

**Date:** Tuesday, 22 April 2025  
**Time:** 9.30am  
**Meeting Room:** Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Office  
**Venue:** 1 - 7 The Strand  
Takapuna

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## **Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Workshop OPEN AGENDA**

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

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**1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies**

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

**2 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.



## Local Board Workshop

File No.: CP2024/20826

### Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To present the Devonport -Takapuna Local Board workshop agenda for 22 April 2025

### Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

The following will be board specific:

2. Most workshops are open to the public to attend as observers in person or online.
3. Some sessions may not be open to the public. The staff / chairperson and deputy chairperson decide which sessions are open to the public, depending on the sensitivity of the information being discussed. If a session is not open, a reason will be provided below.
4. The public can observe the workshop on via MS Teams. The link can be found on the front page of the agenda.
5. Local Board workshops provide an opportunity for local boards to carry out their governance role in the following areas:
  - a) Accountability to the public
  - b) Engagement
  - c) Input to regional decision-making
  - d) Keeping informed
  - e) Local initiative / preparing for specific decisions
  - f) Oversight and monitoring
  - g) Setting direction / priorities / budget.
6. Workshops do not have decision-making authority.
7. Workshops are used to canvass issues, prepare local board members for upcoming decisions and to enable discussion between elected members and staff.
8. Members are respectfully reminded of their Code of Conduct obligations with respect to conflicts of interest and confidentiality.
9. The following will be covered in the workshop:

#### Item 1 – 9.30 – 11.30

##### Local Board Annual Planning Workshop 7

Presenter/s: **Lisa Kent** Local Board Engagement Advisor  
**Henare King** Local Board Advisor  
**Sugenthy Thomson** Lead Financial Advisor

Governance role: Work programme updates

Proposed Outcome/s: Provide direction on preferred approach

Attachment/s: Attachment A – see below

**Item 2 – 11.30 – 12.30**

**Local Board Annual Planning Workshop 7**

Presenter/s: **Vincent Marshall** Grants Advisor

Governance role: Local initiative / preparing for specific decisions

Proposed Outcome/s: Review community grant applications

Attachment/s: Attachment B – see below

**60 Minute Break**

**Item 3 – 1.30 – 2.30**

**Milford Beach Front Reserve**

Presenter/s: **Steph Westmore** Senior Project Manager

Governance role: Work programme updates

Proposed Outcome/s: Provide direction on preferred approach

Attachment/s: Attachment C & D – see below

**Item 4 – 2.30 – 3.30**

**Auckland Transport Auburn Street Pedestrian Crossing**

Presenter/s: **Raymond Tong** Project Manager

Governance role: Work programme updates

Proposed Outcome/s: Receive update on progress

Attachment/s: Attachment E – see below

**Item 5 – 3.30 – 4.00**

**Update on the Devonport-Takapuna Cycling and Walking Guide**

Presenter/s: **John McKellar** Parks and Places Specialist

Governance role: Work programme updates

Proposed Outcome/s: Receive update on progress

Attachment/s: Attachment F & G – see below

**Ngā tāpirihanga  
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**Next workshop:** [Tuesday, 6 May 2025 of next workshop]

**Please note:** Workshops topics presented below are subject to change and may not appear in next weeks workshop

| Subject   |
|---|
| Parks and Community Facilities Placeholder                  |
| Urban Ngahere   |
| Pools and Leisure 6 monthly performance update              |
| 27 Lake Rd Report turn into a site visit so might not need  |
| Eke Panuku update /Huron Street, Takapuna                   |
| results of the hydraulic modelling                          |
| CATTR funding - Francis to Esmonde Bridge potential project |



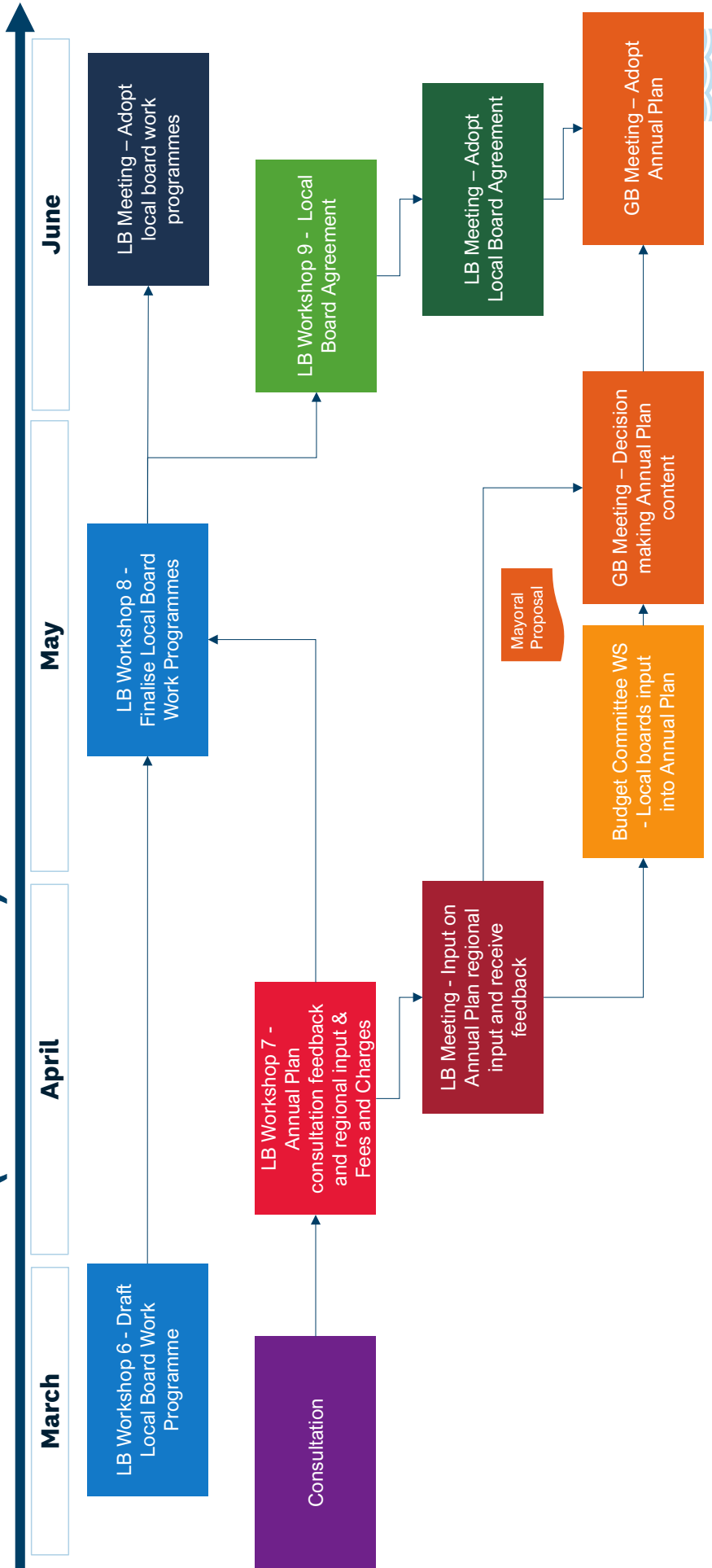


Annual Plan Feedback  
2025/2026  
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

22 April 2025



# Timeline (second half)





## Workshop purpose

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area on:
  - proposed local board priorities for 2025/2026
  - regional topics in the draft Annual Plan 2025/2026
2. Discuss local feedback on regional topics and advocacy initiatives to be formalised at your business meeting on 30 April 2025. These will be considered by the Governing Body when making decisions on the Annual Plan 2025/2026
3. Discuss other local matters that need consideration in Annual Plan



## LBA Workshop: agenda

| Topic   | Time  |
|---------|---|
| Topic 1 | Consultation feedback on local board priorities for 2025/2026 and advocacy initiatives<br>40 mins                     |
| Topic 2 | Other local matters that need consideration in Annual Plan<br>10 mins   |
| Topic 3 | Consultation feedback on regional topics in the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026<br>30 mins                             |
| Topic 4 | Advocacy initiatives to be considered by Governing Body for the Annual Plan 2025/2026<br>15 mins                      |
| Topic 5 | Input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 incl. local matters that need consideration<br>15 mins |



# Topic 1: Consultation feedback on local board priorities for 2025/2026 and advocacy initiatives



## Region wide consultation numbers

| Local Board         | Individuals | Organisations | Total | %  | Event (added to IND) |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|-------|----|----------------------|
| Albert-Eden         | 823         | 5             | 828   | 6% | 137                  |
| Aotea/Great Barrier | 34          | 0             | 34    | 0% | 27                   |
| Devonport-Takapuna  | 430         | 7             | 437   | 3% | 17                   |
| Franklin            | 655         | 12            | 667   | 5% | 149                  |
| Henderson-Massey    | 793         | 7             | 800   | 6% | 39                   |
| Hibiscus and Bays   | 752         | 3             | 755   | 6% | 90                   |
| Howick              | 1032        | 9             | 1041  | 8% | 299                  |
| Kaipātiki           | 680         | 18            | 698   | 5% | 129                  |
| Māngere-Ōhāhuhu     | 609         | 7             | 616   | 5% | 195                  |
| Manurewa            | 436         | 4             | 440   | 3% | 75                   |
| Maungakiekie-Tāmaki | 561         | 4             | 565   | 4% | 145                  |
| Ōrākei              | 565         | 4             | 569   | 4% | 10                   |
| Ōtara-Papatoetoe    | 905         | 6             | 911   | 7% | 428                  |
| Papakura            | 331         | 3             | 334   | 3% | 90                   |
| Puketāpapa          | 400         | 1             | 401   | 3% | 56                   |
| Rodney              | 607         | 12            | 619   | 5% | 160                  |
| Upper Harbour       | 647         | 6             | 653   | 5% | 58                   |
| Waiheke             | 99          | 3             | 102   | 1% | 0                    |
| Waitākere Ranges    | 479         | 8             | 487   | 4% | 113                  |
| Waitematā           | 851         | 13            | 864   | 7% | 274                  |
| Whau                | 812         | 7             | 819   | 6% | 440                  |

### Feedback received

Out of **13,016** pieces of feedback received regionally, **430** were from people living in the Devonport-Takapuna local board area.

Written (hard copy and online forms, emails and letters): **10,011**

In person / event: **3,001**

Neurodiverse online audio: **4**



# Devonport-Takapuna Local Board priorities for 2025/2026 and advocacy initiatives



- Progress the planning and Development of the Takapuna Community Hub
- Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces.
- Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs
- Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan
- Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information.
- Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice.
- Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.





## Devonport-Takapuna feedback

| Submitters (Individuals vs Organisation) | No.        | %           |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Individual                               | 584        | 86%         |
| Organisation                             | 93         | 14%         |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>677</b> | <b>100%</b> |

In total we received:

- Individual = 584 submissions
  - Includes 17 from HYS events
- Organisations = 93 submissions
- Total submissions = 677

Of those 677 submissions:

- 430 are from local Devonport-Takapuna residents
- 7 are from local Devonport-Takapuna organisations

The remaining individuals and organisations have an interest in this local board area, however, reside in a different local board area

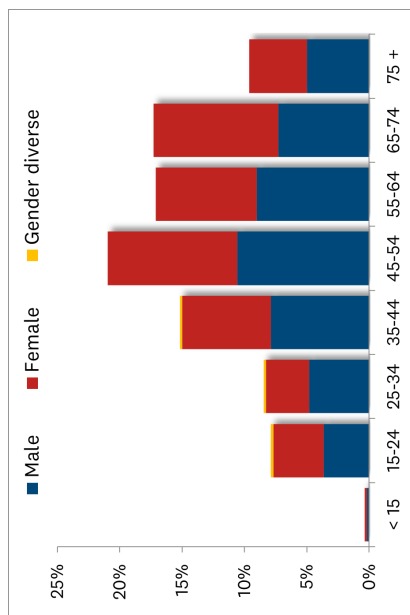
| Local Board           | Individual | Organisation | Total      | %   |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------|------------|-----|
| Albert-Eden           | 5          | 0            | 5          | 1%  |
| Aotea/Great Barrier   | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0%  |
| Devonport-Takapuna    | 16         | 1            | 17         | 2%  |
| Franklin              | 1          | 0            | 1          | 0%  |
| Henderson-Massey      | 2          | 0            | 2          | 0%  |
| Hibiscus and Bays     | 10         | 0            | 10         | 1%  |
| Howick                | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0%  |
| Kaipātiki             | 680        | 18           | 569        | 79% |
| Māngere-Ōtāhuhu       | 0          | 1            | 1          | 0%  |
| Manurewa              | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0%  |
| Maungakiekie-Tāmaki   | 1          | 0            | 1          | 0%  |
| Ōrākei                | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0%  |
| Ōtara-Papatoetoe      | 1          | 0            | 1          | 0%  |
| Papakura              | 1          | 0            | 1          | 0%  |
| Puketāpapa            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0%  |
| Rodney                | 3          | 0            | 3          | 0%  |
| Upper Harbour         | 13         | 0            | 13         | 2%  |
| Waiheke               | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0%  |
| Waitākere Ranges      | 1          | 0            | 1          | 0%  |
| Waitematā             | 4          | 0            | 4          | 1%  |
| Whau                  | 2          | 0            | 2          | 0%  |
| Regional organisation | 0          | 84           | 84         | 12% |
| Not supplied          | 7          | 0            | 7          | 1%  |
| Outside Auckland      | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0%  |
| Didn't know           | 7          | 0            | 7          | 1%  |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>747</b> | <b>104</b>   | <b>722</b> |     |



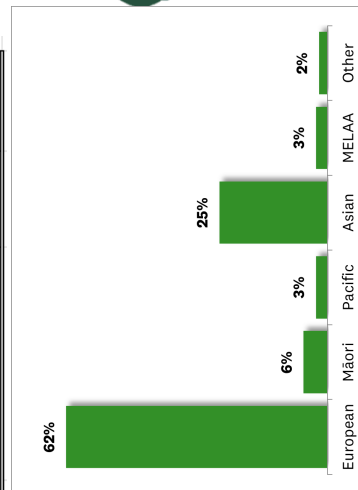
## Information on submitters

The tables and graphs below indicate what demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.

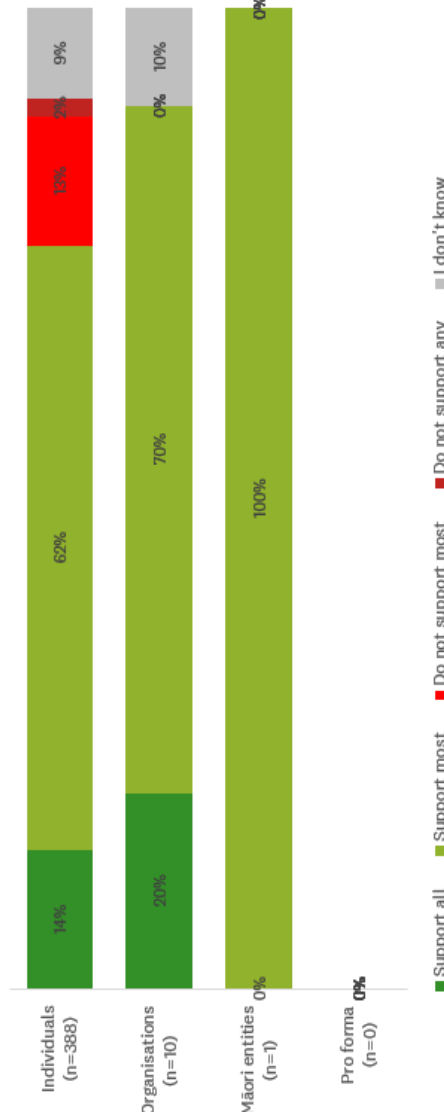
| Age          | Male       | Female     | Another g | Total      | % of total  |
|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Under 15     | 1          | 1          | 0         | 10         | 2%          |
| 15-24        | 19         | 21         | 1         | 42         | 8%          |
| 25-34        | 25         | 18         | 1         | 46         | 9%          |
| 35-44        | 41         | 37         | 1         | 81         | 16%         |
| 45-54        | 55         | 54         | 0         | 110        | 21%         |
| 55-64        | 47         | 42         | 0         | 90         | 17%         |
| 65-74        | 38         | 52         | 0         | 91         | 18%         |
| 75+          | 26         | 24         | 0         | 50         | 10%         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>252</b> | <b>249</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>520</b> | <b>100%</b> |



| Ethnicity                           | #          | %           |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>European</b>                     | <b>341</b> | <b>62%</b>  |
| Pakehā/NZ European                  | 322        | 58%         |
| Other European                      | 19         | 3%          |
| <b>Māori</b>                        | <b>31</b>  | <b>6%</b>   |
| <b>Pasifika</b>                     | <b>15</b>  | <b>3%</b>   |
| Samoaan                             | 3          | 1%          |
| Cook Islands Māori                  | 0          | 0%          |
| Tongan                              | 2          | 0%          |
| Other Pasifika                      | 10         | 2%          |
| <b>Asian</b>                        | <b>141</b> | <b>25%</b>  |
| Chinese                             | 107        | 19%         |
| Indian                              | 8          | 1%          |
| Southeast Asian                     | 14         | 3%          |
| Korean                              | 9          | 2%          |
| Other Asian                         | 3          | 1%          |
| <b>African/Middle Eastern/Latin</b> | <b>15</b>  | <b>3%</b>   |
| <b>Other</b>                        | <b>11</b>  | <b>2%</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>553</b> | <b>100%</b> |



# Local Board Priorities 2025/2026

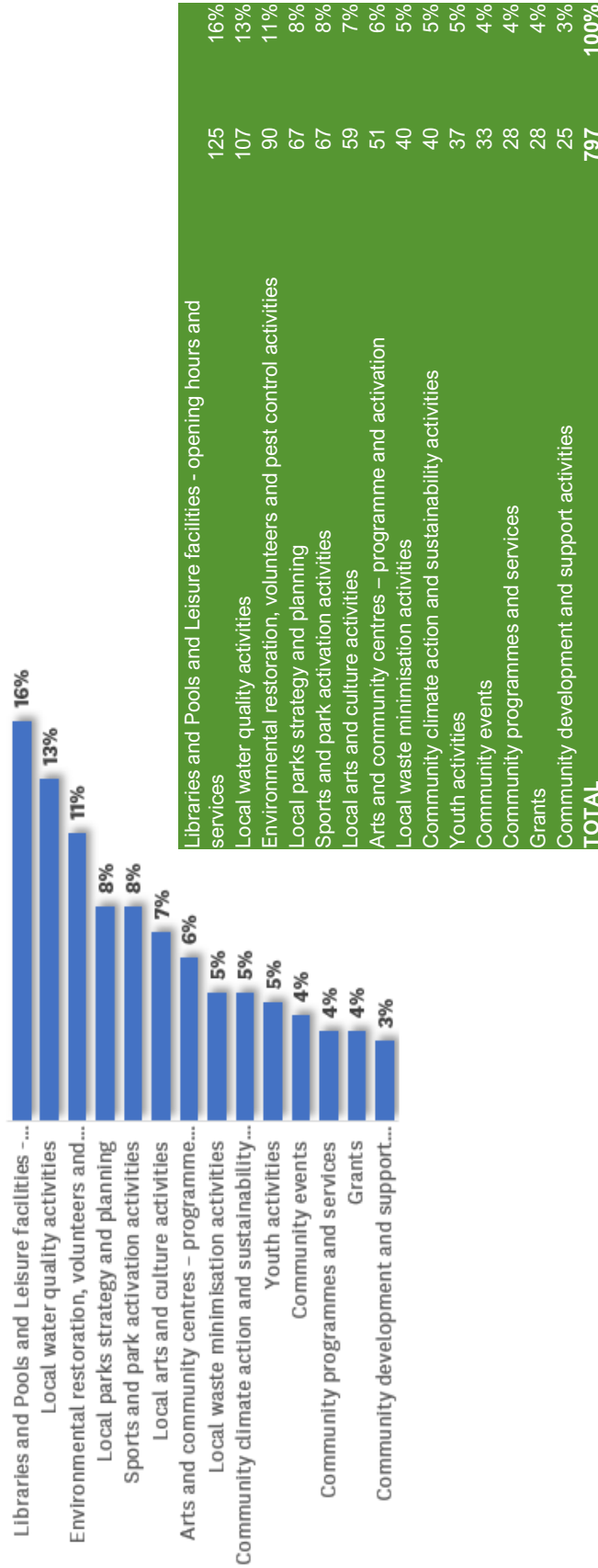


## 7x Devonport-Takapuna Organisations

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Te Whare Roto o Toi - Lake House Arts | Takapuna Residents Association                  |
| Greater Bay Sports Association        | Milford Residents Association                   |
| Takapuna Beach Business Association   | Castor Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association |
| Milford Village Business Association  |   |



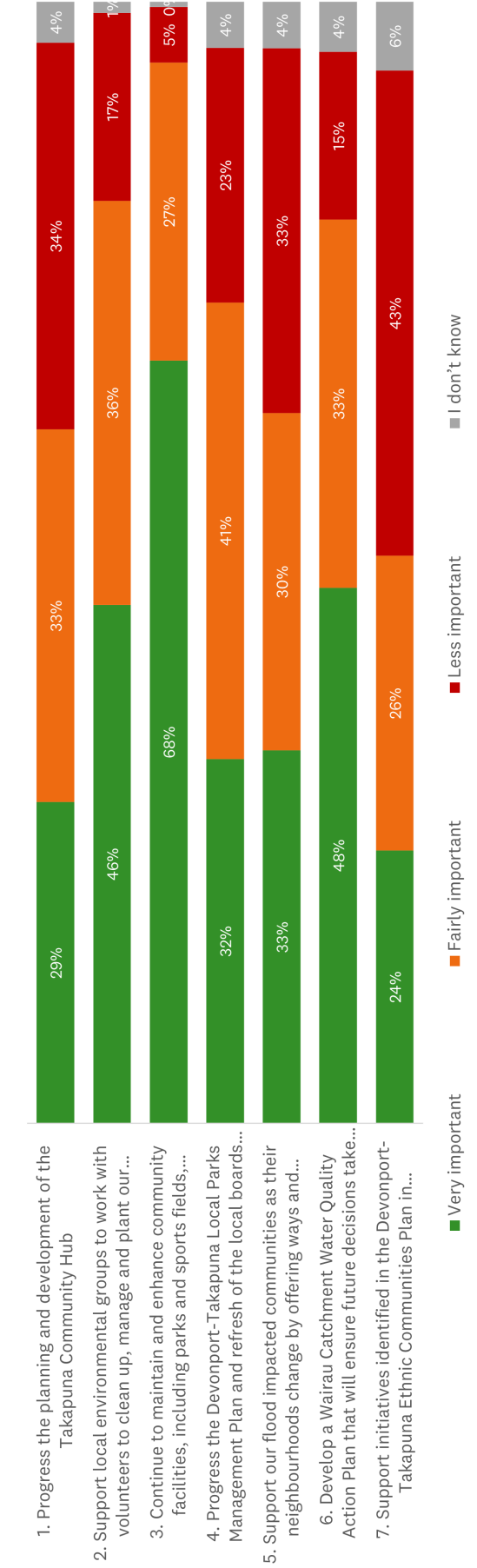
# What three services are most important to you?





# Local Board Priorities 2025/2026

## How important are these priorities to you?



This graph shows the individual responses to the local board's specific priorities. The following slides provide summaries and highlight key themes from the 136 pieces of feedback received through Question 4 – 'Tell us why'.



## Key feedback theme – Environmental

### Water quality and flooding

- Strong support for addressing pollution and flood risks, especially in Wairau Catchment.

*"Wairau Valley and creek is a disaster – sewage regularly flows into the sea at Milford."*

*"Flood water management in Wairau Valley should be a top priority."*

### Support for Eco-Groups

- Widespread praise for local environmental volunteers.

*"Key local restoration groups... could do with financial support from council."*

### Pollution & Waste

- Concerns over stormwater runoff, wastewater leaks, bins at beaches, and sediment control.

*"Disposing of waste fluids, concrete runoff down gutters... must be improved."*

### Green Spaces & Biodiversity

- Strong value placed on protecting urban green spaces, local biodiversity, and promoting food-growing initiatives.

*"Auckland needs to adapt... and secure local food supply. More use of reserves for growing food should be encouraged."*

### Education & Inclusion

- Emphasis on educating communities (especially migrants) about environmental care and making sure all voices are heard.

*"Education for new migrant communities on a range of environment protection issues."*

## Key feedback theme – Community Facilities and Parks

### What's Valued

- Strong support for maintaining and upgrading existing parks, libraries, and community venues, especially with growing urban density.
- Endorsement for the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks and Greenways Plans to protect and enhance access to green spaces.

*“Maintaining and enhancing existing facilities ensures access to spaces where people can be active.”*

### What's Needed

- Better upkeep of high-use areas like beaches and town centres.

*“North end of Takapuna Beach looks neglected. Dead shrubs, erosion – minimal effort would make a big difference.”*

*“Bins overflow in summer – more signage needed to encourage people to take rubbish home.”*

*“More undergrounding of power lines and fixing footpaths should be prioritised over new projects.”*

### Community Concerns

- Takapuna Community Hub: Mixed feedback, with some questioning the need for a new facility.

*“The community hub facility is a priority”*

*“There is no supporting evidence to support investing in a Takapuna Community Hub.*

*This money would be better used boosting existing services.”*

- Takapuna Golf Course: Divided views on its future – some support partial repurposing for wider community use, others oppose any reduction.

*“Downgrade the golf course to nine holes and add walk/bike tracks, playground, dog park, etc.”*

*“It’s a sporting venue. Council says it supports sport – so why take this away?”*

*“I think we should be focusing more on bringing people into Takapuna and the community hub is not the way to do so. Also, I think the golf course should be developed into a catchment area.”*





## Key feedback theme – Infrastructure Resilience and Core Services

### Strong Support for

- Maintaining and improving core infrastructure (water, waste, transport) and existing assets like public toilets, libraries, and playgrounds.
- Flood resilience work, especially the Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan, though some questioned equity and effectiveness.

*"Support Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan and potential water quality benefits for Castor Bay."*

*"We support Making Space for Water and providing support for flood-impacted residents."*

### Concerns & Criticisms

- Flood strategy seen as overstated by some, with skepticism around current council approaches and funding decisions.  
*"Flooding and resilience comms are overstated. There are better technical solutions than buyouts and abandonment."*
- *"Flood impact consultation and support is irrelevant to Devonport-Takapuna – the risk here is minimal."*
- Poor maintenance of key facilities was frequently raised – from public toilets to beach infrastructure and footpaths.  
*"The Takapuna playground bathrooms are disgusting. Most of the locks don't even work."*
- *"Milford Beach steps were overpriced and unusable for 10 weeks. Sacred Grove project overpromised and underdelivered."*
- Frustration with infrastructure planning and development policy contributing to issues.  
*"Why were buildings allowed where the infrastructure couldn't handle water events? That's mismanagement."*  
*"You allow high-density development, then spend more on fixing water issues caused by it."*
- Widespread concern over wasteful spending and over-engineered projects, with strong calls for focusing on value for money.  
*"During a time of rate rises, maintain assets instead of creating new ones that strain finances."*  
*"Proposals 5 and 7 are an utter waste of ratepayer funding."*





## Key feedback theme – Sports and Recreation

### Strong Support for

- Retaining the Takapuna Golf Course management as a valued public sports and green space. Many respondents opposed proposals to repurpose it for flood.

*"Leave Takapuna Golf Course ALONE!"*

*"It provides an irreplaceable service for people of all groups and income levels."*

*"Modify the course to assist with water catchment but keep it as a golf course."*

- Investment in sports facilities, including artificial turf fields and upgraded playgrounds, to meet growing demand.

*"Football fields are constantly unplayable due to rain — we need more artificial turf fields."*

*"More sports facilities like the Harbour Sports Hub are needed."*

*"Build playgrounds in new subdivisions where kids have nowhere to play."*

### Additional Comments

- Desire to see more youth-focused activities and connected cycling infrastructure.
  - "Anything that connects with youth is good — Devonport is ageing due to a lack of activities."*
- Some felt spending should be focused on essentials, not "fluffy" extras.
  - "Most of these things are nice-to-haves that won't deliver long-term benefit."*
  - "Do the basics well — maintain current assets and stop wasteful projects."*

## Key feedback theme – Arts, Culture and Events

### Strong support for maintaining and improving community arts venues

- Residents emphasised the critical role of facilities like Lake House Arts and Depot Art Space in fostering creativity, inclusion, and wellbeing.

*"They are the heart of our community... fun, creative, and welcoming experiences for everyone."*

*"Lake House Arts provides vital programming that strengthens social ties and enriches lives."*

*"Depot Art Space helped me gain confidence in the job market and connect with others."*

### Events are seen as vital for community connection and vibrancy

- Calls for more free, local events that bring people together and celebrate cultural diversity.

*"Support events that enable the community to come together."*

*"Fund community events celebrating different cultures – community centres can deliver them."*

*"Like bigger events, but also small, local ones matter too."*

### Requests for more strategic and integrated support

- Suggestions included improving coordination and communication of community events and leveraging arts and culture as economic drivers, particularly in town centres.

*"Council must prioritise community facilities and venues – they support economic growth through tourism and local initiatives."*

*"Coordinate events better – it's hard to find out what's happening."*



## Key feedback theme – Cultural Inclusion

### Diverse Perspectives on the value of the Ethnic Communities Plan

- Many respondents questioned the relevance and priority of the Ethnic Communities Plan, often seeing it as non-essential or outside the scope of core council business.
- A recurring sentiment was that ethnicity-based approaches risk dividing communities, with a preference for universal inclusion and support.

*“The more of an issue you make it, the more people feel it's a problem.”*

*“All ethnicities should be treated equally – decisions based on need, not race.”*

*“Forget the ethnic communities plan. That is not core council business.”*

### Request for support for inclusion, cultural connection and language support

- A smaller group supported celebrating diversity, with practical suggestions such as language support, interfaith visits, and volunteer pathways for migrants.

*“Language is a big barrier – we need better English learning options.”*

*“Tours of mosques, temples, marae – help us understand each other.”*

*“Happy to help with translating council documents.”*

### Priority on core services over cultural programmes

- Several respondents expressed frustration that plans like the Ethnic Communities strategy are prioritised over more urgent local issues, such as environmental degradation, infrastructure, or sports facility funding.

*“Focus on Wairau Creek – it affects everyone regardless of ethnicity.”*

*“Stop wasting money on ethnic support and greenwashing.”*





## Key feedback theme Public Transport – Footpaths - Roading

### Key Issues Raised

- Multiple respondents identified Lake Road congestion as a top local issue.
- There is support for increasing public transport options, but only if routes and infrastructure are well-designed and practical.
- Respondents expressed concern that basic infrastructure like roads, transport access, and footpaths are being overlooked in favor of less urgent or lower-impact initiatives.
- Calls for more street-level parking to support town centre accessibility.
- Criticism of expensive parking projects (e.g., Takapuna carpark tower) that are perceived as underused or poorly located.
- Feedback stressed the need to complete and connect cycleways and footpaths to main thoroughfares.
- Specific junctions were mentioned where cycle lanes disappear or become unsafe, including:
  - Lake Rd/Williamson Ave
  - Taharoto/Anzac Ave

*“The bike park is hardly used – it’s in the wrong place.”*

*“Sort out the congestion on Lake Road – this is the big issue that gets ignored.”*

*“Very important to promote public transport – in the right way.”*

## Key feedback theme – Local Economy and Town Centres

### Community members and business reps request

- Fund and host more events in town centres to draw people in, increase foot traffic, and create vibrant destinations.
- Advocate for local businesses to receive priority consideration in council contracts and procurement processes.
- Actively support local businesses in wider Auckland Council planning and decisions that affect their operations and environment.
- Invest in upgrades to key business precinct infrastructure:
  - Public toilets, seating, gardens, open space
  - More rubbish bins in high-traffic areas like Hurstmere Road and Waiwharariki Anzac Square
  - Northcroft and Huron Street streetscape upgrades
  - Takapuna Bus Station improvements

### Feedback highlights frustration with

- Lake Road congestion and inadequate parking
- Poorly planned or underutilized facilities (e.g., bike park near Takapuna carpark)
- Lack of meaningful investment in transport and infrastructure to support local town centres
- Improved cleanliness and basic upkeep, especially in areas like Devonport and Takapuna.

“Maintenance of public spaces is crucial.”

“Devonport is getting scruffy – where’s the funding to look after what we already have?”



## Summary of Community Feedback

Community feedback across the Devonport-Takapuna area shows strong support for maintaining core infrastructure, protecting the environment, and ensuring council spending reflects community priorities. Water quality and flood risk, especially in the Wairau Catchment, are major concerns, with residents backing practical, equitable solutions and stronger support for local eco-groups. There is wide appreciation for parks, libraries, and green spaces, with calls for better maintenance in high-use areas and mixed views on large-scale projects like the Takapuna Community Hub and Golf Course.

Residents want basic services done well — clean toilets, safe footpaths, well-maintained facilities — and are frustrated by what they see as wasteful or overcomplicated council spending. Sports and recreation are seen as essential, with support for more artificial turf fields and youth-focused amenities.

Arts venues and local events are valued for fostering connection and creativity, though many want improved coordination and communication. Views on cultural inclusion were mixed; some questioned the relevance of ethnicity-based plans, while others suggested practical steps like language support and interfaith outreach.

Transport concerns were frequent, especially around Lake Road congestion, poor footpath and cycleway links, and expensive but underused infrastructure. Support exists for public transport if well designed. Finally, residents want more investment in town centre upkeep, cleanliness, and local business support, with a clear message to prioritise essentials and community benefit over new, low-impact projects.



# Topic 2: Other local matters that need consideration in Annual Plan







## Local targeted rate and business improvement district (BID) targeted rate proposals



Local boards are required to endorse any new or amended local targeted rate proposals or business improvement district (BID) targeted rate proposals in their local board area.



These proposals must have been consulted on before they can be implemented.



The local boards then recommend these proposals to the Governing Body for approval of the targeted rate.



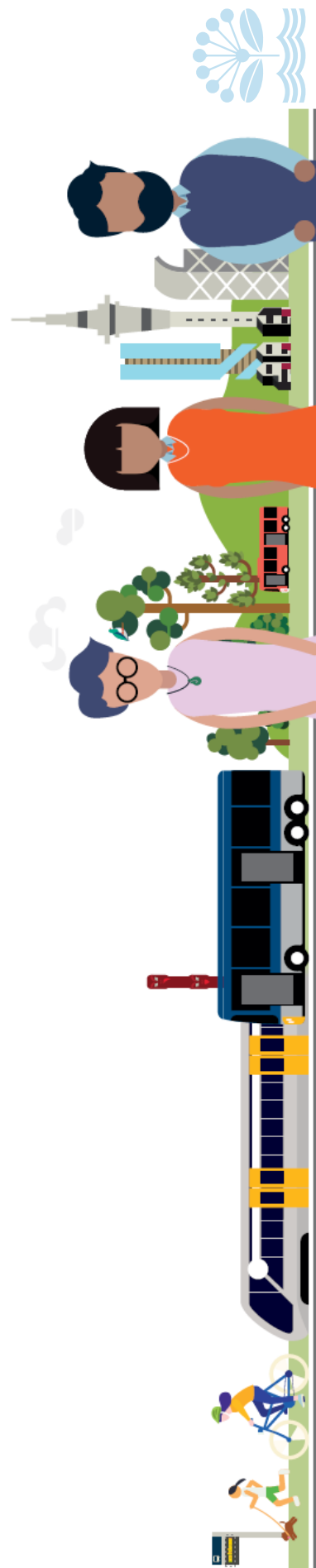
This does not apply to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board for the 2025/2026 financial year

# Topic 3: Consultation feedback received on regional topics in the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026



# Devonport-Takapuna Local Board input on regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026

1. Overall Plan
2. Bed night visitor levy
3. Changes to other rates, fees and charges





## Overall Plan

Aucklanders were asked whether they support the overall plan including prioritising investment in transport, water, and fairer funding for local communities.

The consultation document for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 also outlined the proposed funding approach which includes a 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property, consistent with the LTP, and additional debt financing to fund \$4 billion in capital expenditure.

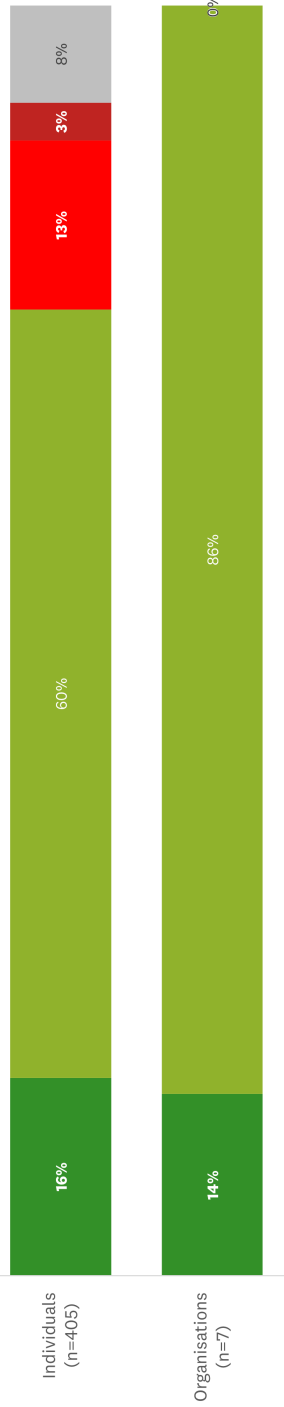
The proposed 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property for 2025/2026 includes the following proposed rates changes:

- an average general rates increase of 6.40 per cent for existing ratepayers
- an average increase of 3.5 per cent to the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR) for existing ratepayers, as set out in the LTP
- an average increase of \$2.12 in the Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) to cover the operating and interest costs for the programme, as set out in the LTP
- a 3.3 per cent increase to the overall Waste Management Targeted Rate (WMTR) for the typical household.

The following slides and graphs give an overview of the responses from Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area.



# What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?



■ Support all ■ Support most ■ Do not support most ■ Support most ■ Do not support any ■ I don't know

|                                  | Support All | Support Most | Do not support most | Support Most | Do Not Support Most | Do Not Support Any | Don't Know / Other |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Rates increase concern           | 17%         | 39%          | 56%                 | 14%          | 0%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Improve public transport         | 17%         | 25%          | 16%                 | 13%          | 0%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Infrastructure needed            | 20%         | 25%          | 20%                 | 13%          | 0%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Stop wasteful spending           | 3%          | 8%           | 49%                 | 38%          | 7%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| High cost of living              | 0%          | 25%          | 13%                 | 13%          | 0%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Dissatisfaction with council     | 0%          | 3%           | 25%                 | 38%          | 0%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Better planning needed           | 10%         | 7%           | 11%                 | 13%          | 7%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Drinking water quality           | 20%         | 4%           | 11%                 | 0%           | 7%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Fairer community funding         | 17%         | 7%           | 4%                  | 25%          | 7%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Focus on core services           | 7%          | 5%           | 18%                 | 25%          | 7%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Economic Development initiatives | 10%         | 25%          | 4%                  | 0%           | 0%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Improve roads                    | 0%          | 3%           | 11%                 | 13%          | 7%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Reduce council costs             | 0%          | 1%           | 20%                 | 25%          | 0%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Reduce bureaucracy               | 0%          | 0%           | 2%                  | 25%          | 0%                  | 0%                 | 0%                 |
| Other categories                 | 40%         | 8%           | 2%                  | 0%           | 43%                 | 0%                 | 0%                 |

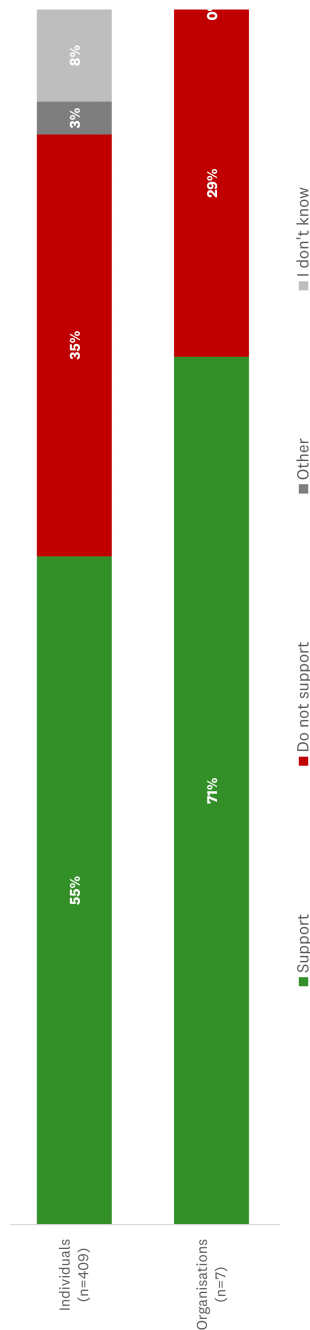


## Destination management and major events

Aucklanders were asked for feedback on a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events. Without such a levy, a \$7 million budget shortfall for the 2025/2026 financial year could impact the funding for major events that are expected to attract visitor expenditure, such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon, and Auckland Writers Festival.

A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 to 3 per cent paid by those in short-stay accommodation would raise around \$27 million annually to fund even more destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland. However, this requires central government legislative change. Auckland Council continues to work with central government on this, with public feedback helping to inform this work.

# Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?



|  | Support | Do not support | Other | Don't Know / Other |
|--|---------|----------------|-------|--------------------|
| Need for public event funding          | 21%     | 32%            | 27%   | 14%                |
| Reduce local resident's costs          | 12%     | 8%             | 9%    | 14%                |
| Other categories                       | 13%     | 4%             | 9%    | 0%                 |
| Visitor contribution to infrastructure | 13%     | 3%             | 27%   | 14%                |
| Stop wasteful spending                 | 8%      | 26%            | 18%   | 7%                 |
| Focus on core services                 | 9%      | 11%            | 36%   | 11%                |
| Need the money                         | 8%      | 17%            | 36%   | 7%                 |
| Support for user pays                  | 16%     | 6%             | 0%    | 14%                |
| Target international tourists          | 8%      | 3%             | 9%    | 21%                |
| Common overseas                        | 16%     | 0%             | 9%    | 7%                 |

|                                | Support | Do not support | Other | Don't Know / Other |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|-------|--------------------|
| Need for tourism promotion     | 4%      | 8%             | 18%   | 0%                 |
| Accommodation affordability    | 5%      | 13%            | 9%    | 7%                 |
| Ineffective proposal           | 2%      | 46%            | 18%   | 14%                |
| Impact on small accommodations | 3%      | 14%            | 9%    | 0%                 |
| Dissatisfaction with council   | 4%      | 8%             | 18%   | 7%                 |
| Better event management needed | 5%      | 8%             | 36%   | 0%                 |
| High cost of living            | 2%      | 16%            | 0%    | 7%                 |
| Reduce council costs           | 0%      | 19%            | 18%   | 7%                 |
| Don't know                     | 0%      | 0%             | 9%    | 43%                |
| Communication and Engagement   | 2%      | 0%             | 18%   | 7%                 |





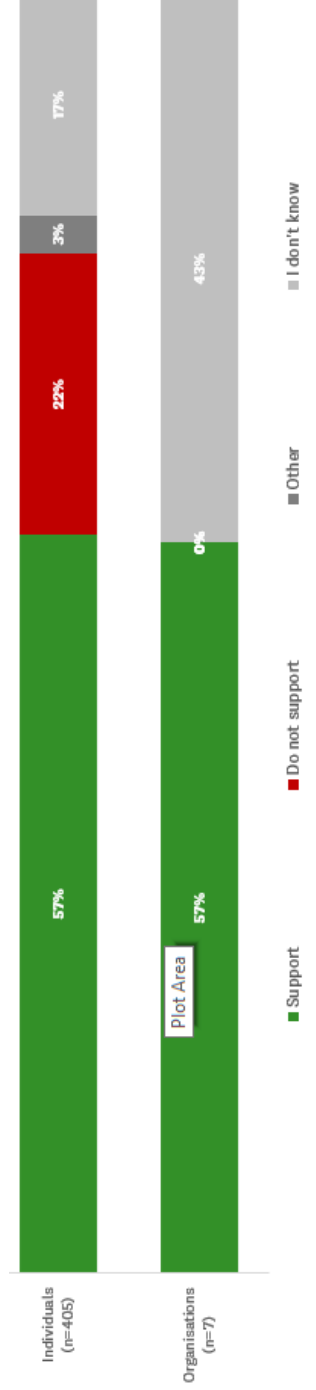
## Other rates, fees and charges

### Waste management rates changes

Aucklanders were asked if they support applying the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to fund the council's rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

### Other proposed changes to fees and charges included in the consultation document included:

- changes to some animal management fees including an increase in the dog adoption fee from \$350 to \$450 and an increase vet fee from \$75 to \$150
- fees for some cemetery and cremation services
- realigning bach fees into pricing tiers based on occupancy levels, capacity, and location
- aligning staff charge-out rates with staff pay bands for services in regional parks.







## Other matters

Feedback on any other matters, including local matters for consideration and the draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026



# Topic 4: Advocacy initiatives to be considered by Governing Body for the Annual Plan 2025/2026





# Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Advocacy

The key initiatives that the local board advocated for as part of the long-term plan are in the table below



| Initiatives   | Description  |
|---|--|
| Emergency response  | Greater support to help people prepare and respond to emergencies  |
| Stormwater management   | Increased investment in the provision and improvement of stormwater assets   |
| Improved Transport options on the Devonport Peninsula                               | Funding and support for improved travel options on the Devonport Peninsula including the upgrade of Lake Road, the development of the Francis Esmonde Link and the development of a new Bayswater Ferry Terminal   |
| Improved water quality  | Increased investment in the Wairau Catchment and Lake Pupuke to improve water quality.   |
| Management and renewal of Heritage assets   | Additional funding to renew and protect our natural and built heritage assets or that they be funded from a regional budget.   |
| Continued support to meet increased cost pressures for the 2026/2027 financial year | It is unlikely that the local board will have the ability to meet significant cost pressures in the 2026/2027 financial year. The timeframes available do not permit the delivery of a targeted rate, the sale of any council assets that would reduce OPEX charges, any significant revenue to be derived from increased fees and charges and without advice and time to undertake necessary consultation reductions in service levels may be limited. Support from the Governing Body is sought. |

# Topic 5: Input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026





**Key steps: local board input on regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026**

**Consider  
consultation  
feedback  
(today)**

**Resolve your  
input on regional  
topics  
(29 April)**

**Present to  
Budget  
Committee  
(14 May)**

# Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Input into the Annual Plan 2025/2026

Presenter: Chair Melissa Powell

Governing Body workshop 13 May 2025





## Devonport-Takapuna Feedback on Regional topics for Annual Plan 2025/2025

| Topic   | Support /<br>Do not<br>support | Feedback |
|---|--------------------------------|----------|
| Overall plan  |                                |          |
| Destination<br>management and<br>major events (bed<br>night visitor levy) |                                |          |
| Other rates, fees<br>and charges  |                                |          |



## Devonport-Takapuna Key Feedback

- Add any additional feedback here (particularly areas on do not support or areas from Local Board Plan to highlight)





## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board advocacy

- Note key advocacy here



Item 5

Attachment A

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# Devonport-Takapuna Grants Programme 2025/2026

- Vincent Marshall - Grants Advisor





# Purpose

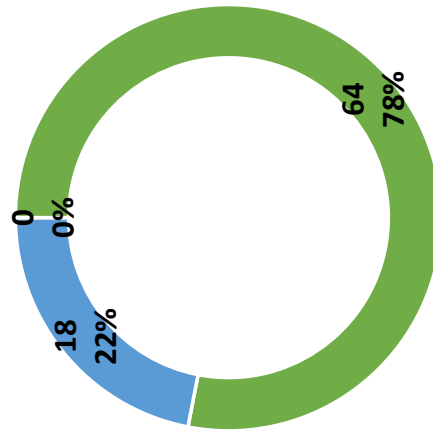
- To review the Devonport-Takapuna Grants Programme
- Snapshot of previous financial years' grants
- Review the programme for 2025/2026 including:
  - outcomes and priorities
  - lower priorities
  - exclusions
  - dates
  - declined reasons



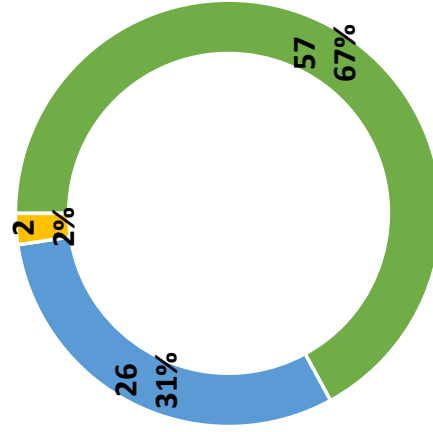


## Volume and approval rate

2022/2023 = 82 applications



2023/2024 = 85 applications

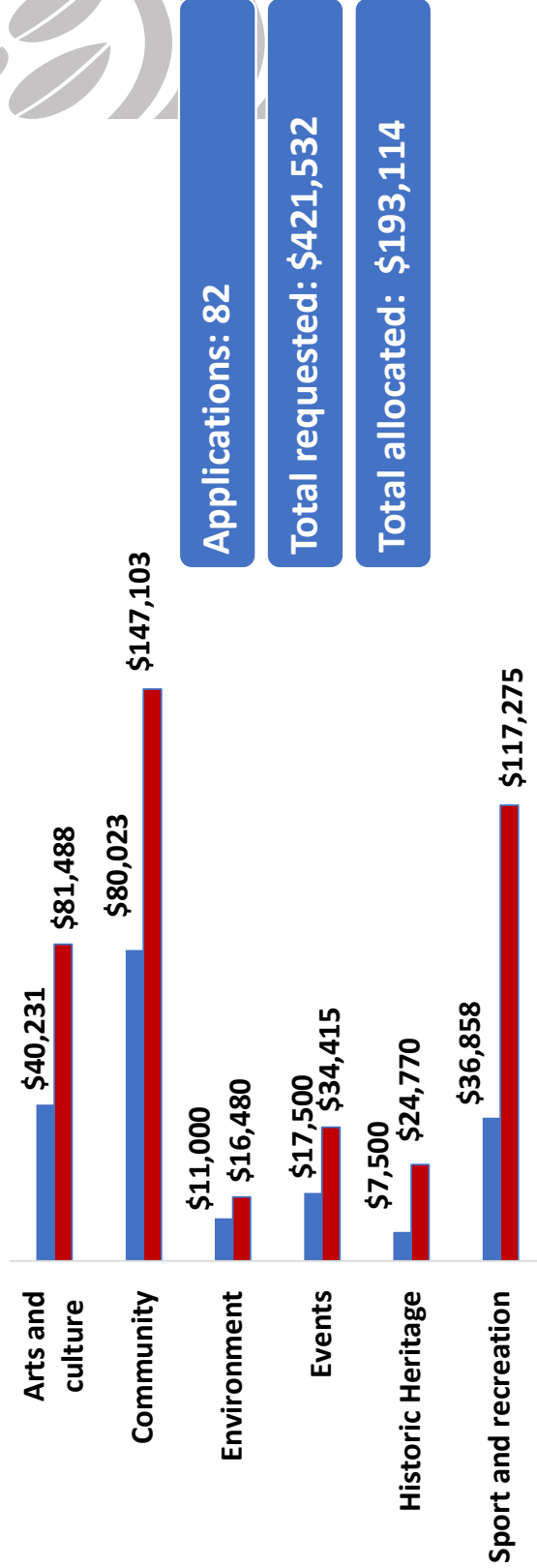


**Increase** in application numbers, in line with other local board grants programmes





## Local and Quick Response amount requested and allocated 2022/2023

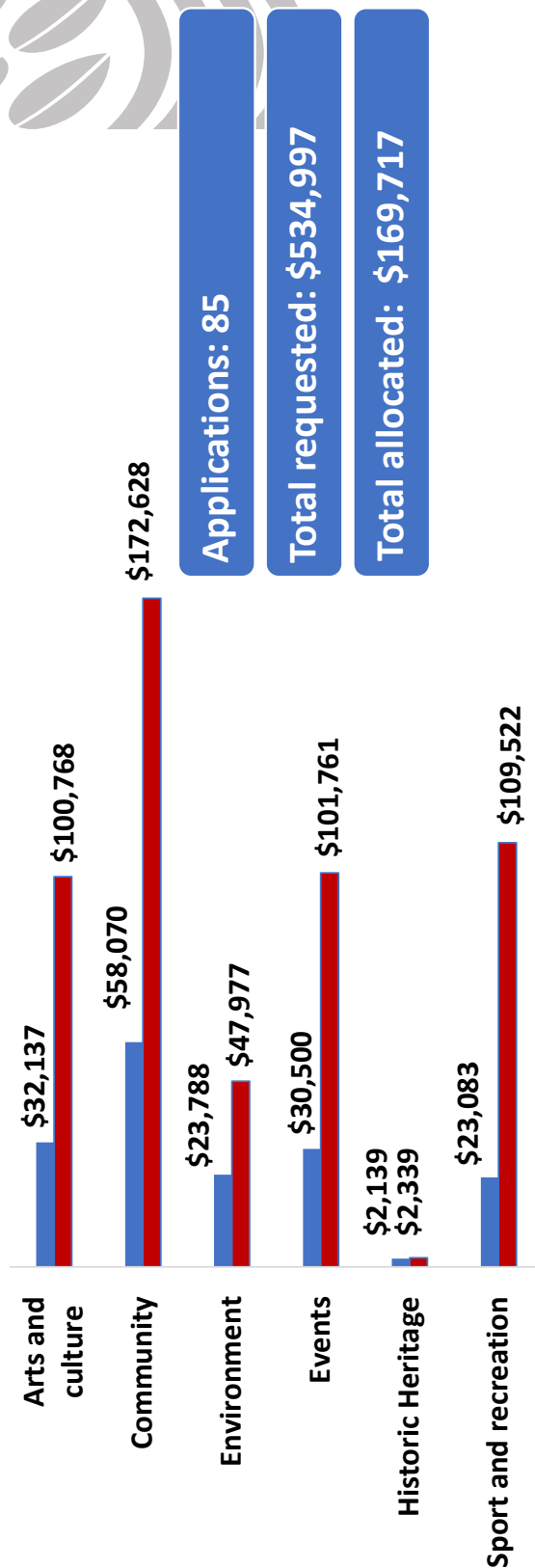


| Application project type | Arts and culture | Community | Environment | Events | Historic Heritage | Sport and recreation |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|--------|-------------------|----------------------|
| No. of Applications      | 20               | 31        | 3           | 4      | 2                 | 22                   |





## Local and Quick Response amount requested and allocated 2023/2024

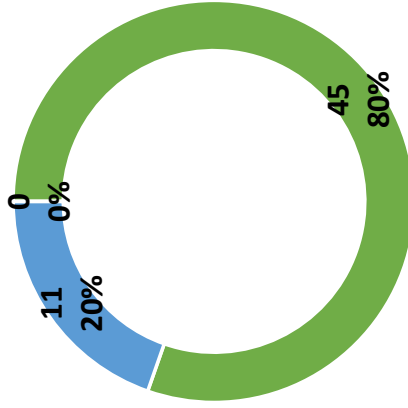


| Application project type | Arts and culture | Community | Environment | Events | Historic Heritage | Sport and recreation |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|--------|-------------------|----------------------|
| No. of Applications      | 17               | 29        | 7           | 11     | 1                 | 20                   |

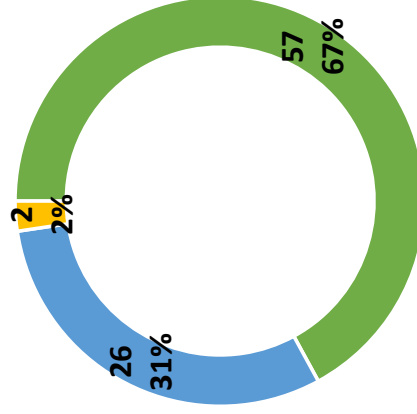


## Local Grants

2022/2023 = 56 Applications



2023/2024 = 85 Applications



**\$163,231** spent in **2022/2023**, and **\$169,717** spent in **2023/2024**

**\$370,896** requested in **2022/2023** and **\$534,997** requested in **2023/2024**

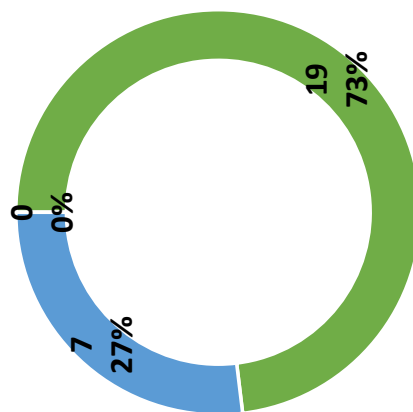






## Quick Response

2022/2023 = 26 Applications



\$29,882.61 spent in 2022/2023

\$50,635 requested in 2022/2023



## Top Grant Applications 2023/2024

| Application ID | Organization                                     | Project Title  | Allocated  | Location                            | Activity Type         |
|----------------|--|--|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| LG2402-105     | The Lions Club of Devonport Inc                  | Devonport Lions Santa Parade and Christmas Festival                        | \$7,000.00 | Devonport Village & Windsor reserve | Events                |
| LG2402-222     | Pupuke Birdsong Project                          | Pupukemoana Awareness Initiative   | \$6,438.00 | Lake Pupuke                         | Environment           |
| LG2402-202     | The Rose Centre                                  | Promotion and Paearu mahi / Performance criteria                           | \$6,367.00 | The Rose Centre                     | Community             |
| LG2402-158     | Sunnynook Community Centre Incorporated          | Security Cameras   | \$6,150.00 | Sunnynook Community Centre          | Community             |
| LG2402-216     | Sunnynook Community Centre Incorporated          | Steriliser/Dishwasher Replacement  | \$6,080.00 | Sunnynook Community Centre          | Community             |
| LG2402-147     | Depot Arts and Music Space Trust                 | DEPOT Artspace Main Gallery Upgrades                                       | \$5,000.00 | Depot Arts and Music Space          | Arts and Culture      |
| LG2402-142     | Milford Mariners Inc                             | Ongoing Maintenance Operations of Storm Debris Removal in Wairau Mangroves | \$5,000.00 | Wairau Mangroves and Estuary        | Environment           |
| LG2402-119     | NZ China International Trade Association Inc     | The Year of Dragon Celebration in Takapuna 2023                            | \$5,000.00 | Takapuna Beach & Anzac Square       | Events                |
| LG2402-207     | Lions Club of Devonport Inc                      | Devonport Santa Parade and Christmas Festival                              | \$4,500.00 | Devonport Village & Windsor Reserve | Sports and Recreation |
| LG2402-219     | Auckland North Community and Development (ANCAD) | Safe Space   | \$4,000.00 | Takapuna Library                    | Community             |

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board: Outcomes and Priorities (from Local Board Plan 2023)

### Our Environment

Our natural and built spaces are cared for and we put water quality and the environment front and centre

- Improve water quality in the Wairau Catchment, Lake Pupuke, and our marine environment
- Natural and built heritage are conserved and both colonial and Māori history and significant places are valued, promoted, and celebrated
- Empower the community to contribute to the control of plant and animal pests to allow native trees, birds and other biodiversity to thrive.
- Communities live more sustainably
- Canopy coverage is increased.

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board: Outcomes and Priorities (from Local Board Plan 2023) – cont'd

### Our People

#### We value inclusivity, diversity, and resilience

- All members of the community feel they can have a say in the decisions that affect them.
- Devonport-Takapuna has inclusive communities that embrace and celebrate our diversity
- Māori are involved in decision making.
- Provide opportunities to recognise and celebrate Māori heritage and culture.
- Our communities are thriving and empowered to support one another.



## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board: Outcomes and Priorities (from Local Board Plan 2023) – cont'd

### Our Community and Facilities

Our community has access to quality services in facilities that meet their needs

- Services are integrated and streamlined
- Provide a strong connected network of safe and quality spaces for all members of our community to enjoy now and in the future
- Use of sustainable and locally sourced materials and practices are encouraged and supported.
- Investment is targeted where the need is greatest.
- Parks and facilities are accessible to people of all ages and abilities.
- Opportunities to participate in sport and active recreation are available and accessible.















































































































































