
Whau Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Whau Local Board held in the Hoani Waititi Marae, 451 West Coast Road, Oratia on Wednesday, 26 March 2025 at 1:25 pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Kay Thomas
Deputy Chairperson	Fasitua Amosa
Members	Ross Clow
	Catherine Farmer
	Valeria Gascoigne
	Sarah Paterson-Hamlin

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Warren Piper

1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson Kay Thomas opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number WH/2025/21

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Aмоса:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / accept the apology from Member W Piper for absence.**

CARRIED

3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | 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.

Specifically, members are asked to identify any new interests that they have not previously disclosed and any interest that might be considered as a conflict of interest with a matter on the agenda.

The following are declared interests of elected members of the Whau Local Board:

Member	Organisation	Position
Kay Thomas	New Lynn Citizens Advice Bureau	Volunteer
	Citizens Advice Bureau Waitākere Board	Deputy Chair
	Literacy Waitākere	Board Member
	West Auckland Heritage Conference	Committee Member
	Whau Ethnic Collective	Patron
	Whau Wildlink Network	Member
Fasitua Aмоса	Equity NZ	Vice President
	Massive Theatre Company	Board Member
	Avondale Business Association	Family Member is Chair
	Silo Theatre Trust	Board Member
Ross Clow	Portage Licensing Trust	Trustee
	Te Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust	Patron
	Bay Olympic Sports Club	Life Member
	Forest and Bird Society	Member
	Waitākere Ranges Protection Society	Member

Member	Organisation	Position
	New Lynn Heritage Protection Society	Member
	Trust Community foundation Limited	Trustee
	Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club	Member
	Libraries	Family Member is Librarian
Catherine Farmer	Avondale-Waterview Historical Society	Member
	Blockhouse Bay Historical Society	Member
	Blockhouse Bay Bowls	Patron
	Forest and Bird organisation	Member
	Grey Power	Member
Sarah Paterson-Hamlin	New Zealand Down Syndrome Association	Employee
	Raukatauri Music Therapy Trust	Employee
Warren Piper	New Lynn RSA	Associate Member
	New Lynn Business Association	Member
Valeria Gascoigne	Kelston Community Hub	Employee

External Organisations	Lead	Alternate
The Avondale Business Association	Kay Thomas	Ross Clow
The Blockhouse Bay Business Association	Warren Piper	Sarah Paterson-Hamlin
The New Lynn Business Association	Warren Piper	Kay Thomas
The Rosebank Business Association	Warren Piper	Fasitua Aмосa
The Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust	Ross Clow	Sarah Paterson-Hamlin

4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number WH/2025/22

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Paterson-Hamlin:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 26 February 2025, including the confidential section, as true and correct.**

CARRIED

5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

Note: Item 6 – Te Mihi | Acknowledgements was considered prior to item 22 – Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items

7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

8.1 Deputation: Riversdale Skatepark

This item was deferred until the next business meeting on Wednesday, 23 April 2025.

8.2 Deputation: Proposal for Green Bay Pouwhenua

Resolution number WH/2025/23

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank Shane Manuela for his attendance.**

CARRIED

8.3 Deputation: Crescendo update

Resolution number WH/2025/24

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member S Paterson-Hamlin:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank Cat Percy, Jasmine Pene and Vinny Rongo from Crescendo for their attendance.**

CARRIED

8.4 Deputation: Te Ao Kita

Resolution number WH/2025/25

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Aмосa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank Jhan Gavala and Graham Paniora for their attendance.**

CARRIED

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

9.1 Public Forum: Kerehana Kapa Haka Celebration

Resolution number WH/2025/26

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member V Gascoigne:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whakamihi / thank Parehuia Nepe for her presentation on the Kerehana Kapa Haka Celebration.**

CARRIED

9.2 Public Forum: Green Bay School

Resolution number WH/2025/27

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whakamihi / thank Tim Rickards, representing Green Bay School, for his presentation on Godley Road transport issues.**

CARRIED

Note: Item 12 - Allocation of Local Board Transport Capital Fund 2022-2025 was considered prior to item 10 – Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business.

12 Allocation of Local Board Transport Capital Fund 2022-2025

Resolution number WH/2025/28

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member C Farmer:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whakatārewa / defer decisions around the Local Board Transport Capital Fund and request more information on how the fund could be used to progress the Te Whau Pathway.**

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.9.7, Member R Clow abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest, and asked that his abstention from voting be recorded.

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Whau Ward Councillor's update

Resolution number WH/2025/29

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the report and thank Whau Ward Councillor Kerrin Leoni, for her update.**

CARRIED

Note: Item 12 - Allocation of Local Board Transport Capital Fund 2022-2025 was considered prior to item 10 – Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business.

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

Resolution number WH/2025/30

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **tono / request Auckland Transport to apply the following levels of engagement to the projects in the Forward Works Programme 2025/2026 (Attachment A):**

i) **Collaborate**

- A) **Kelston and New Lynn priority area for investment in active modes and safety.**
- B) **Rosebank Road pedestrian Improvements.**
- C) **Building a raised pedestrian crossing on Hepburn Road.**
- D) **Building a new pedestrian crossing and moving the bus stop on South Lynn Road.**
- E) **Pedestrian safety improvements on St Georges Road.**

ii) **Consult**

- A) **Pedestrian safety improvements near 73 Hepburn Road.**
- B) **Blockhouse Bay Bus improvements including new layovers and other measures to manage current and future bus volumes (implementation on Kinross Street)**
- C) **Pedestrian safety improvements near Craigavon Park at 123 Kinross Street, Blockhouse Bay**
- D) **Stock and Drury Street paid parking proposal.**
- E) **Room to Move – Comprehensive Parking Management Plan (CPMP) for Avondale**
- F) **Paid Parking changes to Metropolitan Centres – New Lynn**
- G) **Paid Parking Light Industrial – Rosebank Road**
- H) **Great North Road Corridor Productivity Improvements**
- I) **New North Road Corridor Productivity Improvements**
- J) **Margan Avenue – Northern side from Thom Street to Astley Avenue**

- K) Feasibility of options to deliver a multi-storey New Lynn park-and-ride to increase transit use, reduce vehicle kilometres travelled, and encourage mode shift.
- L) Godley Road pedestrian improvements.

iii) **Inform**

- A) No stopping lines on Stock Street and Drury Street, New Lynn.
 - B) Maoro Street traffic flow, corridor improvements.
 - C) New footpath on Margan Avenue between Astley Avenue and Thom Street.
 - D) Cycleway connections west to Glen Eden and ultimately to the Twin Stream cycleway.
 - E) Improved public transport services, including bus services for areas not easily accessible in Whau. Specifically, around the Rosebank peninsula and train network including alternatives during Western Line closure and better signage throughout the network.
 - F) Rosebank Road Special Vehicle Lanes (Bus Lanes).
- b) **tono / request the following projects or programmes be considered for inclusion in Auckland Transport's work programme in a future year:**
- i) **Te Whau Pathway.**

CARRIED

14 Auckland Transport Kokiri / Local Board Transport Agreement Quarterly Update - October 2024 to December 2024

Resolution number WH/2025/31

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the October 2024 to December 2024 quarterly update on the Kōkiri / Local Board Transport Agreement 2024/2025.**

CARRIED

15 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

Resolution number WH/2025/32

MOVED by Member C Farmer, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **tautoko / support the draft plan change to add approximately 169 trees and 27 groups of trees across the region to Schedule 10, and to the Notable Trees Overlay in the AUP maps for public notification.**
- b) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the proposed inclusion of 15 trees in the Whau local board area; 14 in Avondale and one in Glen Eden; and congratulate members of the public who made the nominations.**

- c) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note with concern that the addition of trees or groups of trees to the Auckland Unitary Plan schedule appears to be a time-consuming process and would invite staff to continue to strive for quicker inclusion as the rapid expansion of Auckland housing development may pose a real threat to many significant yet publicly invisible trees.**

CARRIED

16 Whau Local Board views on the draft Contributions Policy 2025

Resolution number WH/2025/33

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **tautoko / support the policy decision of matching long-term cost with long-term growth to fairly recover costs.**
- b) **tautoko / support the expanded 30-year cost recovery model to other priority areas.**
- c) **whakahei / welcome the inclusion of Te Hono, the Whau Library and Community Centre and Whau Aquatic and Recreation Centre for a share of contributions under Community Infrastructure.**
- d) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the ongoing potential for flooding in the Whau Local Board area and welcome any stormwater investment to mitigate such flooding.**
- e) **tono / request that the 30-year cost recovery model be applied to brownfield areas of intensive development noting the need for cohesive planning to ensure adequate infrastructure in such areas.**
- f) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the need for reserve acquisition and development in areas of brownfields intensification as well as in greenfield development.**
- g) **further note the potential sale of Avondale Racecourse which is heavily used for sport and recreation and that the racecourse should be considered an area to be acquired through a share of costs funded by development contributions.**

CARRIED

17 Whau Local Board feedback on the proposed wastewater environmental performance standards

Resolution number WH/2025/34

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Member V Gascoigne:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the need to manage potential cost increases to ensure affordability while protecting and enhancing the health of New Zealand's waterways.**
- b) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the stated purpose of the proposed wastewater environmental performance standards is to set nationally consistent requirements for all public wastewater networks and operators, but further note**

- that the proposed benefits set out in the rationale may be of more benefit to regions other than Auckland, where Watercare is the operator.
- c) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note concerns in regulatory alignment and avoid conflicting requirements with existing resource consents and national policies.
 - d) tono / request that any revision to wastewater environmental standards must not be any less than those currently in place, and ensure a practical transition with appropriate funding for investment in infrastructure to meet higher standards without excessive cost burdens.
 - e) āhukahuka / acknowledge regional differences with unique wastewater challenges across different areas and allow flexibility in implementation, and note concern that the proposal does not differentiate between areas of low population density and areas of high urban density where greater wastewater challenges may occur.
 - f) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that the state and operation of wastewater plants in the Auckland region is better than in most other regions, but that urban growth will place significant pressures on the operation of existing plants.
 - g) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note concern that there is no provision for seasonal variation to wastewater discharge standards, despite some contaminants being more pronounced in warmer weather.
 - h) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that 35-year consent terms give council certainty for long-term wastewater management and investment planning.
 - i) tono / request the inclusion of a robust and regular review process over the 35 years to allow for changes to environmental standards where necessary in response to the pressures of climate change.
 - j) do not support setting all wastewater network overflows as controlled activity because plants may be by-passed during unplanned, uncontrolled outages of water treatment plants, resulting in the discharge of raw sewerage.
 - k) question the suitability of high-volume gates which can be closed to water from the central interceptor being designed on a one in one-hundred-year basis. Severe storms will happen with greater frequency.
 - l) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the proposed wastewater environmental performance standards should actively work to improve the water quality of the Manukau Harbour.
 - m) tautoko / support Healthy Waters and Watercare's joint commitment to protecting and enhancing the health of the Manukau Harbour.
 - n) tautoko / support engaging with the community to ensure environmental initiatives are successful.

CARRIED

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

MOVED by Member S Paterson-Hamlin, seconded by Member R Clow:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) tautoko / support the extension of the parliamentary term to four years.
- b) tautoko / support a binding referendum before any change to the parliamentary term is introduced.
- c) tautoko / support an investigation into the implications and impact of aligning local and central government elections.

MOVED by Member C Farmer, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Amosa:

Member C Farmer moved an amendment to the original recommendation as follows:

- a) tautoko / support the retention of the three-year parliamentary term.

The amendment was put and declared LOST

The substantive motion was put.

Resolution number WH/2025/35

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) tautoko / support the extension of the parliamentary term to four years.
- b) tautoko / support a binding referendum before any change to the parliamentary term is introduced.
- c) tautoko / support an investigation into the implications and impact of aligning local and central government elections.

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.9.7, Member C Farmer requested that her dissenting vote be recorded.

19 Chair's Report - Kay Thomas

Resolution number WH/2025/36

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive Chair Kay Thomas' March 2025 report.

CARRIED

20 Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance Forward Work Programme

Resolution number WH/2025/37

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance Forward Work Programme for March 2025.**

CARRIED

21 Whau Local Board Workshop Records

Resolution number WH/2025/38

MOVED by Chairperson K Thomas, seconded by Deputy Chairperson F Amosa:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the records of the workshops held on 5, 12, 19 and 26 February 2025.**

CARRIED

Note: Item 6 – Te Mihi | Acknowledgements was considered prior to item 22 – Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items

6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

6.1 Acknowledgement: Hoani Waititi

Resolution number WH/2025/39

MOVED by Member R Clow, seconded by Member S Paterson-Hamlin:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whakamihi / thank Moe Lewin and Hoani Waititi for hosting the meeting today.**

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

3.28 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 WHAU LOCAL BOARD HELD
ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....