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Meeting Room: Upper Harbour Local Board Office
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Foreword by Chairperson – Upper Harbour Local Parks Management Plan 2024

On behalf of the Upper Harbour Local Board, it is with great pleasure that we introduce the Upper Harbour Local Parks Management Plan. This plan is a significant milestone in the management of our parks. Upper Harbour has an extensive park network of 260 parks covering nearly 800 hectares of land.

The Upper Harbour Local Board Parks Management Plan has been developed with extensive consultation with mana whenua, the public, volunteers, clubs and community and sporting organisations. The plan sets out a vision for management of our parks over the next 10 years and seeks to enhance the quality and amenity of our parks, to increase biodiversity and ecological resilience and to support community outcomes.

The parks in Upper Harbour are a key part of what we value in this area and are embraced by residents. As Upper Harbour continues to grow and develop, the parks and reserves become more and more important. Residents value the opportunities these parks provide e.g. opportunities for sport and recreation, relaxation and access to water-based activities. The parks also provide great ecological benefits. They provide ecological corridors, contain diverse ecosystems, provide resilience and are home to native flora and fauna. Many of our parks have cultural significance to mana whenua.

We are lucky in Upper Harbour to have a passionate volunteer network who protect native habitats at a local and landscape level.

I would like to extend our deep thanks to everyone who submitted. Your thoughtful and detailed submissions have been invaluable in shaping this document which will support planning for years to come.

**Anna Atkinson | Local Board Chairperson
Upper Harbour Local Board**