

**Date:** Thursday 20 March 2025  
**Time:** 3.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** St Chads Church and Community Centre  
**Venue:** 38 St Johns Road  
Meadowbank

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## Ōrākei Local Board

# OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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## Why

*To protect, sustain and advance the health of the Tāmaki Estuary, River and its communities to achieve climate change resilience, minimised pollution, high water quality and protect biodiversity.*

*A Local Board supported initiative*



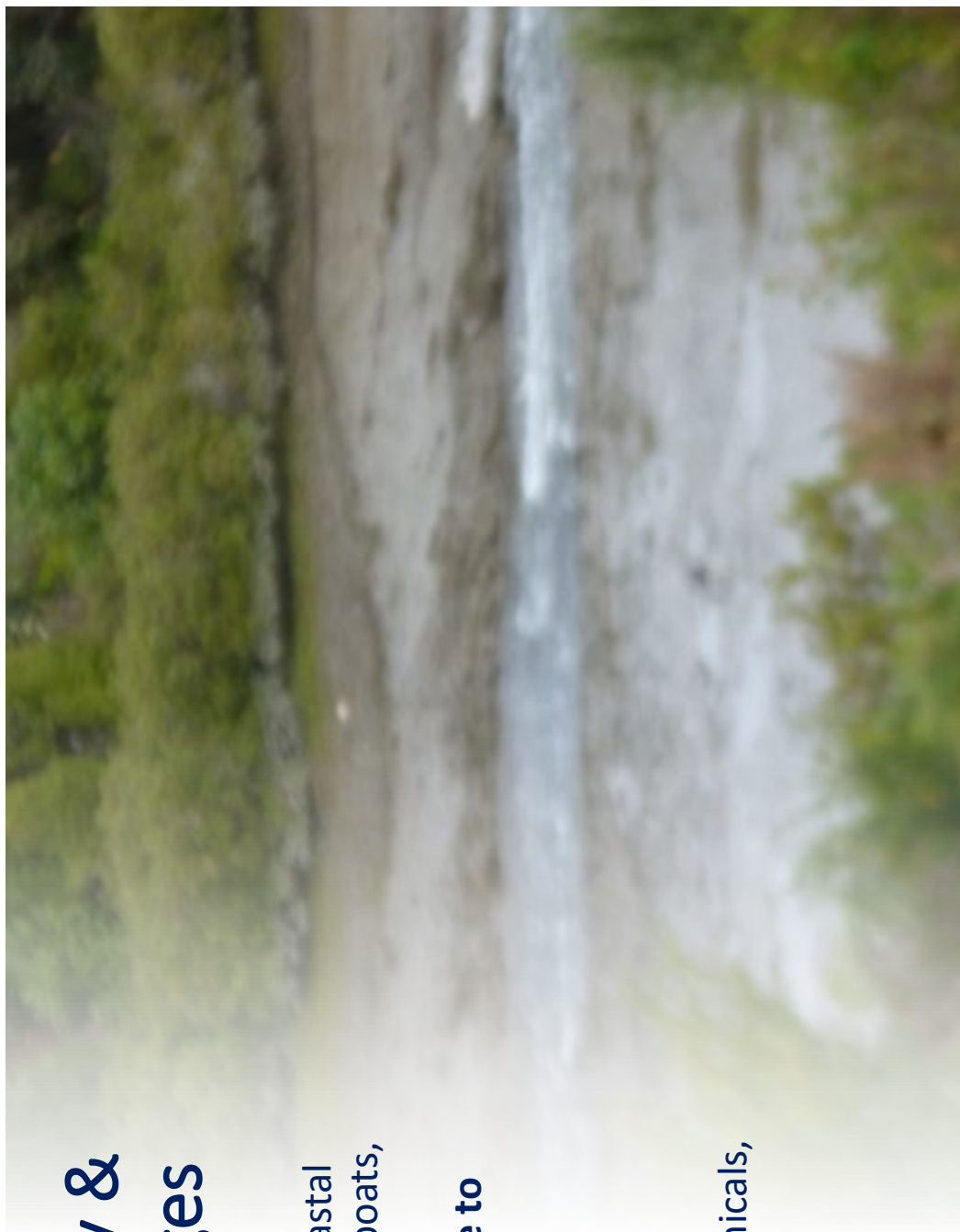
## How

*Communicate, Coordinate, Educate,  
Support – find solutions – &  
Celebrate Results*



## Tāmaki Estuary & River: Challenges

- **Climate & Change** – coastal erosion, more people, boats, biosecurity risk,
- **Loss of biodiversity due to** pests & loss of habitat
- **Pollution**
  - Plastic pollution
  - Unknown & toxic substances – chemicals, paint, detergents, asbestos, sediment
- **Sewage**



# Let's talk Sewage

Auckland sewage pipes have  
Engineered Overflow Points (EPO)  
that release  
**raw sewage**  
into the  
local receiving environment: a local  
stream, or park

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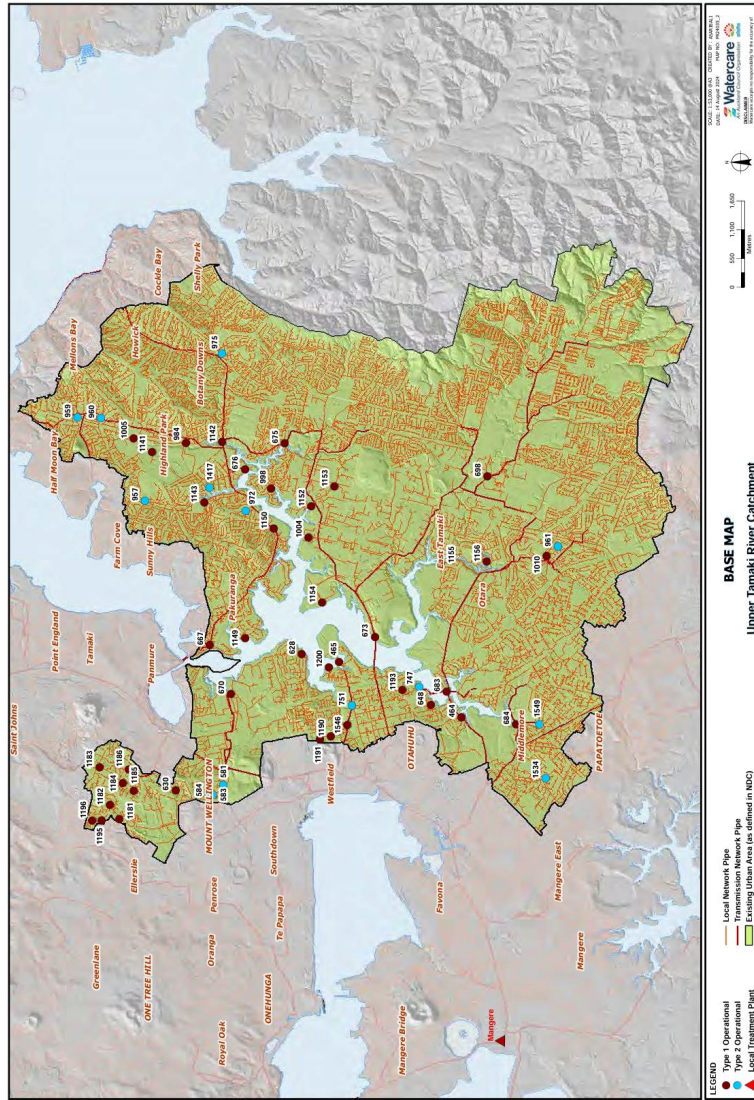
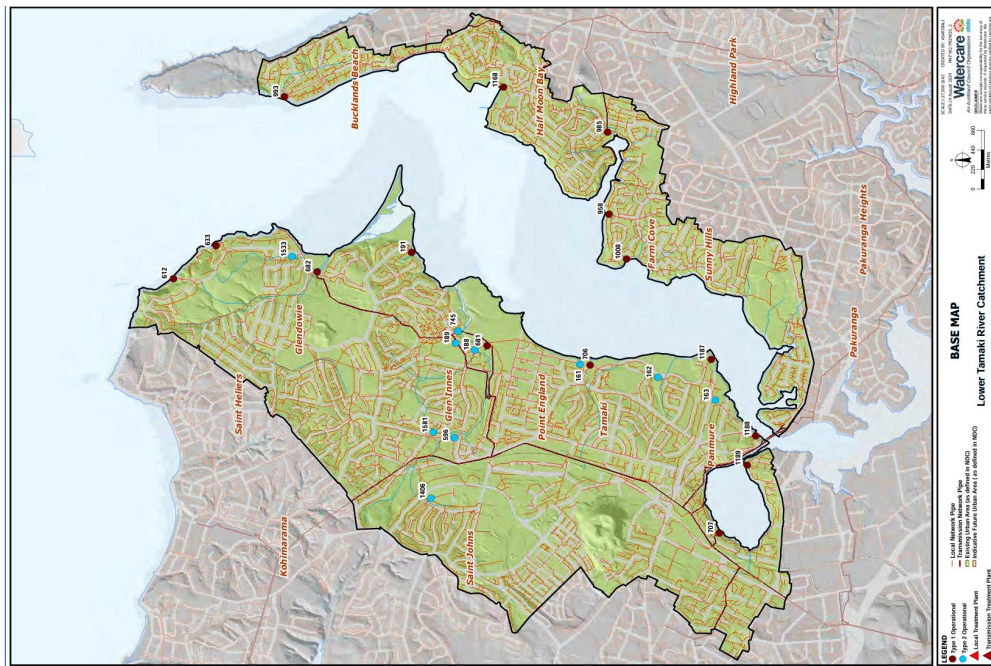
Appendix D – overflow records for 2023-2024



Item 8.3

Attachment A

The Upper Tamaki River Catchment is the largest of 36 and has been one of the five worst catchments for Dry and Wet weather raw sewage overflows **every year for the past 5 years** *Watercare Auckland Wide Discharge Consent Report 2024 page 28 of 758.*



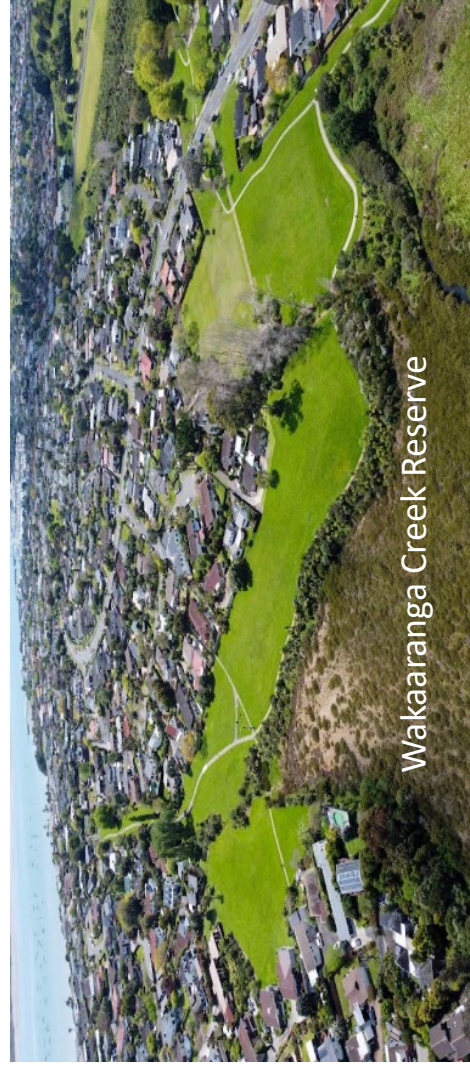
# Let's talk Sewage in detail

During 2023-2024 Ōmaru Creek

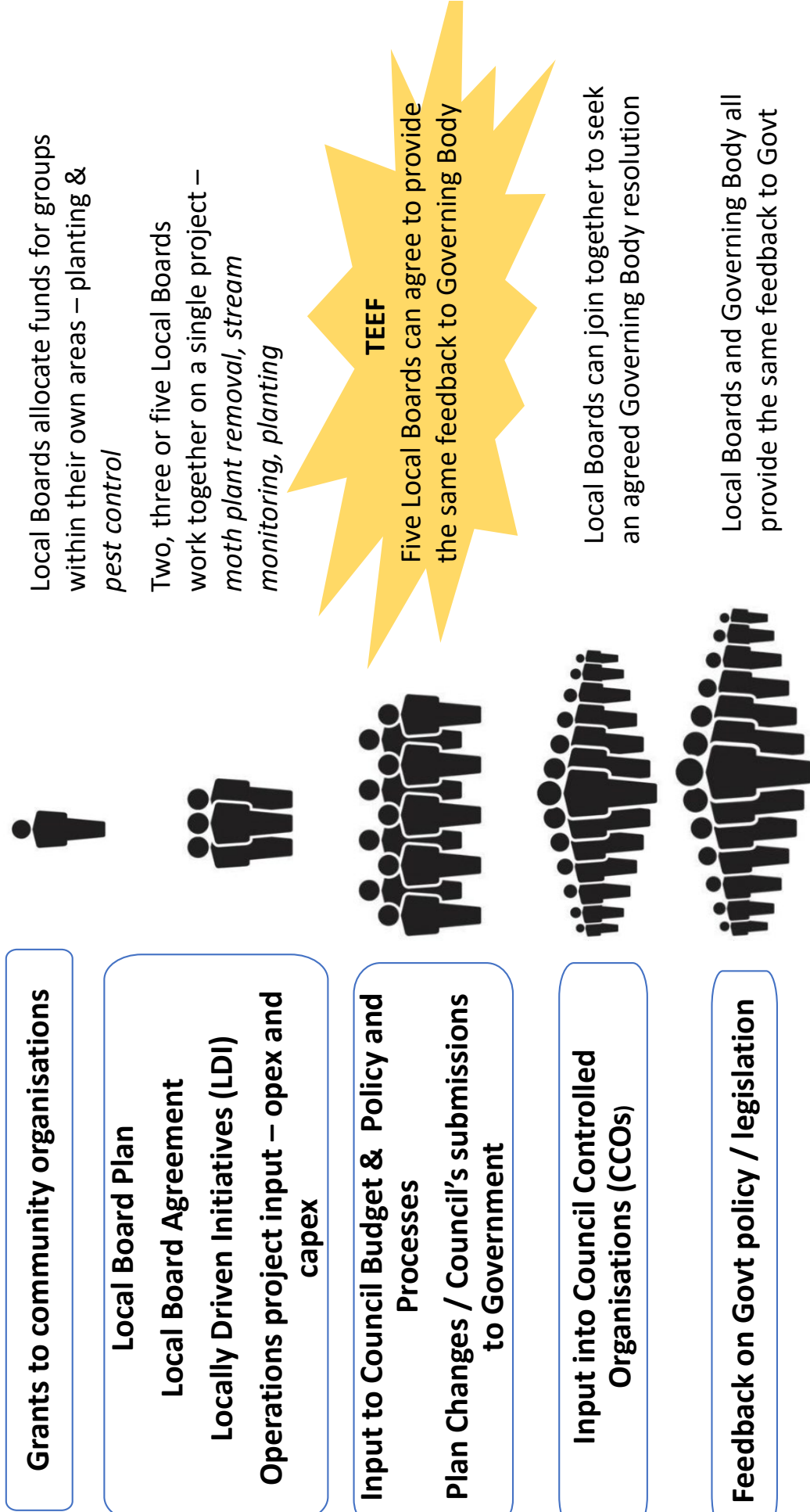
- received **47** separate dry and wet weather raw sewage overflow events into its water.
- Pakuranga Stream is likely to be worse.



*A happy, intrepid family boating up Ōmaru Creek  
2022*



*Dry weather overflow reported December 2024 – fixed Jan 2025*





# Tēnā koutou – uiuinga / questions?

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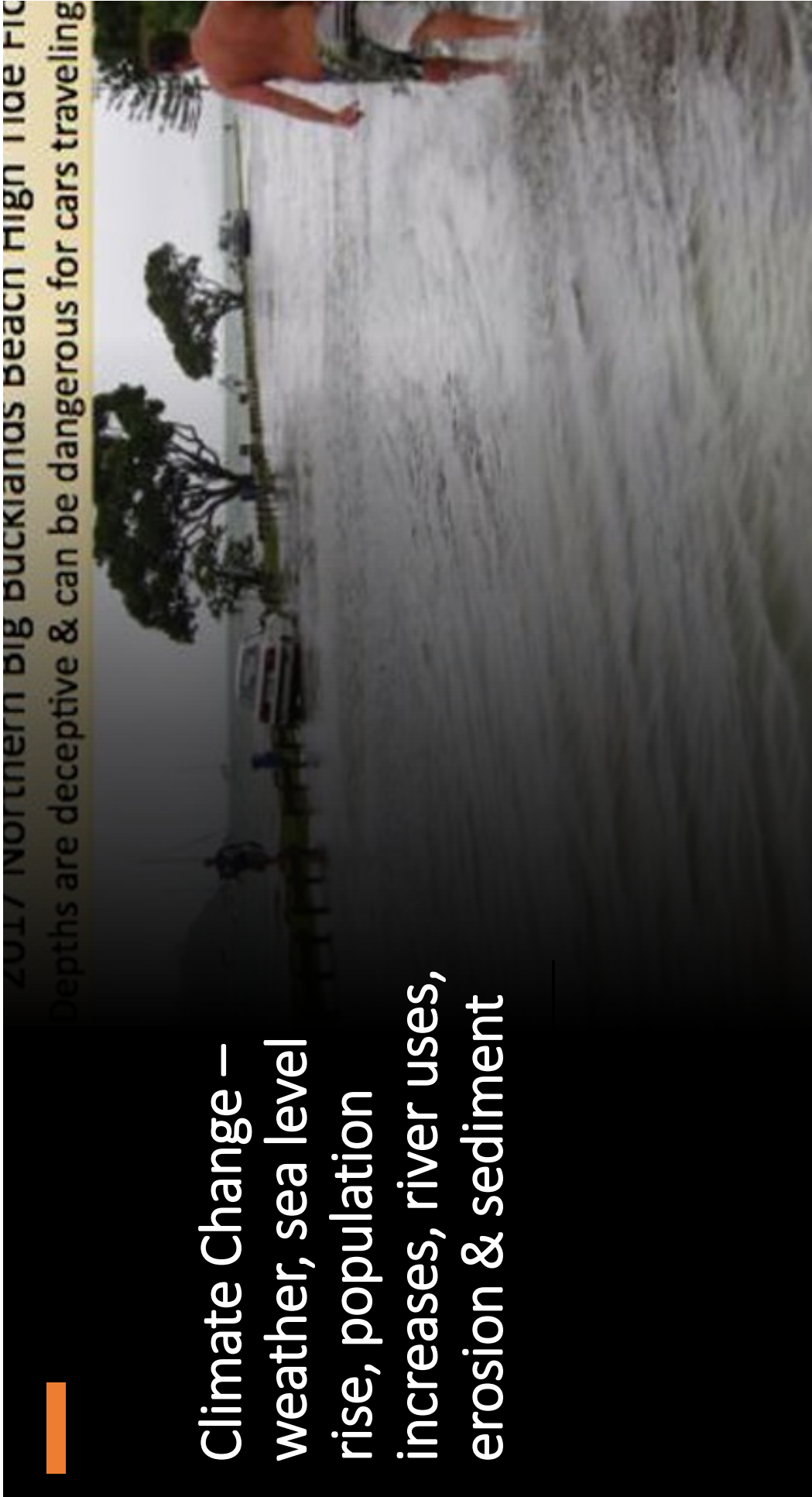
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with a column added for ‘by Local Board’

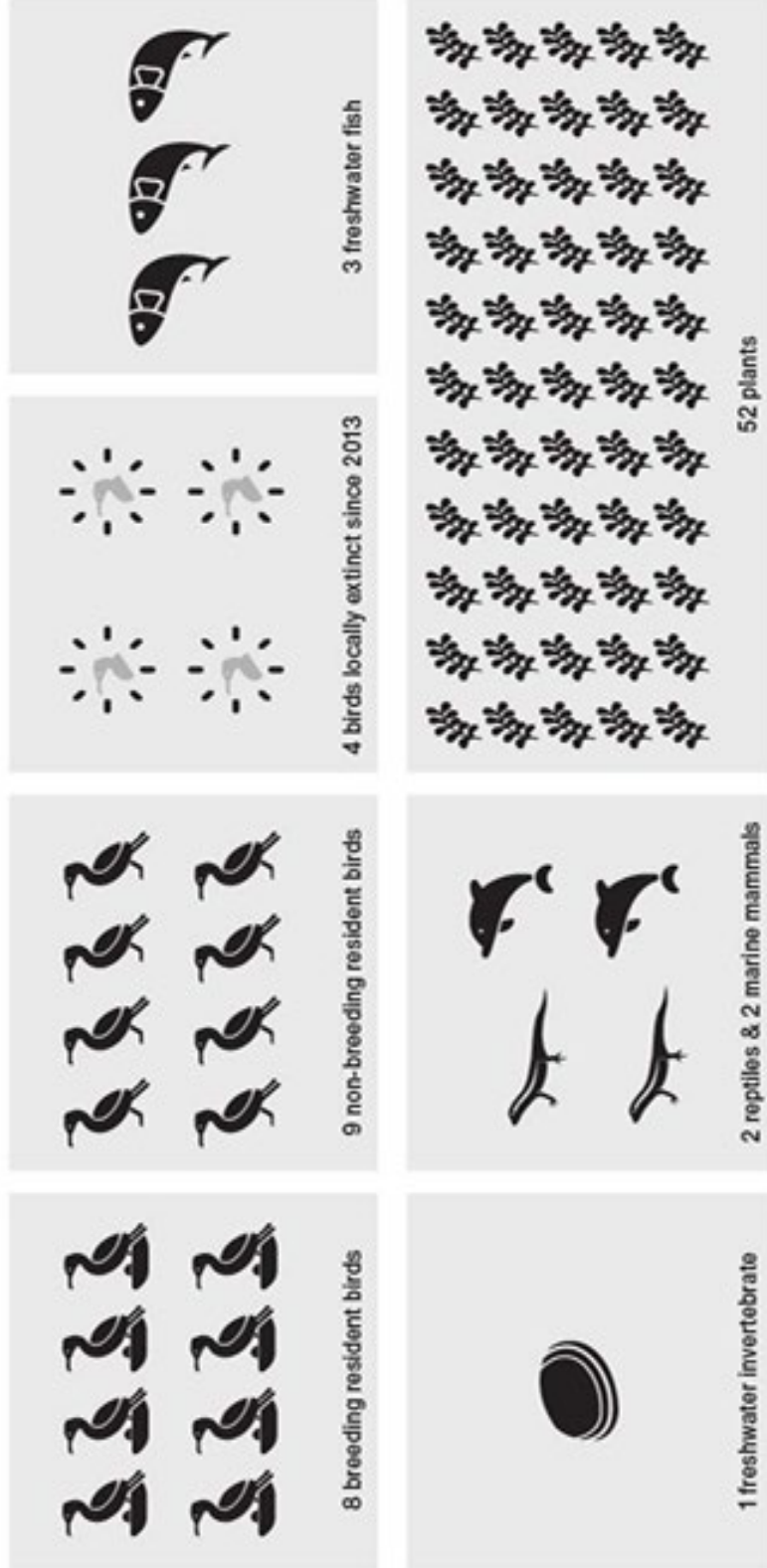


**Thank you!**





## Loss of biodiversity due to Pests and habitat degradation



[Shaun Lee – Mostly just stuff I am doing to help the planet](#) Blog Post Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## Memo

20 March 2025

To: Ōrākei Local Board members  
From: Tristan Coulson – Local Area Manager, Aotea / Great Barrier, Ōrākei and Waitemata local boards

**Subject: Withdrawal of Item 13 - Feedback on options to address local board operating cost pressures for Annual Budget 2025/2026**

1. This memorandum provides guidance on the withdrawal of Item 13 from the 20 March 2025 Ōrākei Local Board (the local board) business meeting.
2. On 17 March 2025, council's Chief Finance Officer (CFO) emailed local board chairs advising that:

*Following discussions with the Mayor and his staff, we will now treat 2025/2026 as a one-off transition year and will address the cost pressures in a way that doesn't involve any reduction or redistribution of the \$35 million additional fairer funding top-ups for that year, or require boards to make any service level changes for the coming year. Budget mitigations will be found through other means as part of the annual plan process.*

*This means that local boards can confidently set their work programmes using their full available funding envelope for 2025/2026, including the previously advised fairer funding top-ups. Local boards will not need to provide feedback on the three options presented, and there will be no need for the Budget Committee to make further decisions on these options.*

3. The email was sent to all local board members for their information.
4. Addressing the cost pressures through the Annual Plan process now negates the need for the local board to provide feedback on the three proposed options, as the issues have now been addressed.
5. This means no reduction or redistribution of the \$35 million additional fairer funding top-ups for that year is required. It also means no service level changes are needed for the 2025/2026 financial year.
6. Based on the above considerations, staff advise that Item 13 can be withdrawn from the agenda.



## Chairperson and Board Members' Report February 2025

### General / assigned roles update

#### Transport – Scott Milne

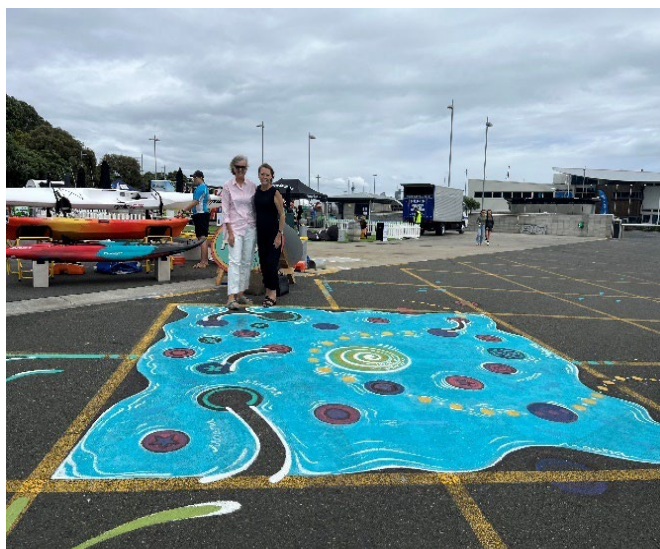
- The Kepa Kupe intersection upgrade is causing considerable financial hardship for a number of commercial operators in the small shopping centre. Board members have approached Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and the contractors to endeavour to give financial relief to those affected. This has not been forthcoming but changes have been made to signage at either end of the development, promoting the fact that access to the shops is still available. The contractor was also entertaining the idea of giving his workers lunch vouchers that could be spent in some of the affected businesses. This condition was exacerbated by an armed robbery at the convenience store within the shopping centre.
- The board is appreciative of the work AT has done in association with community facilities to get the road renewal for Churchill Park School. This project had been stalled for some six years due to debate over responsibility, land ownership, costs and what the solution might look like. It is pleasing that the parties could come together and agree, and implementation and funding from the board has been adequate with savings generated by cooperation with our community facilities team of \$56,000.
- The board has received a number of requests from different parts of our community to not adhere to the central government requirement to raise previously lowered speed limits around schools and in certain residential streets back to 50 kilometres per hour. The board chair has written to the Minister of Transport and met with the Relationship Manager of AT, John Gillespie, to indicate that the board will lobby on behalf of our community for exemptions under this law.

#### Communications and Engagement – Lead: Scott Milne

- Consultation on the Annual Budget has begun and a successful evening event was held at The Green Mission Bay, attended by 25 local community members. The Deputy Mayor and Board Chair spoke about the plan at both regional and local levels, encouraging submissions. The event was well received.
- The board is keeping in close contact with the East City Community Trust who have the lease for the Barfoot and Thompson stadium at Selwyn College. The Trust is experiencing financial difficulties following some tough years during COVID, and some catchup required on IRD payments for GST created by a misinterpretation of requirements by the Trust's auditor. The board is working with IRD for a resolution. It is likely the Trust will need community support and possibly a refresh of the lease agreement with the Ministry of Education.
- For a number of years, the Ōrākei Local Board has been promoting the concept of digital signage at some of its community centres or on land that the board is responsible for. The concept is not new and would be a variation of the commercial arrangement held by the board with Auckland Council for advertising at bus shelters. At a recent combined chairs meeting, this idea was canvassed and received strong regional support.

### Community – Lead: Sarah Powrie

- The Splash Landing event was a happy occasion; unfortunately, it was impacted by the weather as the wind fulfilled its summer promise and continued to blow (albeit a change from the relentless SW to an unwelcome onshore NE). However, the kids had fun with face painting, bouncy castles, skateboarding and water games. We learnt about the benefits of mussel regeneration in cleaning our waterways and local conservation efforts and were treated to performances from Dust Palace and viewed the artwork from Chalk Walk. We missed the opportunity to have a go at a variety of water sports but were grateful to the Hyundai Marine Sports Centre for opening their doors and allowing the event to move indoors on Sunday.
- Auckland East Community Network Meeting was held at Meadowbank Community Centre. An interesting morning, we received news and updates from many organisations including: Gardens4Health, St Heliers Community Centre (and welcomed their new manager), Street to Home, Auckland City Mission, the Remuera Residents Association,



Ōrākei-Remuera Citizen's Advice Bureau, Digital Seniors, Age Concern, Neighbourhood Support, St Chad's Community Centre, St Heliers Library, Everybody Eats at Glenn Innes, Kohimarama Bowling Club, Eastern Bays Sustainable Garden Trail, Selwyn College Adult Education, and Barnados Aotearoa. It is always so interesting to hear what our community has to offer, what services, events, opportunities and ways to engage are available. It is great to see these initiatives publicised and supported. Please visit <https://www.aucklandeastcommunitynetwork.org.nz/> for the list of organisations and events.

- Gowing Drive connection advocacy group met to discuss ways of advancing the connection to Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai, the shared cycle path from Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive. One idea which will be presented as a project for consideration for the Local Board Transport Capital Fund, is the widening of the footpath between John Rymer Place and Selwyn College, to allow safe passage along this section. This has been identified by AT as a risk for students.



- The Citizenship Ceremony is always a lively event, I was fortunate to be MC for a ceremony in February, where we welcomed 524 new New Zealanders from 62 countries of origin. It is always a delight and a pleasure to participate in this special ceremony.
- Auckland Marine Rescue Centre visit was enlightening as we viewed the control centre for the Coastguard Northern Region and Surf Lifesaving Northern Region. It also houses marine services, such as the Harbourmaster and Maritime Police. It is important for us to understand more about the advocacy required to ensure the centre is viable, as our area is home to many water-orientated activities, including sailing, canoeing, waka ama, swimming, paddleboarding and kayaking.
- Remuera Residents Association is in good heart as the first meeting of the year reinforced the purpose of the organisation and planning for the next community forum on 10 April at the Remuera Library has begun.
- Ōrākei Community Association meeting was pleased to note the ground swell of support for opposing the McDonald's restaurant on Keba Road. The committee will be represented at the hearing next month, as we noted the impact on the local community, including concerns around well-being, social and health aspects, traffic and the proximity to the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei gardens and local schools.
- Nga Kaitiaki Hāpori o Pourewa meeting detailed the areas of conservation work undertaken over the past month. More funding will be invested in removing dying trees from the valley to prevent health and safety incidents, along with restoration planting in these specific areas. The group will be applying for the next round of funding from CCF/RENH funding by the end of March. Cats in Keba Bush are identified as an ongoing problem, more information and a detailed analysis of the cause of the decrease in bird population in Keba Bush is required.
- Celebrating Outstanding Women for International Women's Day was a highlight, specifically the lunch organised by Zonta International which included several inspirational speakers, including Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson.

#### **Economic Development – Lead: Sarah Powrie**

- The new manager and committee supporting the St Heliers Business District held a planning meeting in February, currently there are a number of exciting initiatives being discussed to bring patronage to the area. A list will be finalised for approval at the next meeting.
- A Remuera Business District meeting discussion emphasised the positive impact the funding of security cameras has had in reducing crime. The plan to install a camera at the top of Victoria Avenue will complete the area coverage. Traffic and parking continue to be a problem, we will advocate to AT to activate the license plate recognition cameras at Clonbern Road carpark which will help increase turnover and to investigate the placement of traffic lights at the Clonbern/Remuera/Victoria Avenue intersection to help reduce accidents; two major accidents were reported in February.
- The Ellerslie Business District is facing a number of challenges, as a significant stormwater upgrade is planned which will disrupt many businesses, due to restrictions around carparking and access to the area. A key stakeholder group will need to be set up, a combined approach is necessary to make sure communication and planning is shared, and the effects can be mitigated where possible. The priorities are confirming timing and levels of disruption.

- The Mission Bay Business Association were pleased to report there have been fewer crimes reported in the area lately, which could reflect the impact of constant reporting, the efficient use of cameras and the sharing of information between the business areas. The board is keen to see more events and activities on Selwyn Reserve, local board grants can be used to help fund events.

#### **Resource Consenting and Regulatory – Lead: Troy Churton**

- Preparing local board commentary for the McDonalds Kepa Road hearing.
- Providing counsel to various dog owners and other recreational asset users on Madills and Glover Park asset management.
- Liaison with Friends of Tamaki Drive, Young 88, Multi Hull sailing and other group reps on The Landing hard stand and cleaning service area, unsuccessful event activity or not.
- Input into 34-40 Reihana Street development application.

#### **Arts and Libraries – Lead: Penny Tucker**

- No report received.

#### **Heritage – Lead: Penny Tucker**

- No report received.

#### **Parks and Reserves– Lead: Angus McPhee**

- 7/2 Met with Claudia regarding dogs on Madills Farm
- 11/2 Auckland Marine Rescue Centre site visit
- 11/2 Mission Bay Residents Association meeting
- 13/2 Ōrākei Local Board workshop
- 17/2 St Heliers Business Association meeting
- 17/2 St Heliers Glendowie Residents Association meeting
- 20/2 Ōrākei Local Board workshop
- 26/2 Auckland East Community Network meeting
- 26/2 Tamaki Estuary Environment Forum meeting
- 27/2 Ōrākei Local Board workshop

#### **Environment – Lead: Margaret Voyce**

- No report received due to annual leave.

#### **Events, Landowner Approvals and Leases – Lead: David Wong**

##### **LOA/Notifications and Screen Ltd filming applications for the period included:**

- NTLB Cinema on the Sand – 29 March; Kohimarama beach – organiser - Kohimarama beach Eatery & Store
- Filmap request – My Life is Murder; 11 March – The Landing, Ōkahu Bay





