

---

# Howick Local Board

## OPEN MINUTES

---

Minutes of a meeting of the Howick Local Board held in the Howick Local Board Meeting Room, Pakuranga Library Complex, 7 Aylesbury Street, Pakuranga on Thursday, 20 February 2025 at 12.00pm.

---

### TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Damian Light
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Bo Burns
<b>Members</b>	Katrina Bungard
	David Collings
	Bruce Kendall
	John Spiller
	Mike Turinsky
	Adele White, JP
	Peter Young, JP

---



## 1 Nau mai | Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

Note: The Chair gave permission to Chris Harrowell of The Times to record the meeting for journalistic purposes.

## 2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

There were no apologies.

## 3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number HW/2025/1

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Burns:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 12 December 2024, as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

## 5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

## 6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

### 6.1 Acknowledgement - Denise Astill on being awarded ONZM

Resolution number HW/2025/2

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member M Turinsky:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakamihi / acknowledge and congratulate Denise Astill on her appointment as an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the prevention of foetal anticonvulsant syndromes. A resident of Bucklands Beach, Mrs. Astill founded the Foetal Anti-Convulsant Syndrome New Zealand (FACSNZ) in 2015 and serves as the CEO, a not-for-profit organisation that provides support, awareness and prevention services for foetal anticonvulsant syndromes. Her role at FACSNZ, which she's undertaken since 2015 in a voluntary capacity, involves attending educational sessions at schools and support groups, arranging conferences, speaking at medical events and attending ACC reviews.**

**CARRIED**

## 6.2 Acknowledgement - Dinesh Khadka, JP on being awarded MNZM

Resolution number HW/2025/3

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member A White:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakamihi / acknowledge and congratulate Dinesh Khadka, JP on his appointment as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the Nepalese community. A resident of Bucklands Beach, he became the Honorary Consul of Nepal for Auckland, Waikato and Northland in 2022 and was President of the New Zealand Nepal Society from 2017 to 2020, having been a member for 15 years. Mr. Khadka has organised numerous community festivals to promote Nepalese culture and heritage, including local annual sporting events, cultural and education events.**

**CARRIED**

## 6.1 Acknowledgements - Reay Neben on being awarded KSM

Resolution number HW/2025/4

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Burns:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakamihi / acknowledge and congratulate Reay Neben on her award of the Kings Service Medal for services to print media and the community. Mrs. Neben founded The Howick and Pakuranga Times in 1972 and managed it for 30 years, receiving numerous awards including being the first woman appointed to the committee of the New Zealand Community Newspapers Association, Westpac Business Award for Services to the Community, Westpac Employer of the Year, and awards from Rotary and the Zonta Rose for her contribution to journalism during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Neben ran the Howick Santa Parade for 30 years and, with the Howick Ratepayers and Resident's Association, raised \$31,000 for a community monument.**

**CARRIED**

## 7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

## 8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

### 8.1 Deputation - Adarshpreet Bhullar and Frank Chen - Murphys Road/Redoubt Road intersection

Residents of Flatbush, Adarshpreet Bhullar and Frank Chen – second year Civil Engineering students at the University of Auckland was in attendance to present their views on the Redoubt Road / Murphys Road intersection that currently comes under the NZTA Mill Road project.

Resolution number HW/2025/5

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member M Turinsky:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakamihi / thank Adarshpreet Bhullar and Frank Chen for their deputation and attendance.**
- b) **ask the Auckland Transport Elected Member Relationship Manager to remain in contact with presenters Adarshpreet Bhullar and Frank Chen.**

**CARRIED**

## 8.2 Deputation - Howick Little Theatre

Laurie Mills President and Ellie Barrow Office Manager of the Howick Little Theatre was in attendance to present the recent highlights and successes of their activities and programmes.

Resolution number HW/2025/6

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member J Spiller:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakamihi / thank Laurie Mills and Ellie Barrow for their deputation and attendance.**

**CARRIED**

## 9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

## 11 Governing Body Members' Update

There was no Governing Body member's update.

Secretarial Note: At the start of the term, it was agreed that reports from the ward Councillors will be provided when there are board-specific updates to share. No report was received for this meeting.

## 12 Chairperson's Report

Resolution number HW/2025/7

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson B Burns, seconded by Member P Young:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the Chairperson's verbal update and written report.**

**CARRIED**

## 13 Local Board Transport Capital Fund Projects

Lorna Stewart – Auckland Transport Elected Member Relationship Manager was in attendance virtually to speak to this item.

Resolution number HW/2025/8

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member A White:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

**a) toha / allocate local board transport capital fund to the following projects:**

- Sunnyview Avenue Pedestrian crossing - \$200,000 and
- Stanniland Street pedestrian improvements - \$180,523

**b) the local board approves as its first priority, that any cost savings from its currently active projects and/or any new additional funding that becomes available be applied to its active local board transport projects if they require additional funding to complete within the current 3-year local board programme.**

**c) the local board approves as its second priority, that any further cost savings from the completion of currently active projects or any alternative funding that becomes available be applied to these projects:**

- Tiraumea Drive - \$380,523

**CARRIED**

Item - 20. Changes to voting sign locations for the 2025 local elections was considered prior to Item 14: Public feedback report on the traffic bylaw review

*Deputy chairperson B Burns left the room at 12.55pm*

*Deputy chairperson B Burns returned to the room at 12.57pm*

## **20 Changes to voting sign locations for the 2025 local elections**

Terry Sugrue Auckland Transport Representative and Lorna Stewart – Auckland Transport Elected Member Relationship Manager was in attendance virtually to speak to this item.

The motion was put in parts.

Resolution number HW/2025/9

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member B Kendall:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

**a) tuku / provide the following views to Auckland Transport Traffic Control Committee on voting sign locations for the 2025 local elections. The Board:**

- i) tuhi tīpoka / note the inherent and unavoidable perceived conflict of interest of elected members providing feedback on electoral processes.**
- ii) tūtohu / recommend the existing site at Cascades Road (S-H2) be removed due to concerns about blocking the visibility of this busy intersection, and ongoing issues with high winds causing signs to endanger the road corridor.**
- iii) tūtohu / recommend that a new location in Flat Bush be added, recognising the significant population and new subdivision.**

- A) Barry Curtis Park (opposite 1 -74 Stancome Road) Or**
- B) Frank Bunce Reserve**

**CARRIED**

Resolution number HW/2025/10

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member B Kendall:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- iv) ask staff to provide further advice on a potential ban on election hoardings, both on public land, and possibly private, on the basis of the following concerns:**

- A) they pose a danger with their distraction.**

- B) they lose any impact once the usual proliferation of signs takes place on a very restricted number of approved sites.
- C) hoardings that are erected early on often become smothered with subsequent signs.
- D) furthermore, better-funded individuals or campaigns have more ability to cover the not insignificant cost of hoardings, which potentially marginalises candidates who don't have those resources.

**CARRIED**

#### **Attachments**

- A 20 February 2025, Howick Local Board: Item 20 - Changes to voting sign locations for the 2025 local elections - Howick 2025 Election sign review

*Member P Young left the room at 1.25pm*

*Member P Young returned to the room at 1.26pm*

#### **14 Public feedback report on the traffic bylaw review**

Resolution number HW/2025/11

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member M Turinsky:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuku / provide the following views on how the Joint Bylaw Panel should address matters raised in public feedback on the proposed Vehicle Use and Parking Bylaw 2025, including the supporting proposals, included as Attachment B to this report. The Board:**
  - i) **tuhi tīpoka / note the relatively low number of submissions (10) from the Howick Local Board area which indicated a strong level of support with 80% having no concerns about the proposal.**
  - ii) **tūtohu / recommend that under Part 1. Preliminary Provisions, Vehicles (definition) should include – Motorized Scooters (commercial & private), and Motorized Skateboards.**
  - iii) **tautoko / support the main proposal to consolidate Auckland Transport (AT) and Auckland Council traffic-related bylaws into one bylaw.**
  - iv) **tuhi tīpoka / note the community feedback aligns with the Howick Local Board's views provided at the 19 September 2024 meeting, resolution number: HW/2024/157.**
  - v) **tautoko / support the most frequent comment from the Howick public feedback, where the community has called for clearer enforcement mechanisms. Therefore, the Board reiterates its previous feedback provided, resolution number: HW/2024/157. In particular “acknowledge that intensification of housing is putting pressure on existing parking capacity, resulting in more parking off the roadway and more needs to be done to address the issues that cause and result from this.”**
- b) **tāpae / delegate Chairperson Damian Light and alternate Deputy Chairperson Bo Burns to represent these views to the Joint Bylaw Panel.**

**CARRIED**

Note: Under Standing Order 1.9.7 Member B Kendall requested that their dissenting vote against part a) i) be recorded.

*Member J Spiller left the room at 1.53pm*

*Member J Spiller returned to the room at 1.55pm*

**15 Local board views on proposed plan change 106 for filming on Sites and Places of Significance to Mana Whenua**

Resolution number HW/2025/12

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member A White:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuku / provide the following views on proposed plan change 106. The Board:**
- i) **tuhi tīpoka / note that the film permit process will continue to ensure that filming activities respect the cultural values of the whenua and follow appropriate tikanga.**
  - ii) **akiaki / urge Auckland Council to continue to work with mana whenua to ensure that their feedback and input is considered and respected.**
  - iii) **tautoko / support the proposed change as a practical improvement, removing unnecessary duplication and cost.**
  - iv) **tūtohu / recommend that film makers avoid wāhi tapu sites wherever possible.**

**CARRIED**

**16 Approval for the extension of one existing public road name at 239 Flat Bush School Road, Flat Bush**

Resolution number HW/2025/13

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member M Turinsky:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakaae / approve the extension of the existing road name 'Whakatupu Road' to the new public road created by way of subdivision undertaken by Zengs Property Investment Ltd at 239 Flat Bush School Road, Flat Bush, in accordance with section 319(1)(j) of the Local Government Act 1974 (resource consent references BUN60385973, SUB60385975, road naming reference RDN90121322).**

**CARRIED**

**17 Approval for a new road name at Highbrook Business Park, East Tāmaki**

Resolution number HW/2025/14

MOVED by Member M Turinsky, seconded by Member A White:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whakaae / approve the name 'Wakawaka Lane' for a new road created by way of development undertaken by Highbrook Development Limited at the Highbrook Business Park, East Tāmaki, in accordance with section 319(1)(j) of the Local Government Act 1974 (Road naming reference RDN90121147, resource consent reference RC53064).**

**CARRIED**

*Member P Young left the room at 2.16pm  
Member P Young returned to the room at 2.19pm*



## 18 Local Board feedback on Fix and Finish fund

Audrey Gan – Lead Financial Advisor was in attendance virtually to speak to this item.

Resolution number HW/2025/15

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member M Turinsky:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuku / provide the following feedback on the criteria for eligible projects for the Fix and Finish fund.**
  - i) **tautoko / support the criteria that the project must be within the legacy Auckland City or Manukau City boundaries.**
  - ii) **āhukahuka / acknowledge the intention to ensure the funding goes towards completing projects but the criteria is very narrow, and it is unlikely there are many projects that meet the required size and funding status.**
  - iii) **akiaki / urge Council to ensure a robust local input into the selected projects to ensure that projects funded truly align with our current community needs.**
  - iv) **tono / request staff to consider allowing flexibility for projects in advanced planning stages, even if they have not yet been fully included in the three-year work programme. This flexibility will enable local boards to update their priorities in line with evolving community needs and ensure projects can commence promptly once funded.**
- b) **tuku / provide the following feedback on preferred funding allocation model for the Fix and Finish fund.**
  - i) **tautoko / support the equitable split, Howick Local Board would receive \$2.8M and therefore this is the preferred option.**
  - ii) **tono / request staff to provide further advice on the possibility of a hybrid funding allocation model. For example, allocate a baseline funding amount to each local board based on equitable measures (population, deprivation, land area) and reserve an additional portion of the fund for contestable, high-impact projects.**
- c) **tuku / provide the following feedback on any other matters relating to the Fix and Finish fund.**
  - i) **nominate the Flat Bush Community Centre & Library as a candidate for the fund, given the project was initiated under the Manukau City Council.**
  - ii) **tautoko / support that the funding (regardless of which allocation model is chosen) is considered discrete funding.**
  - iii) **whakaū / confirm the Board's previous feedback, Business Meeting 21 November 2024, (HW/2024/209) that "as an alternative, support ring-fencing the fund to stay in the Auckland Future Fund (AFF) and payouts be used as a fund for the relevant local boards to access on an annual basis to fund local initiatives."**
  - iv) **tuhi tīpoka / note the fund's reliance on the performance of the Auckland Future Fund may create uncertainties, which could impact both the availability and timing of the \$20 million allocation. Develop a robust risk mitigation framework that includes regular performance reviews of the Auckland Future Fund and contingency plans to address shortfalls. A reserve or buffer within the fund could help safeguard critical projects if the expected returns are not fully met.**

- v) **tuhi tīpoka / note that the option for local boards to collaborate on projects is encouraging, however, clear guidelines are needed to ensure such collaborations are managed effectively. Develop guidelines for cross-board projects. These guidelines should cover cost-sharing, responsibilities, and accountability measures. This could help joint projects to be smoothly executed and benefit all involved communities.**
- vi) **tuhi tīpoka / note that, with the administrative process and reporting requirements, regular feedback sessions with local boards and community representatives could further enhance transparency and ensure any emerging issues are promptly addressed.**

**CARRIED**

## **19 Local board input into Auckland Council's submission on the Local Government (Water Services) Bill**

Resolution number HW/2025/16

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member M Turinsky:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuku / provide feedback to Auckland Council's submission on the Local Government (Water Services) Bill. The Board:**
  - i) **tautoko / support fully the need for high-quality, sustainable, and affordable water services for all New Zealanders.**
    - A) **tuhi tīpoka / note our commitment to supporting environmental sustainability and climate resilience in the water services framework, urging that the Local Government (Water Services) Bill incorporates stronger mechanisms to ensure that water management policies align with climate action goals and environmental protection, especially in light of increasing urbanisation and climate change impacts.**
    - B) **advocate for continued local governance involvement in water services management, ensuring that local boards retain a clear role in shaping policies and decisions related to water services that directly affect their communities.**
      - 1) **Auckland has successfully managed its water services through Watercare, and it is crucial that the Bill allows Auckland Council to continue influencing water service priorities and decision-making.**
      - 2) **moving governance away from local decision-makers risks creating a disconnect between water services and Auckland's specific needs.**
      - 3) **tono / request that ongoing community consultation and engagement be incorporated into the implementation of the bill, ensuring that local communities have an opportunity to be heard. Aucklanders must have a voice in how their water is managed.**
      - 4) **the bill should include clear mechanisms for local representation, ensuring transparency, accountability, and decision-making that reflects the needs of our communities.**
    - C) **tono / request that the Local Government (Water Services) Bill ensures equitable access to water services for all communities, including provisions for vulnerable and low-income groups.**

- D) **tono / request that ongoing community consultation and engagement be incorporated into the implementation of the bill, ensuring that local communities have an opportunity to be heard.**
- 1) **the Board furthermore urge the Government to provide dedicated funding and policy support for Auckland's unique water challenges, particularly in tackling climate resilience, stormwater management and wastewater management from rapid population growth.**
  - 2) **a national water reform strategy must guarantee that Auckland gets the investment required to future-proof its infrastructure, and address current inadequate and aging infrastructure.**
  - 3) **Auckland ratepayers should not be unfairly burdened with the costs of national water reforms.**
- E) **tuhi tīpoka / note the importance of ensuring that any changes in water services regulation align with local infrastructure needs, particularly in fast-growing areas, and that development contributions to infrastructure, including water services, are included as part of planning and development processes.**
- 1) **any redistribution of funding must be fair, ensuring that local ratepayers are not subsidising other regions at the expense of much-needed investment in Auckland's own infrastructure.**
  - 2) **it is essential that any changes to water service governance do not result in higher costs for Auckland households and businesses, especially for those already struggling with the cost of living.**
  - 3) **residents should not face sudden price hikes due to unnecessary restructuring or administrative inefficiencies.**
- ii) **tuhi tīpoka / note that while the Board support efforts to improve water services, central Government reforms ought to be fair, efficient, and responsive to Auckland's needs.**

**CARRIED**

Item – 20: Changes to voting sign locations for the 2025 local elections was considered prior to Item 14: Public feedback report on the traffic bylaw review

## **21 Auckland Council's Performance Report: Howick Local Board for Quarter Two 2024/2025**

Matt Fletcher – Local Board Advisor was in attendance to speak to this item.  
Resolution number HW/2025/17

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Deputy Chairperson B Burns:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **whiwhi / receive the performance report for quarter one ending 31 December 2024.**
- b) **tuhi tīpoka / note the financial performance report in Attachment B of the agenda report will remain confidential until after the Auckland Council Group half-year results for 2024/2025 are released to the New Zealand Exchange (NZX), which are expected to be made public on or about 28 February 2025.**

**CARRIED**

**22 Urgent Decision of the Howick Local Board to Formalise Input into Auckland Council's Submission on the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill**

Resolution number HW/2025/18

MOVED by Member M Turinsky, seconded by Member A White:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuhi tīpoka / note the urgent decision made on 3 February 2025 to formalise the Howick Local Board's input into Auckland Council's submission on the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill.**

**CARRIED**

**23 Record of Howick Local Board Workshop Notes**

Resolution number HW/2025/19

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member P Young:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuhi tīpoka / note the workshop record for the workshop held on 12 December 2024, and links to 30 January and 13 February 2025.**

**CARRIED**

**24 Hōtaka Kaupapa | Governance Forward Work Calendar**

Resolution number HW/2025/20

MOVED by Chairperson D Light, seconded by Member B Kendall:

**That the Howick Local Board:**

- a) **tuhi tīpoka / note the Hōtaka Kaupapa included as Attachment A of the agenda report.**

**CARRIED**

**25 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items**

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

2.32 pm

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
AT A MEETING OF THE HOWICK LOCAL BOARD  
HELD ON

**DATE:.....**

**CHAIRPERSON:.....**