
Ōrākei Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Ōrākei Local Board held in the St Chads Church and Community Centre, 38 St Johns Road, Meadowbank on Thursday, 20 March 2025 at 3.00pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Deputy Chairperson	Sarah Powrie
Members	Troy Churton
	Penny Tucker
	Margaret Voyce
	David Wong, JP

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Chairperson	Scott Milne, JP
Member	Angus McPhee

1 Nau mai | Welcome

Deputy Chairperson S Powrie welcomed those present with a karakia.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number OR/2025/19

MOVED by Member P Tucker, seconded by Member D Wong:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **accept the apology from Chairperson S Milne and Member A McPhee for absence.**

CARRIED

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 OR/2025/20

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie, seconded by Member M Voyce:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 20 February 2025, including the confidential section, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

There were no acknowledgements.

7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

8.1 Deputation - David Riley - Oceania Literary Trust

Resolution number OR/2025/21

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie, seconded by Member P Tucker:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) receive the presentation from David Riley on the Oceania Literary Trust's work with the community and their use of funding granted via the local board's Quick Response grant round in November 2024, and thank him for his attendance.

CARRIED

8.2 Deputation - Dr Sarah Paterson-Hamlin and Rachel Foxell - Raukauri Music Therapy Trust

Resolution number OR/2025/22

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie, seconded by Member D Wong:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) receive the presentation from Dr Sarah Paterson-Hamlin and Rachel Foxell of Raukauri Music Therapy Trust on the Trust's work in the local board area and ways to support this work, and thank them for their attendance.

CARRIED

8.3 Deputation – Dr Julie Chambers - Tāmaki Estuary Environmental Forum

A document was tabled in support of this item. A copy of the tabled document has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment

Resolution number OR/2025/23

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie, seconded by Member M Voyce:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) receive the tabled presentation from Dr Julie Chambers of Tāmaki Estuary Environmental Forum on a general information update and thank her for her attendance.
- b) request advice from Watercare regarding the inclusion of contact phone numbers on pump stations for the public to report issues.
- c) request Watercare to make information surrounding the performance of Engineered Overflow Points by local board area to be easily accessible to both local boards and the public.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 20 March 2025, Ōrākei Business Meeting: Item 8.3 - Dr Julie Chambers - Tāmaki Estuary Environmental Forum - Presentation - PDF

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

9.1 Public Forum - Bronwyn Dee - Illegal street parking in Meadowbank

Resolution number OR/2025/24

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie, seconded by Member P Tucker:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) receive the presentation from Bronwyn Dee on illegal street parking around Hawkins Street during the construction of Summerset Retirement Village and thank her for her attendance.

CARRIED

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Kōkiri - Setting priorities for Auckland Transport project and programme engagement

Lorna Stewart (AT – Elected Member Relationship Partner) was in attendance to speak to the item.

Resolution number OR/2025/25

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie, seconded by Member D Wong:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) receive the Forward Works Programme brief, consider the information provided, and request Auckland Transport to apply the following levels of engagement to these projects:
 - i) Collaborate (Local Board Transport Capital Projects)
 - Ōrākei School pedestrian safety improvement
 - Melanesia Road pedestrian improvements
 - Patteson Avenue pedestrian improvement
 - St Johns Road bus shelter
 - ii) Consult
 - Tāmaki Drive / Selwyn Avenue – pedestrian crossing improvement
 - St Johns Road / Dorchester Street intersection pedestrian crossing improvement
 - 100 St Heliers Bay Road pedestrian crossing facility
 - Robert Street crossing facility – request to turn the pedestrian refuge to a zebra
 - Ngāpipi Drive / Ngaiwi Street roundabout
 - Brighton Road / Bassett Road intersection improvements
 - Remuera Road Corridor productivity improvements – from Broadway to College Road
 - iii) Inform

- 429 Remuera Road pedestrian refuge island - safer pedestrian access to the library
 - Paid Parking Light Industrial – at Morrin Road - investigation
 - St Heliers Bay Road optimisation projects
- b) provide any projects or programmes for Auckland Transport to consider for inclusion in future work programmes
- Meadowbank to Kohimarama shared path connection
 - Improvements to school bus services
 - Gating of Ellerslie Station
 - Bus shelter on St Heliers Bay Road near Grace Joel Retirement Village
 - Safety improvements along Kohimarama Road from St Thomas Church to Kepa Road for walking and cycling
 - Marua Road pedestrian crossing
 - Morrin Street (Ellerslie) pedestrian crossing

CARRIED

12 Auckland Transport Kōkiri / Local Board Transport Agreement Quarterly Update - March 2025

Lorna Stewart (AT – Elected member Relationship Partner) was in attendance to speak to the item.

Resolution number OR/2025/26

MOVED by Member P Tucker, seconded by Member M Voyce:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) receive the March 2025 quarterly update on the Kōkiri / Local Board Transport Agreement 2024-2025.
- b) allocate local board capital funds to the following local board transport projects:
 - \$100,000 for the at-grade crossing on Melanesia Road with side islands to move to scheme design and public consultation. Noting that consultation results will be presented to the local board before a decision to construct is sought.
 - \$75,744.90 for detail design and construction of the Ōrākei School Safety Project which includes an at-grade crossing on Coates Avenue, formalising a raised table to a zebra crossing on Grace Street and relocation of a bus stop.
 - approves that any cost savings from its currently active Local Board Transport Capital Fund projects and/or any new additional funding that becomes available be applied to its active projects if they require additional funding to complete within the current three-year local board programme.
- c) authorise Auckland Transport to continue to detail design, public engagement and construction of a bus shelter at 263 St Johns Road.
- d) do not support Auckland Transport's proposal to signalise the intersection of Remuera Road and Koraha Street to improve safety.

CARRIED

13 Feedback on options to address local board operating cost pressures for Annual Budget 2025/2026

A document was tabled providing advice on this item. A copy of the tabled document has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Note: This item was withdrawn based on the staff advice outlined in the attached memo (Attachment A).

Attachments

- A 20 March 2025, Ōrākei Business Meeting: Item 13 - Feedback on options to address local board operating cost pressures for Annual Budget 2025/2026 - Memo - PDF

14 Local board views on draft plan change to add trees and groups of trees to the Auckland Unitary Plan Operative in Part and to the Notable Trees overlay

Hannah Gropper (Local Board Advisor) was in attendance to speak to the item.
Resolution number OR/2025/27

MOVED by Member T Churton, seconded by Member M Voyce:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **note that as a best practice process for feedback, it is preferable for decision-makers to receive a list of which properties are affected before the plan change has been notified and the submissions period has closed, along with the following points:**
 - i) **this information must have been available to subject matter experts as the report also states: *'Many of the trees and groups of trees are located on Council reserves and also on road reserves which are the domain of Auckland Transport'*.**
 - ii) **the supplementary information schedule provided recently gives generic street locations, not specific addresses.**
- b) **note that according to the report, Ōrākei currently has approximately 10% of the region's proposed notifiable trees. The board reinforces supporting the plan change as it helps ensure the biodiversity and amenity values needing to be protected within Ōrākei suburbs in any way possible under plan zones, overlays and any other plan mechanisms.**
- c) **note that while this plan change is narrow in scope, the report notes the evaluation process for scheduling is a detailed exercise based on the criteria as set out in the Regional Policy Statement. Each tree, and group of trees, is evaluated against each criterion and provided with a score.**
- d) **highlight that the decision-making body should note the plan change reflects many years of nominations and, in endorsing the listed trees, recommend that the nomination and evaluation process be simplified to make it easier for the public and Council to implement scheduled trees into a plan.**

CARRIED

15 Local board input into Auckland Council's submission on the Term of Parliament (Enabling 4-year Term) Legislation Amendment Bill

Resolution number OR/2025/28

MOVED by Member P Tucker, seconded by Member D Wong:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **support the extension of the Parliamentary term to four years and note:**
 - i) **this would allow time for more active governance in between initial bedding-in and election cycles.**
 - ii) **this would save expense related to elections and provide a better planning and certainty context for constituents and business.**
 - iii) **that a four-year term is consistent with many other comparable democracies.**

CARRIED

16 Urgent decision noting report - Ōrākei Local Board input to Auckland Council's submission on the Draft Storm-affected Land Use Policy

Resolution number OR/2025/29

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie, seconded by Member T Churton:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **note the Ōrākei Local Board submission (Attachment A) via the urgent decision process (Attachment E) to Auckland Council's submission on the Draft Storm-affected Land Use Policy on 12 March 2025.**

CARRIED

17 Governance Forward Work Calendar and Resolutions Pending Action Report

Resolution number OR/2025/30

MOVED by Member M Voyce, seconded by Member P Tucker:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **note the draft governance forward work calendar at 20 March 2025.**
- b) **note the Ōrākei Local Board Resolutions Pending Action report at 20 March 2025.**

CARRIED

18 Ōrākei Local Board Workshop Records

Resolution number OR/2025/31

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie, seconded by Member P Tucker:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **note the records for the local board workshops held on 20 and 27 February 2025.**

CARRIED

19 Chairperson and Board Members' Report

A document was tabled in support of this item. A copy of the tabled document has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment, Resolution number OR/2025/32

MOVED by Member D Wong, seconded by Deputy Chairperson S Powrie:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) **receive the tabled Ōrākei Local Board Chairperson and Board Members' Report for February 2025.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 20 March 2025, Ōrākei Business Meeting: Item 19 - Chairperson and Board Members' Report - PDF

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

4.28 pm

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

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AT A MEETING OF THE ŌRĀKEI LOCAL BOARD
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....