 = Strongly Disagree to 5 = Strongly Agree
Level of agreement | Priorities for the visitor industry

- Understanding how important visitors are to the local economy: 4.2
- Increasing visitor spend: 4.1
- Attracting domestic visitors: 3.9
- Attracting Aucklanders: 3.7
- Increasing networking opportunities for local businesses: 3.7
- Increasing visitor numbers: 3.2
- Attracting international visitors: 3.1

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Business confidence levels over the next 12 months

46% of business respondents are very/extremely confident that their business will do well in the coming year.

24% of business respondents are not confident that their business will do well in the coming year.
What do you see as being the major opportunities for your business in the next five years?

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<td><strong>Economic opportunities</strong> – more activities, exports of local products, promote local goods, offer local employment</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td><strong>Destination management</strong> - extend the season by attracting off peak visitors, enhance services and offerings, better customer service</td>
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<td><strong>Sustainable growth</strong> - conservation, biodiversity, low impact activities, enviro-friendly vehicles</td>
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<td><strong>Improved infrastructure</strong> - better freight/travel options, improve water supply, affordable housing</td>
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<td><strong>Local Governance</strong> - reduced compliance costs, better tourism management</td>
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<td><strong>Other</strong> - good weather, retirement, family use</td>
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What do you see as being the major challenges for your business in the next five years?

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<td>Operational issues – staffing (supply and skill levels), competition, external operators (Off Island)</td>
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<td>Limited infrastructure - transport/freight handling, staff accommodation, roads, internet/WiFi</td>
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<td>General downturn in the economy - closed borders, recession, unemployment</td>
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<td>Local Governance - compliance costs, Auckland Council bylaws, not being able to process fresh fish to sell on the Island</td>
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<td>Downturn in tourism - lack of bookings, less international and domestic visitors, high airfares to Island</td>
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<td>Impact of Covid-19 - uncertainty for future, closed borders – decrease in visitors</td>
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<td>Operating costs - high freight charges, fuel, flights</td>
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<td>Social impact of tourism - local ‘anti-visitor’ sentiment, locals pushing back against businesses wanting to increase visitor numbers</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Other - more holiday homes means less visitors, impact of weather on visitor numbers</td>
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### What could be done specifically for businesses on Aotea / GBI so they benefit more from visitors to the Island?

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<td><strong>Support local linkages and business opportunities</strong> - working collaboratively</td>
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<td><strong>Support local businesses to service tourism</strong> – assist new ventures, capacity building, provide long term planning for local businesses</td>
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<td><strong>Value visitors</strong> - acknowledge importance of visitors to the economy, ‘educate’ locals about how important the industry is to the Island’s economy</td>
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<td><strong>Freight</strong> - reduce cost, up frequency, priority for business freight, better freight handling on/off Island</td>
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<td><strong>Invest in facilities &amp; infrastructure</strong> - change rubbish system, upgrade internet/ mobile coverage, build an observatory for night sky tourism</td>
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<td><strong>Covid-19</strong> - plan ahead, focus destination marketing on domestic visitors</td>
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<td><strong>Limit visitor numbers</strong> - cap numbers, stop promoting the Island</td>
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<td><strong>Other</strong> - attract more permanent residents, increase labour force and skills base</td>
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Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board
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Top three ways specifically for businesses to benefit more from visitors

Destination marketing (37%)
- attract domestic visitors, promote activities, attractions, off the grid lifestyle

Coronavirus is going to have a significant impact on the international, national and world economy. There are going to be less international travellers, so there needs to be a marketing shift towards attracting domestic tourism.

Support local linkages and business opportunities (33%)
- working collaboratively

Facilitate collaborative industry voice and action and diffuse competitive dynamics. Enable local businesses to flourish through professional education and regional networking.

Business and the LB, could work together better, and row the same waka, saving resources (time and $) and having a stronger internal and external voice, with regards to what the island needs to develop sustainably.

Support local businesses to service tourism (26%)
- new ventures, capacity building, long term planning

Identify where businesses need to increase in number and size to meet demand and assist those businesses to ensure that limiting factors e.g. rental car numbers, or flights are no longer inhibiting visitor numbers.
Community and Business

Concerns related to tourism on the Island
### Concerns related to tourism on the Island

56% of all respondents said **YES** they had concerns about tourism during the recent high/summer season

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<td>Tourist behaviour – not driving to conditions, lack of respect for locals – abusing shop staff</td>
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<td>Crowding and congestion – traffic, pressure on services, number of vehicles on the Island</td>
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<td>Environmental Issues – overfishing, animal control</td>
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<td>Transport and accessibility – on/off Island transport options, priority for locals</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Lack of visitor information – visitors unprepared for visit and off the grid life style</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Other – increased demand on health services and other public facilities by visitors</td>
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Top three concerns related to tourism

Facilities and infrastructure (76%)

- waste management – visitors having no where to put rubbish/recycle, lack of internet

  The rubbish debacle ongoing and the increase in seeing rubbish being dumped on the side of the roads, I’m a walker and have seen a noticeable difference in a short time, council need to sort this out ASAP.

  How do visitors dispose of their rubbish? In Auckland City beaches there are rubbish bins, why not on GBI. I realise we are going for no waste, but there needs to be some sort of facility for off island visitors.

Tourist behaviour (37%)

- not driving to conditions, lack of respect for locals - abusing shop staff

  Driving skills, too fast or too slow, middle of the road.

  The total disregard for people’s personal space, private property and total disregard for locals.

Crowding and congestion (34%)

- traffic, pressure on services

  Increased vehicle traffic and crowding of some areas (cafes, scenic spots etc) during the high period (Christmas - mid Jan).

  Infrastructure in and around shops can’t cope with numbers the three weeks after Christmas. These facilities are a bottle neck.
### How to address these concerns related to tourism

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<td>Reduce visitor numbers - attract high yield visitors, shift focus to shoulder season</td>
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<td>Legislation, regulations and enforcement – give clearer communication, penalties imposed</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>Information &amp; education – provide more visitor information on Island life, expectations of visit</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Upgrade facilities &amp; infrastructure - to meet visitor and local demand</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Need a long term vision for the Island - common goals for both community and business</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Environmental initiatives - create marine reserves, introduce visitor taxes to fund community, infrastructure and environment initiatives</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Transportation &amp; accessibility - more services, better pricing structure</td>
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<td>Other - support local businesses, welcome visitors</td>
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Top three ways to address concerns related to tourism

Waste management (28%)
- reinstate rubbish bins - recycling drop off zones
  
  Bring back the recycling and trash options. The move is ideologically great, but it’s just not working.
  
  By reinstating the rubbish bins at the shops, the airports and other areas on the Island.

Reduce visitor numbers (20%)
- attract high yield visitors, shift focus to shoulder season
  
  Consider capping visitor numbers at any one time to ensure we do not destroy what is special about the island.
  
  Stagger the numbers, create winter packages like we used to...the island doesn't need to be just a summer playground.

Legislation, regulations and enforcement (18%)
- clearer communication and penalties if not adhered to
  
  Clear communication, education and giving people warning about changes, closer enforcement.
  
  A visitor tax which goes back into the community, infrastructure and environment.
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**What can be done so that local communities on the Island benefit more from high season visitors?**

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<td>Encourage visitors to support local businesses – promote local businesses, discourage self-catering</td>
<td>43%</td>
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<td>‘Come on Island, spend on Island’</td>
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<td>Visitor tax or levy – money to be reinvested in local infrastructure and facilities</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>Improve facilities &amp; infrastructure - review waste management system, road safety and maintenance, better WiFi</td>
<td>39%</td>
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<td>Improve service quality and variety of offerings – more dining options, longer opening hours, produce markets</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Warmer welcome for visitors - be nice to visitors, provide information so visitors can set expectations around visit</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>Limit visitor numbers in summer – higher yield visitors, more off peak visitors</td>
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<td>Travel on-off Island and freight - cost, frequency, priority for locals</td>
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<td>Other – events, environmental initiatives</td>
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Top three ways local communities can benefit more from high season visitors

Support local businesses to service tourism (65%)

- capacity building, staffing, collaborate, new ventures

  It would be great if all locals were aware that for many islanders, visitors are their (main) source of income, and that by saying that they don't want visitors or less visitors, they deny their mates the chance to make a living.

  Locals could be encouraged to set up businesses that fulfil visitor needs. Seed funding may be required.

Encourage visitors to support local businesses (43%)

- promote local businesses, discourage self-catering - ‘Come on Island, spend on Island’

  Increase visibility of what is available on island so visitors don't feel they need to bring everything and can support local business.

  Provide more opportunity for visitors to spend on island through locally owned and operated businesses (spend that goes directly to the community).

Visitor tax or levy (41%)

- money to be reinvested in local infrastructure and facilities

  How about a tourist tax which is exclusively for the Barrier? But not bundled in a council slush fund!

  Levy in coming tourists to benefit local facilities & environmental issues.
Further comments about high season visitors to Aotea / GBI

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<td>water and power is handled on the Island,</td>
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<td>Visitors must be respectful - unique</td>
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<td>environment and local culture needs to be</td>
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<td>Tourism is a positive thing for the Island</td>
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<td>supports local business which helps local</td>
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<td>communities, new faces bring added</td>
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<td>vibrancy over summer</td>
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<td>Careful planning and decision making -</td>
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<td>ensure Island is future proofed, monitor</td>
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<td>visitor numbers and impact on the</td>
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<td>show united front by working with each</td>
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<td>other to ensure all benefit from tourism</td>
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Comparisons and conclusion
The Aotea / Great Barrier Island Visitor Strategy (2018-2023) includes a set of sustainable tourism indicators to guide destination management.

The **GBI Sustainable Tourism Index** outlines achievable goals for each of the core strategy areas and presents an effective evaluation framework against which to measure performance over time.

The Index cuts across several areas concerned with the environmental, social/cultural, and economic sustainability of tourism on GBI.

The following presents comparisons between 2018 and 2020 reports aligned with relevant indicators to see where goals have been met – and where there is still work to be done.
Impact of visitors on local quality of life

Goal: Increased sense of positive impacts, reduction in negative

Community respondents are more positive about the impact of visitors on their quality of life, but a slight reduction for business respondents.

- **2018**: 29% of community and 72% of business respondents indicated that visitors had a positive/very positive impact on their quality of life.

- **2020**: 39% of community and 67% of business respondents indicated that visitors had a positive/very positive impact on their quality of life.

(Data source: Community/Business survey)
Visitor numbers over the next five years

While most respondents would like visitor numbers to remain static (‘about the same as we have now’), in 2020 there is an increase in those who would like ‘less visitors than we have now’.
Environment

Goal: To maintain and increase **positive** feedback on environmental quality

2018 to 2020: positive feedback **maintained** across all categories, no significant change (+/-)

However, the 2020 Visitor Survey shows a **shift in the nature of the sentiment** expressed in feedback about environmental quality. In the 2018 survey, comments from visitors were about issues associated with rubbish and abandoned vehicles. In the 2020 survey, we see more evidence of comments about harm caused by feral pests and unrestrained domestic pets on native bird life.

(Data source: Visitor survey)
Employment

Goal: Employment in tourism related businesses increases and/or indirect involvement

There is an increase in the number of community respondents who state they work for an organisation that provides services/products to visitors.

- **2018**: 44% in tourism/hospitality related work

- **2020**: 66% in tourism/hospitality related work

(Data source: Community/Business survey)
Visitor expenditure

Goal: Increase of 5% increase in visitor expenditure per annum

High season average visitor expenditure has increased over the past two years

- 2018: $125 per person per night or $498 per visit
- 2020: $153 per person per night or $613 per visit

2018 and 2020 spend figures are based on median length of stay of four nights

(Data source: Visitor survey)
But...

- 2018: The average number of night stays for high season visitors was 6.7
- 2020: The average number of night stays for high season visitors is 5.6

(Data source: Visitor survey)
Dark Sky Sanctuary status

Goal: Visitor motivations to visit Aotea / GBI show strengthened influence of the Dark Sky Sanctuary Status

There is an upward movement in motivations to visit in the high season attributed to the Dark Sky Sanctuary status.

- **2018:** 7% of high season visitors stated that the Dark Sky Sanctuary status was a very/extremely important factor in their decision to visit Aotea / GBI
- **2020:** This increased to **16%**

(Data source: Visitor survey)
Activities and satisfaction: Food and beverage

Goal: Increase in positive feedback and decrease in negative about food and beverage on GBI. Increase in participation in F&B activities

There is a small increase in participation levels across all F&B activities and satisfaction has slightly increased.

- **2018**: 4.1 mean satisfaction score for food and beverage
- **2020**: 4.3 mean satisfaction score for food and beverage

(Data source: Visitor survey)
Activities and satisfaction

There is a small increase in participation and satisfaction levels for the following aspects of the visit:

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(Data source: Visitor survey) Scale 1= Very dissatisfied to 5=Very satisfied
Infrastructure and facilities

• Both visitors and community respondents comment on issues associated with infrastructure and facilities.

• In the 2018 Visitor report, comments focused on the condition of the roads, transport on/off Island, and internet (connectivity).

• This 2020 survey shows a shift in sentiment with most comments from visitors and locals related to the new Zero waste policy and the removal of waste and recycling drop-off points around the Island.

• Roads, transport and internet are mentioned less often in 2020.

(Data source: Visitor and Community/Business survey)
To conclude ... Both locals and visitors are critically aware of the need to manage the development of the visitor industry in a sustainable manner.

- Future planning needs to consider: Infrastructure - waste management and recycling, road conditions, pest control and impacts on the environment; residents’ unique lifestyles and local identities.

- There is a need to strengthen the economic impact per visitor; to slow the visitor down, improve frequency of visit and seasonality, and increase the length of stay.

- There is a need to improve levels of collaboration and ‘working together’ across all partners and stakeholders – including community.

- There is a need to enhance available visitor information so that visitors know what to expect (and how to behave) as well as what they can do (and spend money on) during their stay. There is also a need to strengthen interpretation of the area (storytelling, local history, local way of life) in available visitor information.
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Local Ward Area Councillor’s Update

File No.: CP2020/10439

Te take mō te pūrongo
Purpose of the report
1. To provide an opportunity for the local ward area councillor to update the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board on Governing Body issues and other points of interest to the local board.

Whakarāpopototanga matua
Executive summary
2. Standing Orders 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 provides provision in the local board meeting for local ward area councillors to update their local board counterparts on regional matters of interest to the local board.

Ngā tūtohunga
Recommendation/s
That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:
a) receive the written report update from the Waitematā and Gulf Ward Councillor, Pippa Coom.

Ngā tāpirihanga
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Pippa Coom Councillor Report – Waitematā and Gulf Ward

General update

This is my Councillor report covering the period from 8 July 10 August. It has been prepared for the August business meetings of the Aotea Great Barrier, Waiheke and Waitematā Board Local Boards.

The purpose of my report is to detail my main activities and to share information with the local boards in my ward regarding governing body decisions, my attendance at events and meetings, regional consultations, media updates and key issues.

Positions

- Deputy Chair, Environment and Climate Change Committee
- Co-Chair, Hauraki Gulf Forum
- Member, Auckland City Centre Advisory Board (ACCAB)
- Board Member, LGNZ National Council
- Member, Auckland Domain Committee

Summary

- Auckland Council adopted the Emergency Budget on 30 July.
- On 21 July the Environment and Climate Change Committee unanimously voted to adopt Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Action Plan
- As of 4 August, water levels in Auckland’s nine water collection dams remain at 59.5% per cent. Water restrictions continue.

Governing Body meetings – Key decisions

The minutes for all meetings are available on the Auckland Council website. The following is intended as a summary only.

On 16 July the Finance and Performance Committee agreed by 20 votes to 3 to recommend to the Governing Body that the Emergency Budget be based on a package of a general rate increase of 3.5%.
The committee also agreed to recommend that Governing Body adopted the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy.

The committee approved implementation of the Asset Recycling Budget and recommended that Governing Body approve disposal of the properties named in the budget.

On 21 July the Environment and Climate Change Committee voted unanimously to adopt Te Tāruke-a-Tawhirī: Auckland’s Climate Plan. The final plan will be launched digitally on council’s website later this year.

The committee also received a progress report on implementing Auckland’s Urban Ngahere Strategy (Attachment 1 Our Auckland: Auckland’s tree canopy cover grows by 60 hectares).

The committee approved a programme of work to develop a 100 year management policy to respond to the hazards caused by ‘too much water’ – specifically flooding, coastal inundation and coastal erosion.

On 30 July the Governing Body adopted the Emergency Budget 2020/2021, including 21 Local Board Agreements, and set rates for the 2020/2021 financial year.

The committee also agreed the Tupuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2020/21: adopted the amended Elected Members’ Expenses Policy; and confirmed appointments to the Demographic Advisory Panels.

The committee agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Crown, Kaipara Uri entities and the Northland Regional Council to progress the proposed Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme, and establish a joint committee to provide stewardship and governance for the programme.

Other key meetings and events

In the period 8 July -10 August I attended:

- Co-Chairs met to Hauraki Gulf Forum business with Minister Eugenie Sage on 9 July
- On behalf of the Hauraki Gulf Forum I spoke at Hauraki Gulf Watershed // The Awakening on 11 July at Maungauika. An event bringing together tikanga, science, technology and art to bring attention to the need to restore the mauri of Tikapa Moana
- Councillor Richard Hills and I received an update on the Regional Pest Management Plan on 13 July
- I met with Auckland Arts Festival Chief Executive David Inns and Artistic Director Shona McCullagh on 14 July
- Launch on 15 July at the Auckland Central Library of ‘Opening Little Boxes’ a book written during lockdown by Cr Cathy Casey, partner Kees
Ladder, daughter Alex Casey and Manu Bertao. All author royalties go to help the homeless through Auckland City Mission and Lifewise. (Photo above with Cr Cathy Casey, Council colleagues and Auckland City Missioner, Chris Farrelly)

- Auckland transport announcement by Ministers Phil Twyford and Julie Anne Genter at the Te Atatu Boatclub on 18 July (photo right)
- On 20 July I attended an introduction by the joint central and local government Three Waters Steering Committee to the recently announced National Three Water Reform Programme.
- Waiheke Local Board meeting on 22 July (via Skype)
- The Karangahape Road Business Association hosted Mayor Goff and I for a walkabout on 23 July. We observed progress on the K’rd City Rail Link station; met with Business Association Chair Muy Chhour and General manager Michael Richardson for an update on issues they are facing; and visited local businesses including Monster Valley (photo right).
- Manaaki Tāngata event hosted by Lifewise, Auckland City Mission and the Police at the Ellen Melville Centre on Saturday 25 July
- Aotea Great Barrier Local Board meeting on 28 July (via Skype)
- Auckland City Centre Advisory Board Meeting 29 July
- Mayor Goff and I met with Auckland Police District Commanders on July 29 where we discussed post-COVID-19 issues around the city (photo right: Superintendent Jill Rogers from Counties Manukau, Superintendent Karyn Malthus from Auckland
District and Inspector Michael Rickards standing in for Superintendent Naila Hassan from Waitamata

- Waitamata Local Board Plan consultation - Hearing style event on 29 July
- 3 August - 7 August was recess week for the governing body (no official meetings). I was fortunate to enjoy part of the break on a “busman’s holiday” on Waiheke. I spent a morning in at the Waiheke Local Board office for councillor catch ups.

Other matters
Emergency Budget 2020/2021

On July 16, the Finance and Performance Committee agreed, by 20 votes to 3, to recommend to the Governing Body that the Emergency Budget be based on a package of a general rate increase of 3.5%. On July 30, the Emergency Budget was formally adopted by the Governing Body and rates were set for the 2020/2021 period.

The Governing Body also voted to adopt the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy to assist those financially impacted by COVID-19 with rates payments. (Attachment 2 Ponsonby News Column – Emergency Budget 2020/2021 Decision)

I read the feedback on the budget proposal carefully. A majority of submitters in my ward supported the package based on a 3.5% rates increase. Importantly the majority of organisations across Auckland supported the Mayor’s proposal - organisations representing union members, businesses, employers, faith, environment and arts groups. A lot of the feedback asked council to invest in jobs and communities to assist the recovery and rebuild rather than taking an austerity approach.

Once we had worked through all the financial information carefully - including the need to find an additional $224m to respond to the drought - every councillor supported the budget except one.

Auckland’s rates and annual increase continue to be comparably lower that other cities (e.g. Tauranga 4.7%, Hamilton 4.7%, Wellington 5.1% and Christchurch 3.5% 2020/21 increases). It is important to note that Council is supporting financially distressed ratepayers with targeted assistance via the rates postponement scheme.

There is still a lot of pain in the budget and cuts to jobs, projects and services but retaining the commitment to extend the living wage to contracted cleaners is one of the positives the Mayor and councillors were able to celebrate with the Living Wage team straight after the budget was adopted on 30 July (photo right).
Auckland’s Climate Plan

On 21 July the Environment & Climate Change Committee unanimously passed Te Taruke-a-Tawhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan. A plan to halve our emissions by 2030, to get to net zero by 2050, keep to 1.5 degrees of warming and to adapt our city to cope with the affects of climate change which we are seeing more intensely each year. The final plan will be launched digitally later this year.

Photographed with Committee Chair Richard Hills and I are mana whenua representatives, Katrina from Gen Zero and some of the key council staff who have been integral in putting this piece of work together.

Hauraki Gulf Forum

Hauraki Gulf Forum Co-Chair Nicola Macdonald and I met with Minister Eugenie Sage on 9 July to discuss Hauraki Gulf Forum Business (photo right). On July 24 we met with Minister Nanaia Mahuta via Zoom on 24 July to discuss the Forum’s shift to a co-governance leadership model; our goals for the Haukaki Gulf Marine Park; and our commitment to delivering for Māori.
On 19 July I was hosted by Ngāti Tai ki Tāmaki at the inaugural launch of the Hukunui Pā restoration project on Te Motu Tapu a Taikehu (Motutapu Island). The project was launched with a special Matariki planting day as part of the One Billion Trees programme. The aim for the day was to plant 2500 trees of the 123,000 that will be planted over the next 3 years in a partnership between the Iwi and the Ministry for Primary Industries and with Te Papa Atawhai (Department of Conservation).

On 31 July, Hauraki Gulf Forum Co-Chair Nicola Macdonald, Executive Officer Alex Rogers and I spent the day visiting with Forum members in the Waikato - a great opportunity for regional collaboration as we work to heal the Gulf. We met with Mayor Sandra Goudie and Regional Councillors Denis Tegg in Thames; Councillor Donna Arnold in Te Aroha; Councillor Philip Buckthompson in Paeroa and Councillor Rob McGuire in Hamilton.

Acknowledgement to Nikki Kaye

Many thanks to Nikki for all her hard work as MP for Auckland Central. She can be really proud of everything she has achieved during her time in parliament. We’ve enjoyed a positive working relationship and I have valued her advice and support in my role. Nikki is tireless in following up on issues for constituents and fronting at meetings and events. I wish Nikki all the best for her next adventure.

Recommendation

That this report be received.

Attachments

1. Our Auckland: Auckland’s tree canopy cover grows by 60 hectares
2. Ponsonby News Column – Emergency Budget 2020/2021 Decision
3. Our Auckland: New public spaces in Auckland’s city centre coming to life this Summer
4. Our Auckland: Building a resilient city

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Attachment 1

Auckland’s tree canopy cover grows by 60 hectares

Our Auckland Published: 16 July 2020

Community groups and council come together to plant cabbage trees at Puhinui. Credit: Auckland Council Parks volunteer team

If you’ve been for a stroll through Totara Park or visited Puhinui Reserve in south Auckland recently you might notice some new young trees starting to flourish.

Thousands of native plants in public parks and open spaces across the city have been planted by Auckland business and community groups working together with the council to revegetate and regenerate our environment.

These groups are doing their bit to help achieve the ambitious goal of the council’s Urban Ngahere Strategy to increase urban tree canopy coverage to 30 per cent.

Between 2013 and 2018 average urban ngahere (forest) canopy cover across Auckland increased by about 60 hectares, an area equivalent to around 60 sports fields.
“The benefits from our urban ngahere range from supporting climate resilience to stormwater management to animal habitats and even providing shady spots for families to enjoy a day at the park.

“Unfortunately, the 2015 changes to the Resource Management Act has meant a really difficult few years for Auckland’s environment as the removal of a blanket tree protection led to ongoing losses of mature trees across the city and particularly on privately-owned property.

“Despite this, inequities remain. There are areas where tree cover is far lower than others and well below our targets. Addressing this inequity is a real priority for us.

“I want children across Auckland, no matter the suburb, to be able to walk home from school sheltered from the sun,” he adds, “it takes years to see the trees planted grow large enough to show up in our data. What we prioritise now will have an impact well into the future.”

Deputy Chair Councillor Pippa Coom agrees, emphasising the role of volunteers and community groups.

“Community involvement is vital in growing and caring for trees – as we’re seeing in places like Totara Park and Puhinui Reserve – and through groups like the Kaipatiki Project. Our community want to see an increase in tree cover and have made an enormous difference through planting, ecological improvement and pest control,” she says.

“We really need to acknowledge their efforts and thank them for both their advocacy and work on and in the ground. It’s encouraging to see our urban forest cover maintaining and even beginning to grow again as it is a real priority for the council and for Auckland.”

**Benchmarking Auckland's urban forests**

Next week the council will present to the Environment and Climate Change Committee an update on the Urban Ngahere Strategy’s progress since launching last year.

Auckland Council Head of Parks Services, Mark Bowater, explains that alongside new planting initiatives one of the first projects underway is to benchmark the state and size of Auckland’s tree canopies to help inform future work.

“"We have embarked on a series of research initiatives and our first snapshot report shows no loss to the overall size of Auckland’s urban forests,” he says.
"These results are promising for Auckland but there is much more work ahead if we are to keep making a positive trajectory on growing the scale of our urban forests – and to help offset loss of mature trees.

"Building key partnerships with businesses, groups and various agencies’ in support for the Urban Ngahere Strategy’s goals has been a crucial first step towards this,” he adds.

Survey gives a treetop view

The latest tree canopy coverage study gives a high-level, snapshot of treetops across the city’s 16 urban local board areas.

The survey showed average tree canopy coverage across the city was 18.4 per cent; similar to the 2013 baseline average cover of 18.3 per cent but well below the 30 per cent long term goal for the city identified in the Urban Ngahere Strategy.

At a local board level, average canopy cover ranged from 8 per cent to 31 per cent. The Kaipatiki and Upper Harbour local boards had the highest average cover (respectively 31 per cent and 28 per cent) and Māngere-Ōtāhuhu and Ōtara-Papatoetoe local boards the lowest (respectively 8 per cent and 9 per cent).

The results also indicate that increases in canopy coverage are mainly across public land and road corridors while losses are widespread - the majority of removals has taken place on privately-owned property.

Mr Bowater says the council is addressing the results by focusing efforts on areas that need the most; south Auckland is one of the key areas identified in the strategy and the latest survey as having consistently low tree canopy cover.

It’s a balance of looking at what’s needed across the city, he adds: “Development is ongoing across the city so into the future public parks and open spaces are only going to become more important to us. The planting that we’ve put into Totara Park, for example, is turning retired farmland into an ecological area of high value for communities and the environment.”
Continuing to grow our urban forests

“Everybody can do their bit to help protect and grow trees in Auckland and be a good environmental steward for the city,” says Councillor Hills.

“It’s really heartening to see so many people getting involved with planting initiatives – community and business involvements like this are at the heart of what it takes to make positive changes to our environment and for the good of our climate.

Adds Mr Bowater: “Like any maintenance project requiring skilled tradespeople, we encourage Aucklanders to seek professional advice from qualified arborists when looking for information about the care of trees on their property, noting there are usually a range of management options to enable the retention of some trees on private property.”

Next steps for Auckland Council

Council officers are asking for in-principle support from the committee to prepare a funding bid for Long-term Plan deliberations later this year, to increase funding to accelerate the work.
"We're actively working with a number of organisations both public, private and community to look at various funding options and initiatives to continue our efforts to grow Auckland’s tree canopy cover through large-scale plantings on public and private land," says Mr Bowater.

Adds Councillor Hills: "We are in a tough situation right now and financing projects in the short term is going to be challenging, given the severe economic constraints we are facing.

"But I believe that growing and protecting our urban forests is crucial, especially if Aucklanders are to take meaningful action towards addressing climate change. As committee chair I am committed to finding ways to keep growing and protecting our forests through implementation of the Urban Ngahere Strategy."

Read the full Urban Ngahere committee report and the council's latest tree canopy coverage report.
Attachment 2

Ponsonby News Column: Emergency Budget 2020/2021 Decision

Council's Emergency Budget 2020/2021 responds to a $750 million fiscal hole caused by the covid-19 crisis and the urgent need for more water infrastructure to avoid increased water restrictions. The 18 votes to 3 decision on 16 July approved a budget package based on a 3.5% rates rise. It means local boards continue to receive their full discretionary funding for local community projects, reinstatement of $450,000 to ensure that libraries can operate at full hours and increased road safety funding.

The budget also includes big reductions in spending and cost cutting. Over 600 temporary and contract workers have already been reviewed and there will be a further cut of around 500 permanent jobs. Staff and elected members have taken salary cuts and budgets for non-essential spending have been slashed. Cuts have been made in services and investment in some infrastructure projects has been deferred, reducing spending by hundreds of millions of dollars.

Despite these reductions, the Emergency Budget maintains as far as possible the critical services Aucklanders rely on and the investment the city needs including drought related works.

Over 34,000 submissions were received by council through the consultation process on the budget. I appreciated reading the feedback from constituents, mana whenua and regional organisations. The valued role of council in providing support through the emergency response and in delivering community well-being was recognised in the feedback but concern was raised about the impact of cuts on Auckland's ability to recover at a time when we need investment in jobs and to build community resilience.

I can also appreciate why there was feedback pushing for a rates freeze or cut. This is a difficult time with many households and businesses experiencing reduced income. There is a lot of understandable anxiety about job losses. It is a valid question to ask why, at a time of economic uncertainty and potentially a serious recession looming, council needs to put up rates when everyone else is belt tightening. However, the part of the story that doesn’t often hit the headlines is that due to historically low rates we are playing catch up on critical infrastructure investment that should have happened to match Auckland’s growth. Between 2010 and 2020, Auckland has grown by well over 200,000 people, more than the population of Hamilton. Even at 3.5%, Auckland's rates increase is modest when compared to other cities.

Overall I believe I was given a strong mandate to support the 3.5% rates increase budget package taking into account the feedback, the views of local boards, the financial advice
regarding what is a prudent level of debt and the updated information we received on the expenditure required to respond to the drought. A majority of submitters from the Waitakere & Gulf ward supported the Mayor’s proposal as well as all of Auckland’s 21 local boards. I think council has taken the right approach targeting support for rate payers facing financial hardship (through the rates postponement option) rather than an across the board rates cut that would have led to an austerity budget with dire consequences. We landed on a final budget focused on Auckland’s recovery and rebuild as planning already gets underway on council’s next 10 year budget.
Attachment 3

Building a resilient city

Our Auckland Published: 3 August 2020

A render of what the finished Quay St will look like.

Running the length of Quay Street is a historic seawall that has retained and protected land reclaimed over 100 years ago to form downtown Auckland.

In the 1800s, Fort Street (originally called Fore St) ran alongside the beach. Between 1850 – 1880 more land was reclaimed to extend downtown Auckland, creating Customs St, Commercial Bay, and Quay Street where the foreshore is now. Between 1880 – 1925 a seawall was created to protect this new downtown space and what had quickly become the country’s largest commercial centre.

Over the past year, strengthening of a 600-metre section of the seawall has been underway; the first significant strengthening work to be done to the seawall since it was completed in 1925. This project is part of a wider programme of work to transform downtown, creating a welcoming and people-centred gateway into our city.
While the seawall works have been highly visible with some impressive construction equipment, the seawall itself is largely unseen and unassuming, but should not be underestimated.

Watch the above video of the construction of the palisade wall between Queens Wharf and Marsden Wharf that was completed earlier this year.

Auckland Councillor Pippa Coom says strengthening the seawall is essential to building a resilient city able to withstand earthquakes of 6.5 magnitude, storm surges, and rising sea levels of one metre over the next 100 years.

“The Downtown Programme is one of the largest urban transformation projects to be undertaken in Auckland, requiring the coordination of multiple, related projects and deadlines.

Councillor Coom is encouraged by how work is progressing with the project hitting some critical milestones and full completion expected early 2021. Earlier this year, the section between Queens and Marsden wharves was completed and recently, the Princes Wharf section was finished - making room for street enhancement works to get underway.

Cr Coom says the Downtown programme is inextricably linked with other transformational projects that are all contributing to improved social, environmental and economic benefits for the City Centre.

“Commercial Bay will ultimately see 10,000 workers coming into the area when the City Rail Link opens in 2024, pedestrian traffic at Britomart will double, and there are over 30,000 people living in the City Centre.”

Supporting all this is a strengthened seawall ready to protect the city for another century.
Attachment 4

New public spaces in Auckland’s city centre coming to life this summer

Our Auckland Published: 24 July 2020

Auckland city centre’s revitalised public spaces will be ready to enjoy from this summer, despite the setbacks from COVID-19 on construction, Auckland Council announced today.

Construction teams are working hard to make up for lost time as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown period and restrictions and budget constraints.

"The delays from COVID-19 and the financial impacts of the Emergency Budget have been very challenging but Auckland Council and our construction partners are working hard to transform our city centre and deliver for Aucklanders new safer and relaxing public spaces to enjoy this summer," says Councillor Chris Darby, Chair of the Planning Committee.

“More than half of all Aucklanders live or work in or visit the central city at least once a month which highlights the importance of making it a people focussed place, and developing it now so it can withstand our city’s future growth.”

Many of the new public spaces in Downtown will be available to enjoy from the end of the year, these include the opening of Albert Street between the Wyndham and Customs Street

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West intersections and the Lower Queen Street public space (between Quay Street and Customs Street). Most of Quay Street will be open with the exception of the northern footpath between Princes and Queens Wharf, which will be the final section to be completed in the first half of 2021.

“Aucklanders can expect to see a very different looking lower end of Albert Street when it opens in December. The City Rail Link project is creating a people-friendly place with wider pavements, bus lanes to support public transport, new tree plantings and street furniture which will make this part of section of Albert Street an attractive central city destination,” says Councillor Darby.

Te Wānanga, the new downtown public space in the ferry basin between Princes Wharf and Queens Wharf, is set to open in early 2021. It will be an attractive new place for respite and relaxation with seating areas allowing people to enjoy the harbour in a whole new way. This new public space was developed using the proceeds from the sale of what used to be part of Queen Elizabeth Square to Precinct Properties for the development of Commercial Bay.

Waitematā and Gulf ward Councillor Pippa Coom is excited by the changes happening in the city centre as new spaces begin to emerge from behind the construction fences.

City centre businesses, and retailers in particular, has been severely impacted by the loss of international visitors, workers and students as a result of Covid-19. The completion of the new spaces will help attract people back into the city centre and contribute to its recovery.

“We’ve been on a long journey to transform our city centre and create a greener, safer, and better-connected place for everyone,” says Councillor Coom.

“As you move around the waterfront, or along Karangahape Road you can already get an appreciation of the amount of new space being created for people, with wider footpaths and shared spaces. Many of these projects have been years in the making so it’s very rewarding to know that in summer we’ll be seeing people use the new spaces to sit and eat their lunch, meet up with friends, or just sit back and watch the world go by.”

The city centre programme is the largest infrastructure programme of this scale in New Zealand, encompassing the City Rail Link, America’s Cup base construction, the seismic strengthening of the seawall along Quay Street and major streetscaping works throughout the city centre, from downtown up to Karangahape Road.

The Downtown Programme, which incorporates six significant projects including new ferry berths, seismic strengthening of the Quay Street seawall, Quay Street streetscape enhancement and a bus interchange at Lower Albert Street, is approximately 60 per cent complete. Quay Street’s southern footpath was opened earlier this year alongside the opening of Commercial Bay.
Karangahape Road, which will incorporate a new cycleway, peak hour bus lanes and more trees, is nearing the halfway completion mark. Three sections of the road have already been opened, including a section of the cycleway from Ponsonby Road to Day Street.

Aucklanders can follow the progress of individual projects by visiting progressakl.co.nz
Local Board Correspondence

File No.: CP2020/10442

Te take mō te pūrongo
Purpose of the report

1. To inform the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board of key correspondence sent and received during the month of July and August 2020.

Whakarāpopototanga matua
Executive summary

2. A thank you letter for the local board’s ongoing support for the Aotea / Great Barrier Island Community Worker Project was received from the Great Barrier Island Community Health Trust (Attachment A).
3. The board had provided letters of support for Destination Great Barrier Island (Attachment B) and Aotea Great Barrier Island Environmental Trust’s Tu Mai Taonga North Aotea project (Attachment C).
4. Mr Richard Darrow of Kristin School sent an email (Attachment D) to the board regarding his concern on Sealink’s price increase.
5. Correspondence via email (Attachment E) had been received from the North Barrier community raising their concern on freight services up north of Aotea Great Barrier Island.

Ngā tūtohunga
Recommendation

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

a) note the following correspondence for the months of July and August 2020, as follow:
   i. Letter from the Great Barrier Island Community Health Trust as attachment A of this report.
   ii. Letter of support for Destination Great Barrier Island as attachment B of this report.
   iii. Letter of support for Aotea Great Barrier Island Environmental Trust as attachment C of this report.
   iv. Correspondence with Mr Richard Darrow as attachment D of this report.
   v. Correspondence from the North Barrier community as attachment E of this report.

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Tena tatou katoa

RE: Aotea / Great Barrier Island Community Worker Project (CWP)

At this important time, when the Health Trust passes the contractual responsibilities for the CWP on to the Aotea Family Support Group Trust (AFSGT), the Trustees wish to pause and sincerely thank the Auckland Council Local Board team for their ongoing support of the CWP for the ten years since amalgamation.

We have appreciated the partnership that was forged to ensure that the CWP remained financially viable. With this much needed support the Trustees believe that the CWP was and continues to be an island-based solution empowering us, as a community to take responsibility for a portion of our social service needs that impact on our most vulnerable.

Nga mihi na
Leonie Howie
For the Trust
20 July 2020

To Whom it May Concern

Re: Destination Great Barrier Island

Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board has a strong collaborative working relationship with Destination Great Barrier Island in supporting the island’s tourism and businesses.

For a number of years, the local board has helped fund Destination Great Barrier Island to manage the island’s visitor information site located at the Claris airport. This site has gone from strength to strength and now with the new website continues to support both visitors and our businesses.

Recently the local board funded the development of a local Visitor Strategy. Destination Great Barrier Island will continue to assist in the implementation of that Visitor Strategy into the third year through the Trust Operations Manager and other initiatives.

The local board supports and endorses all the great work Destination Great Barrier Island continues to do for our people, our visitors and our island.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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5 August 2020

To Whom it May Concern

RE: Tū Mai Taonga North Aotea Project

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board offers its support to the Tū Mai Taonga North Aotea Project.

This project will protect key species on Aotea including pāteke, black petrel, chevron skink, kākāriki, kākā, peka peka and hochstetters frog to name but a few. It will also protect and enhance the nationally significant ecosystems of Te Paparahi, Hirakimata, Okiwai estuary and wetlands and adjacent forest remnants and islands.

As part of Tū Mai Taonga the re-establishment of the lost kōkako to the forests of Aotea will come a step closer.

The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board is delighted to see a collaborative approach to this project and we wish it all the very best for the future.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 021 286 7555 or at izzy.fordham@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Kind regards

Izzy Fordham
Chairperson Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board
From: Izzy Fordham (Great Barrier Local Board) <Izzy.Fordham@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 August 2020 5:07 PM
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Cc: Valmaine Toki <valmaine.toki@waikato.ac.nz>; valmaine@waikato.ac.nz; Jacquie Fyers <Jacquie.Fyers@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: PLEASE READ: Sealink - 61% price increase

Hi,

Just a quick update, I have spoken with Richard Darrow and given him Steve Chapman’s contact details. Needless to say, Richard was stunned at the cost and, unless it comes down, will look at taking the pupils to the Hokianga or Coromandel instead. We both hope it doesn’t come to that!!!

Guia, Richard is fine with his letter going on the August Business Meeting Agenda.

Cheers

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From: Richard Darrow <RDarrow@kristin.school.nz>
Sent: Friday, 31 July 2020 1:56 PM
To: RES Local Board Great Barrier <GreatBarrierLocalBoard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>
Subject: Sealink - 61% price increase

Good afternoon - I hope this email finds all of the Aotea/Great Barrier Board members well.

Kristin School, where I am a Dean, has been travelling to Aotea/Great Barrier for the past nine years for a school camp in the last week of February. We camp at Harataonga and our staff and students absolutely love your beautiful island.

When Fullers cancelled their service a few years ago, we began to use Sealink, which, whilst of course slower, we have found really efficient and enjoyable.

Last year the return cost of 8 adults, 62, students, 3 vans and a truck was $7,657.20.

When I went to book for 2021, I was informed that Sealink had, at the beginning of July 2021, moved to "demand-driven pricing" and that the cost would now be $12,337.92.

This represents a 61% increase for a service that, given the Sunday - Thursday sailing in late February, can hardly be described as peak.

I am astounded by this increase - it will quite possibly make our trip uneconomic.

I imagine we won't be the only potential visitors affected by this. I thought you would be interested in this new policy of the only passenger ferry service to Aotea/Great Barrier. I am sure it will have ramifications for your local tourism industry.

Please let me know your thoughts. I am happy to be contacted on 0274630036.

Kind regards
Richard Darrow
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Keep being kind
Cough & sneeze hands free
Wash & dry them often
Stay at home if you're sick

Attachment D
Wow Nikki - you are absolutely amazing, thank you so very much!! Even though we DEFINITELY don’t want you to go, you have earned a rest!!! ❤️

On Thu, 6 Aug 2020, 6:50 PM Hon Nikki Kaye, wrote:
Hi all,

I have spoken to Steve Chapman and sealink who are aware of the issue and have said that they are dealing with diminishing freight volumes so have had to consolidate over one destination. I have explained the challenges for the north.

Steve says he is happy to engage with north barrier residents to see if it is possible to see how freight up there at least once a month in the summer months but they are saying it is tough in winter months. Steve is not guaranteeing this but has said he will look at it.

I also intend to meet with transport representatives in the next few weeks to raise issues that I have raised with ministers previously about affordability of freight and long term viability of services.

Thanks
Nikki

Sent with BlackBerry Work
(www.blackberry.com)
Hi Casey, thank you.

I had exactly the same thought over the weekend, that a monthly service from Freightlink would make things more workable.

Cheers Caity

From: Casey Fisher
Sent: Tuesday, 4 August 2020 12:33 PM
To: greatbarrierlocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz; Hon Nikki Kaye; North Barrier Residents & Ratepayers Assoc; Jeff Cleave - Great Barrier Local Board; Barrier Bulletin
CC: Colin Griffiths; Juan Manero; Cara Fraider
Subject: Freight for North Barrier

Kia Ora all, on behalf of the North Barrier community I’d like to address the issue of freight.

The option of flying freight to Okiwi with Fly My Sky was extremely helpful but now the Covid-19 subsidy has expired the cost is prohibitive for most - with individual grocery boxes sometimes approaching the $20 mark.

Barrier Air has more affordable freight costs, however they are often full & customers are regularly having to wait 2-3 days for a grocery order to arrive once it has been delivered to Auckland airport.

Sealink is really the only option & they have now made it clear that they have no intentions to resume the service to the North. Sealink has the freezer capacity, the space for larger freight & the potential to provide a reliable service, even if it was only monthly it would go a long way towards accommodating the needs of the North.

If there is anything you are able to do to help us in this situation please let us know, as it stands it is a scary looking future for the top of the island. Thank you very much, Casey Fisher, Okiwi, Great Barrier Island.
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Environmental agency and community group reports

File No.: CP2020/10440

Te take mō te pūrongo
Purpose of the report

1. To provide an opportunity for Aotea Great Barrier community groups and environmental agencies with interest or role in the environment or the work of the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board to have items considered as part of the board’s business meeting.

Whakarāpopototanga matua
Executive summary

2. The Environment Committee of the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board has been discontinued from the start of the electoral term 2016/2019. To continue with the tradition of open and more direct interaction between the board, local groups and others, the local board has extended an invitation to either speak at the board’s business meeting via Public Forum or put items forward and have reports included in the agenda.

3. Inclusion of items on the agenda is at the discretion of the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Chairperson in discussion with the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Relationship Manager to ensure the material is appropriate and will not create any issues. Any items submitted will be included under a cover report which will have the recommendation that “item xyz be noted or received”.

Ngā tūtohunga
Recommendation/s

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

a) note the following reports:
   i) Aotea / Great Barrier Natural Environment-Islands monthly update – July 2020

Ngā tāpirihanga
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Aotea/Great Barrier Natural Environment-Islands monthly update
July 2020
Prepared for the Aotea Great Barrier Local Board

Aotea Great Barrier Local Board funded programmes

Rabbit Control
Between June 30th and July 3rd Good Wood Aotearoa was contracted by Auckland Council to undertake 137 hours of Rabbit control.

In total 204 rabbits were shot over five nights/145hrs or 1.4 rabbits per hour. This was significantly down on numbers and trends from previous shoots in the last 36mths that had ~3-4 rabbits per hour, and, more so than the shoots of 3-4 years ago that averaged ~6 rabbits per hour.

Fumigation Work: During daylight hours, 42 holes in 13 warrens were fumigated. At each warren secondary entrances were collapsed and adjoining chambers leaving the main entrances for fumigating.

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In summary Kaitoke, Kawau Bay, Karaka Bay, Glenfern and Palmers rabbit numbers are low. The Okiwi Township and Awana have moderate to low numbers but are a lot lower than they were in previous visits. These two sites as well as Whangapoua appear to be holding, likely due the availability of dry denning sites under structures within sand-country. No hunting effort was conducted on the DOC land at Okiwi or Whangapoua, being out of the scope of our contract. The contractor recommends the station and campground receive warren fumigation and shooting on a more regular basis with both thermal equipment and 17HMRS as it was noted while driving past with the thermal that rabbits were still in moderate numbers in these areas.

A report summarising all 2019/2020 operations will be provided ahead of the board’s September I&ES update workshop.

Okiwi Pest Coordinator

A workshop held by the conservation advisor on how to use the TrapNZ app for all those having trouble.
Pest Pathways – Ambassadors

A separate workshop will be scheduled with the local board to discuss future surveys and results from the 2020/2021 financial year.

Ecology vision

The board has requested a separate workshop to discuss the future plans for the ecology vision project. Staff are working to secure a time for this.

Pest prevention

Aotea Great Barrier pest animal programmes

Feral cats

This project was expanded in 2019/2020 and run throughout the financial year. Below is a brief summary provided by the contractor of works that occurred, and the numbers of cats caught.

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General observations:

- Roadside trap lines that were serviced regularly (Awana, A-Line, Fitzroy, Okiwi & Whangamarapara Rd) have relatively high totals as would be expected
- Captures on the Harataonga track, Station Rock and Kowhai Valley lines appeared to be quite high for the limited amount of trapping that occurred
- Captures on Kaitoke dunes and Harataonga dunes appeared to be quite low for the amount of trapping that occurred.

Forest Road traps were only run for a short period in March 2020 before COVID-19, then the weather prevented these being set. Cape Barrier Road and Rosalie Bay Road were only run for a short period as the Tryphena based staff member who was going to run these left Envirokiwi Ltd.

Trapping was not consistent across the financial year. The table below shows when trapping occurred, and the numbers of cats caught in different months:
Any domestic cats that are caught through this programme are released.

The number of feral cat catches per month in relation to the amount of trapping effort will be summarised by Auckland Council staff once the 2019/2020 data from Trap NZ has been analysed. In the interim some general observations are that:

- The high numbers in July 2019 followed on from high captures in April, May and June 2019,
- Trapping effort was low in August, September and November 2019 and capture numbers reflect this
- Trapping was intensive in October 2019 and good numbers were caught
- Captures were steady in March 2020. March 2020 and May 2020 had the greatest proportion of feral kittens and young cats caught
- Following shut down over April 2020 due to COVID-19, a spike of captures occurred in the last week of May – approximately 10% of the years captures in one week
- The high capture levels continued through June 2020, but dropped away sharply going into July 2020.

Regardless of the season, captures on a given line began to decrease to very low numbers if the line was run for too many consecutive weeks. Where possible, trap lines were alternated setting different groups of traplines to pulse the trapping effort. Having more trap lines to alternate between would help us widen the time between pulses slightly, while increasing the proportion of the island with a level of cat control occurring.

Incidents of traps going missing and vandalism were ongoing throughout 2019/2020. Most traps are now chained to trees which has reduced this problem. Interactions with members of the public, landowners and cat owners remain positive.

**Feral Pigs**
A verbal update on the feral pig programme will be provided at the board’s 4 August 2020 workshop.

**Argentine and Darwin’s ants**
Hand searching for Argentine ants was carried out on sites that detected no ants during monitoring or those that had small populations. No ants were found during this operation. Site specific reports are being prepared by the contractor for the 2019/2020 season, and will be provided to the board once complete.

**Rat surveillance dogs - Rakitu**
Jeremy Warden spent 4 days (27th – 30th July) on Rakitu island with his surveillance dogs as part of a team that included two Department of Conservation staff and their dogs. The aim was to cover as much ground as possible within this weather window and as terrain allowed.

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A full report of operations will be provided ahead of the board’s September 2020 workshop and a verbal update will be provided.

**Plague skink control tools research**

Fence removal and clean-up of site is well under way with nearly all materials moved from site. Anamata is receiving the plastic fence material and waratahs to sell.

Auckland Council is looking to recommission IST covers, traps and pegs through the organisation and keeping some here within an incursion kit.

Landowners of the trial site have also been gifted several waratahs and a few culverts for the quad track.

**Aotea Great Barrier Island pest plant programme**

- **Oceanview Road** – This site was completed in June however, contact has been made with some of the property owners (previous attempts failed earlier in the season) along the north side of the road and they have agreed its time to address some of the problematic weeds they have in their gardens that are spilling into the management area. This work will be included in the 2020/2021 programme.

- **Grandstand** – Work has started here with an initial focus on hand pulling/removal and ringbarking a range of target tree species such as Wattle, Eucalyptus, coroneaster, Tasmanian Blackwood etc. See management area below:
Community education and advocacy

Publications/media

Conservation week is being held between the from 15-23 August 2020. Staff from Auckland Council’s Environmental Services department have collaborated with Windy Hill Sanctuary, Sustainable Aotea, Glenfern Sanctuary, Island Screens, Oruawharo Medlands ECOvision, the Currach Irish pub, Wellbeing Wanderers, and Anamata to put together eight free conservation themed events for our community to enjoy on Aotea.

Nature through New Eyes is the theme for Conservation Week 2020, with New Zealanders urged to spend time in the natural environment.

Please see the eight events as detailed in the poster attached. The events will be advertised in the barrier bulletin, Barrier chitchat, AoteaFM and through Eventfinda.

Community Group Support

- Aotea Trap Library
  100 wooden trap boxes have been provided as an interim measure to help with demand. Now we are past COVID-19 restrictions, the council should be able to provide more materials long term.

Next month (August 2020)

Conservation week – 15-23 August 2020
REPORT

Meeting Date: 25 August 2020
Prepared By: George Taylor, DOC Operations Manager Aotea/Great Barrier Island
Subject: Operations Report

Work programme highlights for DOC Aotea/Great Barrier Island since the last meeting include:

Biodiversity

- **Hirakimata Good Nature Project**: Scoping of the trap and tracking tunnel lines for the Good Nature grid of traps around Hirakimata is complete. Tracks are currently being cut and marked in preparation for the network.

- **Pateke Project**: Cat trapping and pukeko control for pateke protection is underway. The annual report indicated the lowest numbers since counts began. A business case is being built to outline extra funding, resources and capacity required to investigate declining flock counts and increase predator control and management.

- **Black Petrels**: Wildlife Management International Ltd continued their research on the Black Petrel colony on Hirakimata this year and managed to sneak in their final trip to band chicks just in time after the covid-19 lockdown. Cat trapping around the summit during fledging was done between April – June.

- **Mt Heale Mustelid Sighting**: Two mustelid handlers and their dogs visited the area where two suspected mustelid sightings occurred earlier this year and gave no indication. After the dog search and several months of checking traps, trail cameras and tracking tunnels with no sign the response was closed.

- **Pest free islands**: Both Rakitu and the Mokohinau Island group have had tracking tunnel visits since the COVID-19 lockdown with no sign of rodents.

Recreation / Historic

- **Tracks and huts**: Tracks and huts are in very good condition, with standard maintenance work fully resumed following the COVID-19 closures.

- **Campgrounds**: Preparations are underway for the summer season ahead, with campground hosts confirmed for all vehicle accessible campgrounds.
- **Other visitor assets**: Maintenance work has been completed on the Single Quarters at Akapoua, including painting and resurfacing. Insulation has been installed at Cottage 110.

- **Kauri dieback protection**: Kauri dieback mitigation work has been completed on Warren’s track by local contractors. The work involved removal of some dangerous pine trees prior to track alignment, elimination of wet and muddy sections, and installation of a culvert.

**Community**

- **DOC Community Fund**: Across the country there were 228 applications received resulting in 110 projects being approved for funding. Congratulations to our 3 community groups that submitted their applications. The 3 projects - Orauwharo Wetlands and Stream Restoration, Motu Kaikoura Sanctuary Eco Management and the Aotea Mana Whenua Pest Management project were all successful. The funding will support the project requirements over the year ahead and beyond.

- **Advocacy and support**: During the lockdown we planned support for Kaumatua on Aotea/Great Barrier Island by providing free firewood, including delivery. DOC staff split firewood during level 2 lockdown and once we were at level 1, the distribution to recipients started and was greatly received.

- **Minister of Conservation visit, and Rakitū Island declared pest-free**: Hon. Eugenie Sage visited Aotea recently with the primary purpose to declare Rakitū Island pest free. Pest free status was able to be confirmed after two breeding seasons of post operational monitoring and a final conservation dogs check to confirm no presence of rodents. This was confirmed the week before the Minister hence the tight planning timeframe for the event. Members of Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai ki Aotea, DOC staff and community members who supported the project gathered at the DOC office in Okiwai for the announcement. The original plan intended for the event to be held on Rakitū but weather conditions prevented travel to the island. The Minister also met with the Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee and the Local Board during her visit.
Purpose of the report

1. To present the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board with its updated governance forward work calendar.

Executive summary

2. The Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Governance Forward Work Calendar 2019 - 2022 is appended to the report as Attachment A. The calendar is updated monthly, reported to business meetings and distributed to council staff for reference and information only.

3. The governance forward work calendars were introduced in 2016 as part of Auckland Council's quality advice programme and aim to support local boards' governance role by:
   - ensuring advice on meeting agendas is driven by local board priorities
   - clarifying what advice is expected and when
   - clarifying the rationale for reports.

4. The calendar also aims to provide guidance for staff supporting local boards and greater transparency for the public.

Recommendation

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

a) receive its Governance Forward Work Calendar for the political term 2019 - 2022 as at August 2020.

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### Governance forward work calendar - August 2020

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Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Workshop Record of Proceedings

File No.: CP2020/10444

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To note the records for the Aotea / Great Local Board workshops held following the previous business meeting.

Whakarāpopototanga matua

Executive summary

2. Under section 12.1 of the current Standing Orders of the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board, workshops convened by the local board shall be closed to the public. However, the proceedings of every workshop shall record the names of members attending and a statement summarising the nature of the information received, and nature of matters discussed.

3. The purpose of the local board’s workshops are for the provision of information and local board members discussion. No resolutions or formal decisions are made during the local board’s workshops.

4. The record of proceedings for the local board’s workshops held on the 21st & 30th July and 4th & 11th of August are appended to the report.

Te tūtohunga

Recommendation

That the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board:

a) note the record of proceedings for the local board workshops held on Tuesday 21 July, Thursday 30 July, Tuesday 4 August and Tuesday 11 August.

Ngā tāpirihanga

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<td>Janine Geddes - Acting Relationship Manager, Aotea / Great Barrier and Waiheke Local Boards</td>
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Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Workshop Record

Workshop record of the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board held at the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board office – 81 Hector Sanderson Rd, Claris and via Skype for Business on Tuesday 21 July 2020, commencing at 9.00am.

PRESENT
Chairperson:  Izzy Fordham
Members: Luke Coles, Sue Daly, Patrick O’Shea and Valmaine Toki
Also present: Kathy Cumming, Hannah Gale, Nikki Watts

By Skype for Business: Janine Geddes and Jestine Joseph

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<td>• Setting direction / priorities / budget</td>
<td>Board members discussed and considered any amendments required to finalise the draft local board agreement 2020/2021. Staff in attendance spoke through the presentation.</td>
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Note: The board took a break at 11.00am and the workshop reconvened at 1.03pm after the board's extraordinary business meeting to adopt Annual planning (LBA) adopt local board agreements, and fees and charges schedule.

Business meeting (from 1.00pm) - To adopt the draft Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Plan 2020 and the statement of proposal for public consultation

3. Aotea Education Trust
   Hannah Gale
   Nikki Watts
   In attendance: Kathy Cumming
   • Keeping informed
   The new chair of Aotea Education Trust was introduced to the board. Discussion was about the Trust’s budget, funding and projects and future activities.

The workshop concluded at 2.24pm.
Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board Workshop Record

Workshop record of the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board held at the Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board office, 81 Hector Sanderson Rd, Claris, Aotea / Great Barrier and by Skype for Business on Tuesday 30 July 2020, commencing at 9.36am.

PRESENT
Chairperson: Izzy Fordham
Members: Sue Daly, Patrick O'Shea and Valmaine Toki (until 1.00pm)
Apologies: Luke Coles
Also present: Kathy Cumming

*By Skype for Business:* Janine Geddes, Jacqui Fyers, Jestine Joseph, Jaimee Maha, Chelsea Samuel, Mary Dawson, Pippa Sommerville, Oliver Kunzendorff and Kat Morgan

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  (Board members only) | • Setting direction / priorities / budget | Board members reviewed and discussed the proposed local board work programme for FY20/21. |
  *In attendance:*  
  Janine Geddes  
  Jestine Joseph CA  
  Jacqui Fyers |
| 3. 2020/2021 Local board work programme (WS8): Review updated work programmes | • Setting direction / priorities / budget | Discussions were about the ABS opex levels of service, updated LDI opex work programme FY20/21 and the Community Facilities capex work programme. |
  Janine Geddes  
  Jestine Joseph CA  
  Jacqui Fyers  
  Jaimee Maha  
  Chelsea Samuel  
  Kathy Cumming  
  Mary Dawson  
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The workshop concluded at 2.35pm.

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<td>Board members reviewed the boards current emergency budget against its LDI opex programme FY20/21.</td>
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In attendance:
- Janine Geddes
- Jacqui Fyres
- Jestine Joseph CA
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PRESENT
Chairperson: Izzy Fordham
Members: Sue Daly, Patrick O’Shea, Luke Coles (by Skype) and Valmaine Toki (from 9.17am)
Also present: Shanti Morgan, Jeremy Warden and Kathy Cumming

*By Skype for Business: Janine Geddes, Jacqui Fyers, Jaimee Maha, Thomas Daly and Chelsea Samuel*

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<td>Discussion was about food security and supply in Aotea and a possible approach for a future project to support food resilience on island.</td>
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PRESENT
Chairperson: Izzy Fordham
Members: Sue Daly, Patrick O’Shea, Valmaine Toki and Luke Coles
Also present: Kathy Cumming

By Skype for Business: Janine Geddes, Jacqui Fyers, Jan Brown, and Ben Halliwell

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<td>Staff in attendance spoke through the “Regional Facilities Auckland” presentation which covered the following: a) Pre-COVID-19 RFA Snapshot b) Our Venues Belong to All Aucklanders c) Reaching Our Community d) Impacts of COVID-19 on Our Operations e) Looking Forward f) Further Considerations</td>
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<td>Staff in attendance spoke through the strategic broker monthly update memo including the community hui, food resiliency, connectivity, Aotea Education Trust, communications &amp; social media, Aotea Boardriders’ clubhouse project, Dark Sky, visit of Green MP Chloe Swarbrick, and the annual report from the Community Heritage and Arts Village Trust.</td>
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<td>Staff in attendance gave the board an update on the submissions received to date.</td>
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