
Whau Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Whau Local Board held in the Whau Local Board Office, 31 Totara Avenue, New Lynn on Wednesday, 23 April 2025 at 1:00 pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Kay Thomas	
Members	Catherine Farmer	
	Valeria Gascoigne	
	Sarah Paterson-Hamlin	(online)

TE HUNGA KĀORE I TAE MAI | ABSENT

Deputy Chairperson	Fasitua Amosa
Members	Ross Clow
	Warren Piper

1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson Kay Thomas opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number WH/2025/40

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / accept the apologies from Deputy Chairperson F Amosa, Member R Clow and 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 Amosa	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 Aмоса
The Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust	Ross Clow	Sarah Paterson-Hamlin

4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number WH/2025/41

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- b) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 26 March 2025, as true and correct.**

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: Riversdale Skatepark

Resolution number WH/2025/42

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank Aaron Martin for his attendance.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Presentation - Rivewrsdale Skatepark

8.2 Deputation: Kāinga Pukapuka

Resolution number WH/2025/43

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank David Riley for his attendance and for his work for the Whau's struggling families.**

CARRIED

Attachments

A Presentation - Oceania Literary Trust

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

There was no public forum.

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Whau Ward Councillor's update

Resolution number WH/2025/44

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

That the Whau Local Board:

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

CARRIED

12 2024/2025 work programme budget reallocations

Resolution number WH/2025/45

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / approve the reallocation of \$24,766 underspend 2024/2025 budget from ID494: Youth development Whau towards the following activities:**
 - i) **ID4074: Placemaking Community Whau - \$15,000**
 - ii) **ID4380: Local Civic Events Whau - \$9,766.**

CARRIED

13 Update on Te Hono Contractor Procurement Process

Resolution number WH/2025/46

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the update on the progress of the Te Hono – new Avondale Library and Community Hub project and acknowledge the information contained in this report and thank Eke Panuku for its ongoing work in this space.**

CARRIED

14 Whau Play Plan 2025

Resolution number WH/2025/47

MOVED by Member S Paterson-Hamlin, seconded by Member C Farmer:

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whai / adopt the Whau Play Plan 2025 as set out in Attachment A to the agenda report.**

CARRIED

15 Public feedback on proposal to amend dog policy and bylaw

Resolution number WH/2025/48

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **tūtohi / receive the public feedback from people in the local board area to the Governing Body proposal to amend matters of regional significance in the Auckland Council [Kaupapa mo ngā Kurī | Policy on Dogs 2019](#) and [Ture a Rohe Tiakina Kurī | Dog Management Bylaw 2019](#) in the agenda report.**
- b) **whakarato / provide the following views on how the Governing Body Dog Policy and Bylaw Panel should address public feedback to the proposal in (a) to assist the Panel in its deliberations:**
 - i) **do not support the current proposal to limit multiple dog walking by a single individual to a maximum of six dogs (both on-leash or off-leash), and a maximum of three (of the six) off a leash in an off-leash area, in response to the majority of public feedback opposing the changes, and request the panel work with the Professional Dog Walkers Association (PDWA) on an appropriate limit and implementing a licensing regime.**
 - ii) **recommend introducing regulations and alternative limits for qualified professional dog walkers, including:**
 - A) **requirement for qualifications and licensing.**
 - B) **setting a limit of twelve dogs applying to licensed professional dog walkers.**
 - iii) **support the proposed changes under general policy and bylaw matters:**
 - A) **Restructure the policy to more clearly show its goal, focus areas, council actions, and rules**
 - B) **Clarify rule that all dogs classified as menacing must be neutered**
 - C) **Clarify who can provide behavioural assessments in relation to menacing dog classifications**
 - D) **Clarify how dog access rules are set**
 - E) **Clarify Auckland-wide dog access rules.**

CARRIED

16 Public feedback on proposed changes to cemetery bylaw

Resolution number WH/2025/49

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **tūtohi / receive the public feedback from people in the local board area to the Governing Body proposal to amend the Auckland Council Ture ā-Rohe mo ngā Wāhi Tapu me ngā Whare Tahu Tupāpaku | [Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw 2014](#) (Bylaw) and to revoke Arataki Tikanga mo ngā Wāhi Tapu me ngā Whare Tahu Tupāpaku | [Cemeteries and Crematoria Code of Practice 2014](#) (Code) in the agenda report.**
- b) **tautoko / support the proposed amendments to the bylaw, and to revoke the Code of Practice.**

- c) whakatuu / appoint Member S Paterson-Hamlin to present the views in (b) to the Governing Body Cemeteries and Crematoria Bylaw Panel.
- d) tuku mana / delegate authority to the local board chair to appoint a replacement if Member S Paterson-Hamlin is unable to present to the Panel.

CARRIED

17 Proposed changes to the draft Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy

Resolution number WH/2025/50

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) ohia / receive the final amended Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy in Attachment B.
- b) tautoko / support the strategic directions of Manaaki Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland Open Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy.
- c) tautoko / support Policy 1: Making the most of our open spaces, and its five associated objectives and Policy 3: Auckland Council's investment in play, sport and recreation, and its three associated objectives.
- d) do not support Policy 2: Open space provision and acquisition, and as Objective 7 because of its emphasis on value for money.
- e) disagree that financial constraints faced by Auckland Council should limit the provision of sufficient open spaces as this may hinder the provision of a liveable city for future generations of Aucklanders.
- f) tono / request more information on investment principle 2 and the criteria that will be used for "evidence of need" and how the voices of less vociferous Aucklanders will be sought.
- g) tautoko / support increased development contributions to facilitate the acquisition of such open space.
- h) strongly support a commitment from the Governing Body to long term sustainable funding for the acquisition of sufficient quality open space for future population growth.
- i) tautoko / support local boards being able to access such funding for the acquisition of properties neighbouring parks as they become available.
- j) akiaki / urge a greater emphasis on equity and accessibility in the strategy and support the proposed changes that will facilitate their inclusion.
- k) tautoko / support the proposed changes to enable better recognition of environment and biodiversity outcomes.
- l) tautoko / support honouring our Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations in the strategy and the proposed change to include "cultural heritage (Māori and non-Māori)" as an amendment to bullet point 5 on page 14.
- m) do not support option package two, capacity focussed, as it does not provide the same level of open spaces in high-density areas.
- n) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that areas of brownfield development are often underserved with open spaces and the admission that Option Package Two was "developed in recognition of the difficulty of acquiring large pieces of open

- spaces in brownfield redevelopment” does a disservice to the residents of such redevelopment.
- o) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note concerns that the acquisition policies do not appear to consider the impact of the loss or change in accessibility to non-council owned open space and sport and recreation facilities, e.g. the Avondale Racecourse, golf courses and school facilities.
 - p) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note the high-density development taking place and planned for Avondale and further note that this policy may lead to Avondale Racecourse being developed intensively with only pocket or neighbourhood parks being provided with the consequent loss of significant open space.
 - q) further note that such a development would mean that the loss of the sports fields currently leased by Auckland Council and used by a range of codes from across the region.
 - r) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note Whau Local Board’s ongoing advocacy around the acquisition of significant open space, including sports fields, at Avondale racecourse.
 - s) further note the theme from consultation feedback that open spaces need to be an integral part of urban planning and should be integrated into urban development, especially in high-density areas.
 - t) akiaki / urge Auckland Council to ensure that large developments, including those led by the Crown provide adequate levels of open space before plan changes and resource consents are granted.
 - u) tautoko / support the adoption of clear, internationally benchmarked per capita open space standards.
 - v) tono / request that to ensure the strategic directions are achieved the minimum standard for provision of parks be set at the maximum level proposed, i.e., 1500 m2 minimum size for pocket parks, 5000m2 minimum size for neighbourhood parks in high-density areas and 3000-5000m2 size in medium and low-density areas.
 - w) tūtohu / recommend that assessment of the network provision should not include land allocated for the blue-green network due to limited public access during flooding events and development of these spaces is a long-term programme.
 - x) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that most regional parks are on the outskirts of Auckland, that the only regional park within proximity to the Whau Local Board area is the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park and further note that many Whau residents cannot access regional parks due to a lack of private or appropriate public transport.
 - y) tūtohu / recommend greater collaboration between Auckland Council and the Ministry of Education but recognise that limitations exist in the ability of schools to provide open space and sports facilities.
 - z) tuhi ā-taipitopito / note further work is needed to improve advice and support to local boards for implementation of the strategy, and that this work is underway to inform the development of an implementation and monitoring plan.
 - aa) tono / request the Policy and Planning Committee do not adopt the draft strategy, but that staff seriously consider Sport Waitakere’s submission requesting a draft strategy that ensures “a network of diverse, well-connected spaces that support recreation, health and well-being for all Aucklanders.”

CARRIED

18 Allocation of decision-making responsibilities for council-controlled organisation activities coming in house

Resolution number WH/2025/51

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

That the Whau Local Board:

- a) **whakahei / welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on staff proposals relating to the allocation of decision-making responsibility for:**
 - i. **the urban regeneration and property management activities currently governed by the Eke Panuku board**
 - ii. **the economic development activities currently governed by the Tātaki Auckland Unlimited board.**

to either the Governing Body or local boards in accordance with section 17 of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009.
- b) **tautoko / support the role of local boards in local place-shaping and creating a local identity as listed under Planning and development and recommend the same is applied under Urban Regeneration.**
- c) **tūtohu / recommend local board responsibilities to include Local urban regeneration programme outcomes and objectives in alignment with the Auckland-wide programme.**
- d) **tautoko / support the proposed allocation to local boards for the implementation of priority location plans, within parameters set by the Governing Body, but suggest that this would include sequencing of urban regeneration projects in the plan.**
- e) **tono / request advice on the degree of local boards involvement in Area Plans in light of increased decision-making of local boards.**
- f) **āhukahuka / acknowledge the quality of the urban regeneration work completed by Eke Panuku is the Unlock Avondale project.**
- g) **tautoko / support reinstatement of “local economic development plans, projects and initiatives” in the allocation of decision-making table.**
- h) **tono / request that relevant, informed, quality advice and support on local economic development is available to local boards.**
- i) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that staff recommendations and feedback from local boards will be considered at the Governing Body meeting on 29 May 2025 and associated changes to the allocation of decision-making table will be implemented as part of Annual Plan 2025/2026 decisions.**
- j) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note that further work is required in relation to determining the future decision-making allocation on:**
 - i. **funding of new priority urban regeneration or development locations as additional programmes are identified, such as New Lynn**
 - ii. **how anticipated demand from local boards for local economic development and urban regeneration advice is to be addressed**
 - iii. **property management decisions (undertaken as part of the Group Property Review).**
- k) **tuhi ā-taipitopito / note concerns that allocation of decision-making responsibilities do not provide for local decision-making on stormwater activities in parks, and land use decisions for storm-affected properties.**

- l) **tūtohu / recommend that local boards be allocated decision-making for service properties and that any decisions to move a service property to non-service be a formal local board decision.**

CARRIED

19 Chair's Report - Kay Thomas

Resolution number WH/2025/52

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

That the Whau Local Board:

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

CARRIED

20 Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance Forward Work Programme

Resolution number WH/2025/53

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

That the Whau Local Board:

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

CARRIED

21 Whau Local Board Workshop Records

Resolution number WH/2025/54

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

That the Whau Local Board:

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

CARRIED

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

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

1.43 pm

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

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ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....