

**Date:** Tuesday, 29 April 2025  
**Time:** 10.00am  
**Meeting Room:** Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Office  
**Venue:** 1-7 The Strand  
Takapuna

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board OPEN AGENDA

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## 1 Nau mai | Welcome

The meeting will be opened with a karakia.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	Cease o winds from the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	Cease o winds from the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta	Bring calm breezes over the land
Kia mātaratara ki tai	Bring calm breezes over the sea
E hī ake ana te atakura	And let the red-tipped dawn come
He tio	With a touch of frost
He huka	A sharpened air
He hau hū	And promise of a glorious day.
Tīhei mauri ora	

## 2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

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

## 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.

## 4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Tuesday, 15 April 2025, as true and correct.

## 5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

## 6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

At the close of the agenda no requests for acknowledgements had been received.

## 7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

At the close of the agenda no requests to present petitions had been received.

## 8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

Standing Order 7.7 provides for deputations. Those applying for deputations are required to give seven working days notice of subject matter and applications are approved by the Chairperson of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board. This means that details relating to

deputations can be included in the published agenda. Total speaking time per deputation is ten minutes or as resolved by the meeting.

At the close of the agenda no requests for deputations had been received.

## 9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

A period of time (approximately 30 minutes) is set aside for members of the public to address the meeting on matters within its delegated authority. A maximum of three minutes per speaker is allowed, following which there may be questions from members.

At the close of the agenda no requests for public forum had been received.

## 10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-
  - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
  - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
  - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
  - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

# Annual Plan 2025-2026: local board consultation feedback and input

File No.: CP2025/06713

Item 11

## Te take mō te pūrongo

### Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area on:
  - proposed priorities, activities and advocacy initiatives for the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Agreement 2025/2026
  - regional topics for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
2. To recommend any local matters or advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body for consideration or decision-making as part of the Annual Plan 2025/2026 process.
3. To provide input on the proposed regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026.

## Whakarāpopototanga matua

### Executive summary

4. Local board agreements outline annual funding priorities, activities, budgets, levels of service, performance measures and initiatives for each local board area. The 2025/2026 local board agreements will be included in the Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026.
5. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2025 to gather community feedback on the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026. This included consultation on the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement, and key priorities and advocacy initiatives for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
6. Auckland Council received 13,016 submissions in total across the region. 677 submissions were made on the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area. 430 submissions were received from submitters that selected Devonport-Takapuna as their local board area including seven organisations. A detailed analysis on these submissions is provided in the analysis and advice section of this report.
7. As part of the Annual Plan process, local boards provide recommendations to the Governing Body for consideration or decision-making. This includes any local board advocacy initiatives. The Governing Body will consider these matters during the Annual Plan decision-making process in May and June 2025, including:
  - any new/expanded business improvement district, or change to their rating mechanisms
  - any new/amended local targeted rate proposals
  - the release of local board specific reserve funds
  - any other local board advocacy initiatives.
8. Local boards have a statutory responsibility to provide input into regional strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws. This report provides an opportunity for the local board to provide input on council's Annual Plan 2025/2026.

## Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on the proposed Devonport-Takapuna Local Board priorities and activities for 2025/2026.
- b) whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 from people and organisations based in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area.
- c) tuku / provide input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 and key advocacy initiatives to the Governing Body.

## Horopaki Context

9. Each financial year Auckland Council must have a local board agreement (as agreed between the Governing Body and the relevant local board) for each local board area. The local board agreement outlines how the Council will reflect priorities of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2023 in respect of the local activities to be provided in the local board area, and also includes information on budgets, levels of service, and performance measures.
10. The Local Board Agreements 2025/2026 will form part of the Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026.
11. Auckland Council publicly consulted from 28 February to 28 March 2025 to seek community feedback on the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026. The consultation content included information on regional proposals to be decided by the Governing Body, and information on the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement, and key local board priorities and advocacy initiatives for 2025/2026.
12. Local boards have a statutory responsibility to identify and communicate the interests and preferences of people in their local board area in relation to the Annual Plan 2025/2026.

## Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

13. This report includes analysis of consultation feedback, any local matters to be recommended to the Governing Body and seeks input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026.

### Consultation feedback overview

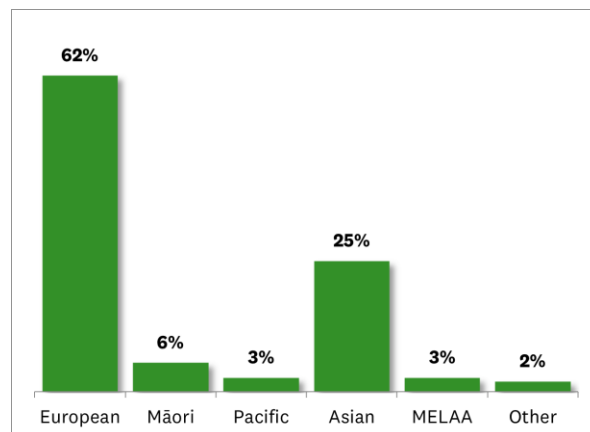
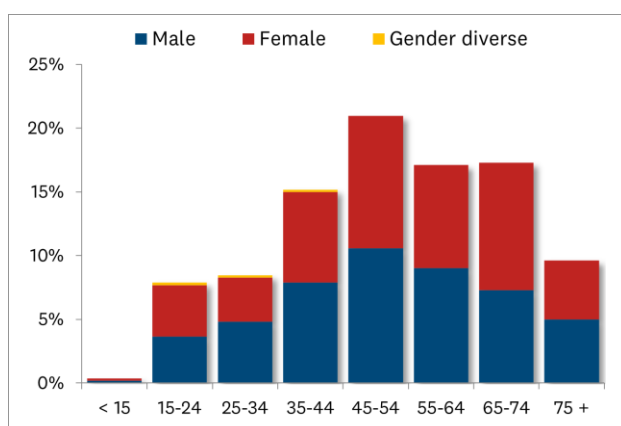
14. As part of the public consultation for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 Auckland Council used a variety of methods and channels to reach and engage a broad cross section of Aucklanders to gain their feedback and input into regional and local topics.
15. In total, Auckland Council received feedback from 13,016 people in the consultation period. This feedback was received through:
  - written feedback – 10,011 hard copy and online forms, emails and letters.
  - in person – 3,001 pieces of feedback through 89 Have Your Say events (2 of which were held in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area)
  - Neurodiverse Online Audio – four feedback forms



16. Four hundred and thirty (430) submissions were received from residents that said they live in Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area. 430 were from individuals and seven from organisations.
17. Two hundred and forty-seven submissions were received from residents that said they live outside the Devonport-Takapuna area but indicated their response relates to Devonport-Takapuna.
18. All feedback will be made available on an Auckland Council webpage called “Feedback on the Annual Plan 2025/2026” and will be accessible after 22 April 2025 through the following link: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/annual-plan-2025-2026/feedback-annual-plan-2025-2026>.
19. During the consultation period, the question “What do you think of our proposals for our local board area in 2025/2026?” was discovered to be missing from the online feedback form, affecting 125 submissions for Devonport-Takapuna Local Board (around 1,700 submissions in total). The issue was later corrected, and affected submitters were contacted with a link to provide feedback on this question before the consultation closed on 28 March. Of the affected submissions, 52 submitters responded to the missing question (894 in total). A review was conducted to identify the cause of the error and prevent similar issues in the future.

### Information on submitters

20. The graphs below provide an overview of demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to submitters living in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area who provided demographic information:

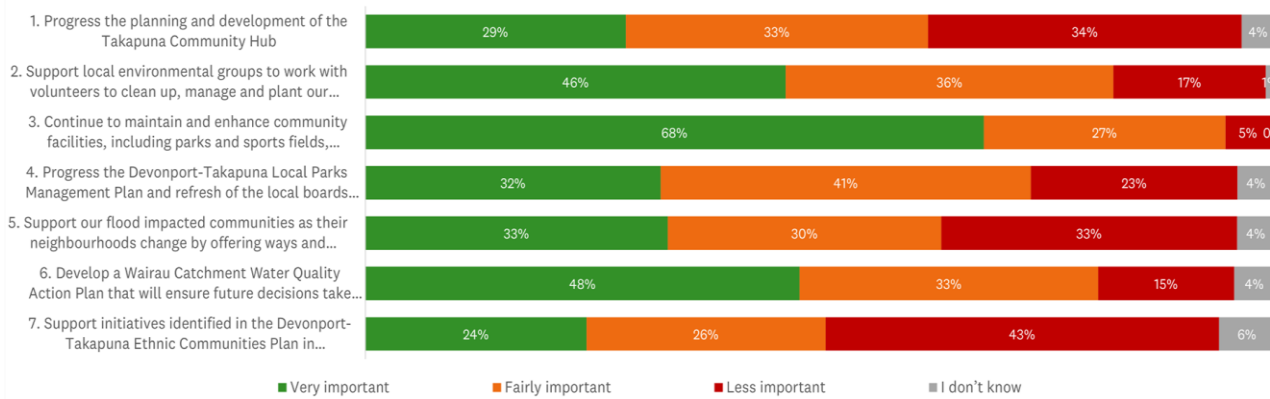


### Feedback received on the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board’s priorities for 2025/2026 and the Annual Plan 2025/2026

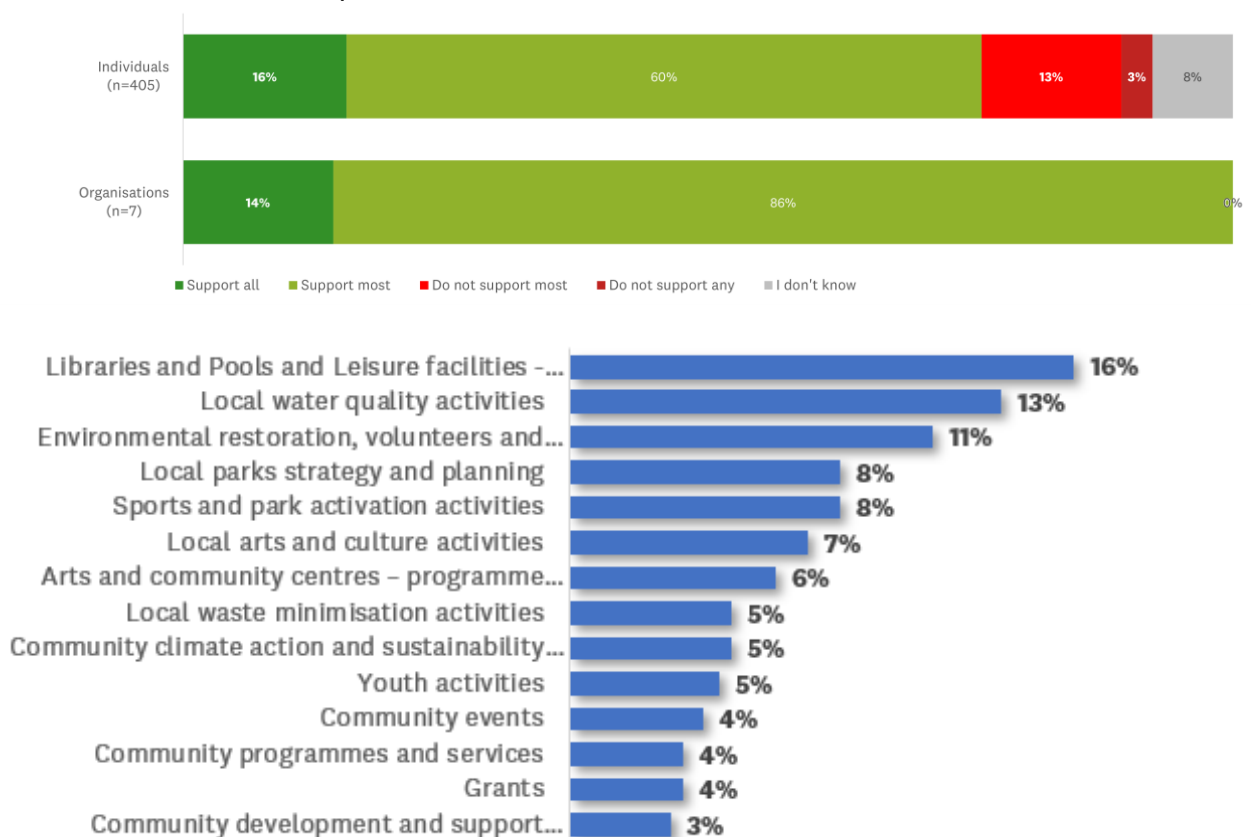
21. The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board consulted on the following local priorities for 2025/2026:
  - **Priority 1:** Progress the planning and development of the Takapuna Community Hub
  - **Priority 2:** Support local environmental groups to work with volunteers to clean up, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces contributing to better outcomes and more weather resilient spaces.
  - **Priority 3:** Continue to maintain and enhance community facilities, including parks and sports fields, libraries and community venues to meet community needs
  - **Priority 4:** Progress the Devonport-Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan and refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan

- **Priority 5:** Support our flood impacted communities as their neighbourhoods change by offering ways and places to connect and share experiences and information.
- **Priority 6:** Develop a Wairau Catchment Water Quality Action Plan that will ensure future decisions take advantage of existing reports and advice.
- **Priority 7:** Support initiatives identified in the Devonport-Takapuna Ethnic Communities Plan in collaboration with the relative representatives of our ethnic communities.

22. 677 submissions in total were received on Devonport-Takapuna Local Board's priorities and key advocacy initiatives.



23. Additionally, the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board asked for feedback on which three services listed were most important to each submitter. The graph below provides an overview of how submitters prioritised each service.



## Key themes

24. Community feedback across the Devonport-Takapuna area shows strong support for maintaining core infrastructure, protecting the environment, and ensuring council spending reflects community priorities.
25. 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.
26. 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 the future of the Takapuna Golf Course.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. Consultation feedback on local board priorities will be considered by the local board when approving their local board agreement between 10-12 June 2025. Local board key advocacy initiatives will be considered in the current report.

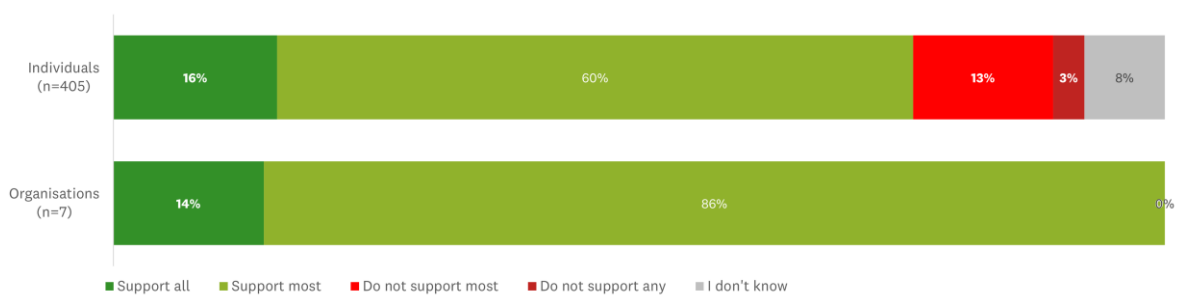
## Overview of feedback received on regional topics in the Annual Plan from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area

32. The proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 builds on the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP), setting out Auckland Council's priorities and how services and investments are proposed to be funded. Consultation on the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 asked submitters to respond to key questions related to:
  - The overall plan
  - Destination management and major events
  - Changes to other rates, fees and charges
  - Local board priorities.
33. Submitters were also encouraged to provide feedback on any of other matters included in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 consultation document.
34. The submissions received from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area on these key issues are summarised below, along with an overview of any other areas of feedback on regional proposals with a local impact.

### Key Question 1: Overall Plan

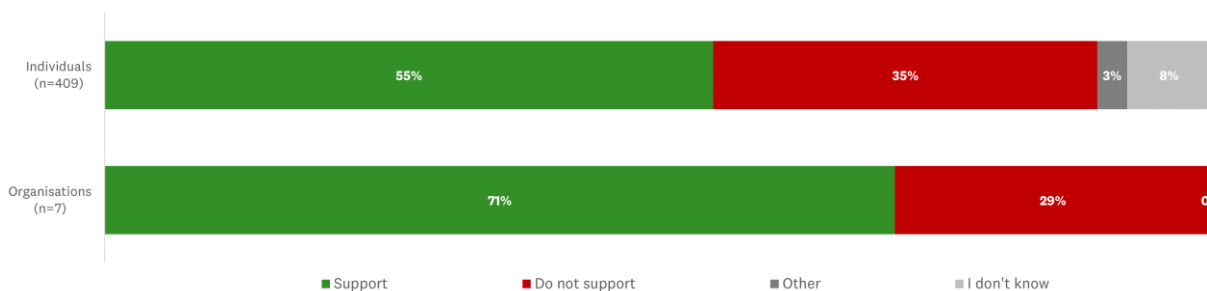
35. Aucklanders were asked whether they support the overall plan including prioritising investment in:
  - transport
  - water; and

- fairer funding for local communities.
36. 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.
37. 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.
38. The graphs below gives an overview of the responses from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area.



**Key Question 2: Destination management and major events**

39. 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.
40. 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.
41. The graphs below give an overview of the responses from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area.



### Key Question 3: changes to other rates, fees and charges

42. Aucklanders were asked to provide feedback on proposed changes to certain targeted rates and some fees and charges as outlined below.

#### Waste management rates changes

43. Aucklanders were asked whether 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.
44. Starting in 2025/2026, residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney will be charged a refuse targeted rate for the first time. Franklin's rate will cover a full year of service, while Rodney's will be about 83 per cent of the full charge due to its scheduled September 2025 start date. Additionally, from July 2025, waste management services and targeted rates will be introduced in Manukau's commercial areas where the service isn't presently available.
45. There were 152 submissions from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area which referenced these fees. The key themes from the feedback received were concerns for rates increases, support for a PAYT rubbish collection system, and encouraging waste reduction. There was also opposition to paying for unused waste collection services.

#### Changes to fees and charges

46. Other proposed changes to fees and charges included in the consultation document for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 include:
- 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

There were no submissions from the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area which referenced these fees.

#### Any other feedback

47. Aucklanders were asked if they had any other comments. Key themes of note across other areas of feedback received included:
- General support for the proposal
  - Wasteful spending
  - Transparency, communication, and engagement
48. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area (Ngaati Whanaunga, Te Runanga o Ngāti Whātua, Te Patukirikiri, Te Kawerau a Maki, Te Ākitai Waiohua, Te Ahiwaru, Ngāti Tamaterā, Ngati Maru Runanga, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust) gave feedback as follows:

##### Partnership & Governance

- Stronger Iwi Involvement: Many groups (e.g., Ngaati Whanaunga, Te Patukirikiri, Ngāti Tamaterā) call for co-governance roles, formal representation, and genuine partnerships with Auckland Council.
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi: Affirmation of Treaty obligations, with emphasis on shared decision-making and honoring Māori leadership across all council processes.

#### Transparency & Accountability

- Funding Clarity: Concerns raised (e.g., Ngaati Whanaunga) about transparency in mana whenua funding and the Māori Outcomes Fund. Several recommend iwi-led reviews and better reporting mechanisms.
- Consultation Practices: Repeated calls for early and meaningful consultation, not just after decisions are made.

#### Cultural Protection & Investment

- Asset Safeguarding: Requests to protect culturally significant sites (e.g., Ngaati Whanaunga, Te Ahiwaru) and halt disposals without iwi consent.
- Cultural Revitalization: Support for initiatives like Te Kete Rukuruku, indigenous arts, and place name restoration.

#### Environmental Stewardship

- Kaitiakitanga: Calls for iwi-led ecological initiatives, pest management, and water restoration projects (e.g., Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngāti Maru).
- Fire Risk Management: Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei raises concerns about unmanaged fire hazards on maunga, proposing controlled grazing strategies.

#### Economic Development & Housing

- Equity & Opportunity: Calls for prioritizing Māori businesses in procurement, investing in youth employment, and promoting Māori tourism.
- Papakāinga & Urban Development: Support for Māori-led housing (e.g., Te Ākitai Waiohua, Te Ahiwaru), including co-developing housing strategies with iwi leadership.

#### Resourcing & Capacity

- Capacity-building: increased support for Māori entities to fulfil regulatory functions and staffing (e.g., Te Kawerau a Maki's request for rangers and officers).
- Long-term investment: Emphasis on sustainable, iwi-led development rather than short-term funding.

### Recommendations on local matters

49. This report provides for the local board to recommend local matters to the Governing Body for consideration as part of the Annual Plan process, in May 2025. This includes:
- any new/amended local targeted rate proposals
  - any new/expanded business improvement district, or change to their rating mechanisms
  - release of local board specific reserve funds
  - local advocacy initiatives.

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

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

#### Local board specific reserve funds

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

#### Local board advocacy

52. Local boards can also agree advocacy initiatives which considers the consultation feedback above. This allows the Governing Body to consider these advocacy items when making decisions on the Annual Plan 2025/2026 in May.

53. The advocacy initiatives approved by the local board will then be included as an appendix to the 2025/2026 Local Board Agreement

### Local board input on regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026

54. Local boards have a statutory responsibility for identifying and communicating the interests and preferences of the people in its local board area in relation to Auckland Council's strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws, and any proposed changes to be made to them. This report provides an opportunity for the local board to provide input on council's proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026.
55. Local board plans reflect community priorities and preferences and are key documents that guide the development of local board agreements, local board annual work programmes, and local board input into regional plans such as the long-term plan and annual plan.

### Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi Climate impact statement

56. The decisions recommended in this report are part of the Annual Plan 2025/2026 and local board agreement process to approve funding and expenditure over the next year.
57. Projects allocated funding through this Annual Plan process will all have varying levels of potential climate impact associated with them. The climate impacts of projects Auckland Council chooses to progress, are all assessed carefully as part of council's rigorous reporting requirements.

### Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera Council group impacts and views

58. The Annual Plan 2025/2026 is an Auckland Council Group document and will include budgets at a consolidated group level. Consultation items and updates to budgets to reflect decisions and new information may include items from across the group.

### Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe Local impacts and local board views

59. The local board's decisions and feedback are being sought in this report. The local board has a statutory role in providing its feedback on regional plans.
60. Local boards play an important role in the development of the council's Annual Plan 2025/2026. Local board agreements form part of the Annual Plan. Local board chairs have been invited to attend Budget Committee workshops. Local board members were provided recordings or briefings of the Budget Committee workshops for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.

### Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

61. Many local board decisions are of importance to and impact Māori. Local board agreements and the Annual Plan are important tools that enable and can demonstrate the council's responsiveness to Māori Outcomes.
62. Local board plans, developed in 2023 through engagement with the community including Māori, form the basis of local board area priorities.
63. Some projects approved for funding could have discernible impacts on Māori. For any project or programme progressed by Auckland Council, the potential impacts on Māori, will be assessed as part of relevant reporting requirements.
64. Analysis of consultation feedback received on the proposed Annual Plan includes submissions made by mana whenua, matawaaka organisations and the wider Māori community who have interests in the rohe / local board area.

65. Ngā Mātārae led the council-wide approach to engagement with Māori entities. This included:
- Three information sessions for mana whenua
  - Five information session for mataawaka organisations
  - One hearing style event for mana whenua, Māori organisations and community groups.
66. Nineteen mana whenua entities have interests in the Auckland Council rohe. 13 of the 19 (68.42%) responded to the Auckland Council's proposals for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
67. Mana whenua feedback comprised 6 oral submissions to the Governing Body, and 6 written submissions.
68. Māori comprise 7.8 per cent of the population in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area. 31 submissions from people who identify as Māori were received from people residing in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area. This represents 6% of total submissions.
69. The following mana whenua and mataawaka organisations gave feedback on the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board priorities:
- Ngaati Whanaunga
  - Te Runanga o Ngāti Whātua
  - Te Patukirikiri
  - Te Kawerau a Maki
  - Te Ākitai Waiohū
  - Te Ahiwaru
  - Ngāti Tamaterā
  - Ngāti Maru Runanga
  - Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust

## Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

70. The local board provides input to regional plans and proposals. There is information in the council's consultation material for each plan or proposal with the financial implications of each option outlined for consideration.

## Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

71. The council must adopt its Annual Plan, which includes local board agreements, by 30 June 2025. The local board is required to make recommendations on these local matters for the Annual Plan by mid-May 2025, to enable and support the Governing Body to make decisions on key items to be included in the Annual Plan on 28 May 2025.

## Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

72. Recommendations and feedback from the local board will be provided to the Budget Committee for consideration as part of decision-making for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
73. The local board will approve its local content for inclusion in the final Annual Plan 2025/2026 (including its local board agreement) and corresponding work programmes in June 2025.



74. The final Annual Plan 2025/2026 (including local board agreements) will be adopted by the Governing Body on 25 June 2025.

## Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

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<a href="#">A</a>	FEEDBACK TEMPLATE - Annual Plan 2025-2026 local board input	19
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## Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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**XXXX** Local Board feedback on Annual Plan 2025-2026 regional topics

**Overall direction**

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
<b>The overall plan</b> This includes prioritising investment in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>transport</li> <li>water; and</li> <li>fairer funding for local communities.</li> </ul> An average 5.8 per cent rates increase		
<b>Destination management and major events</b> Introducing a bed night visitor levy on short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events		

**Changes to other rates, fees and charges**


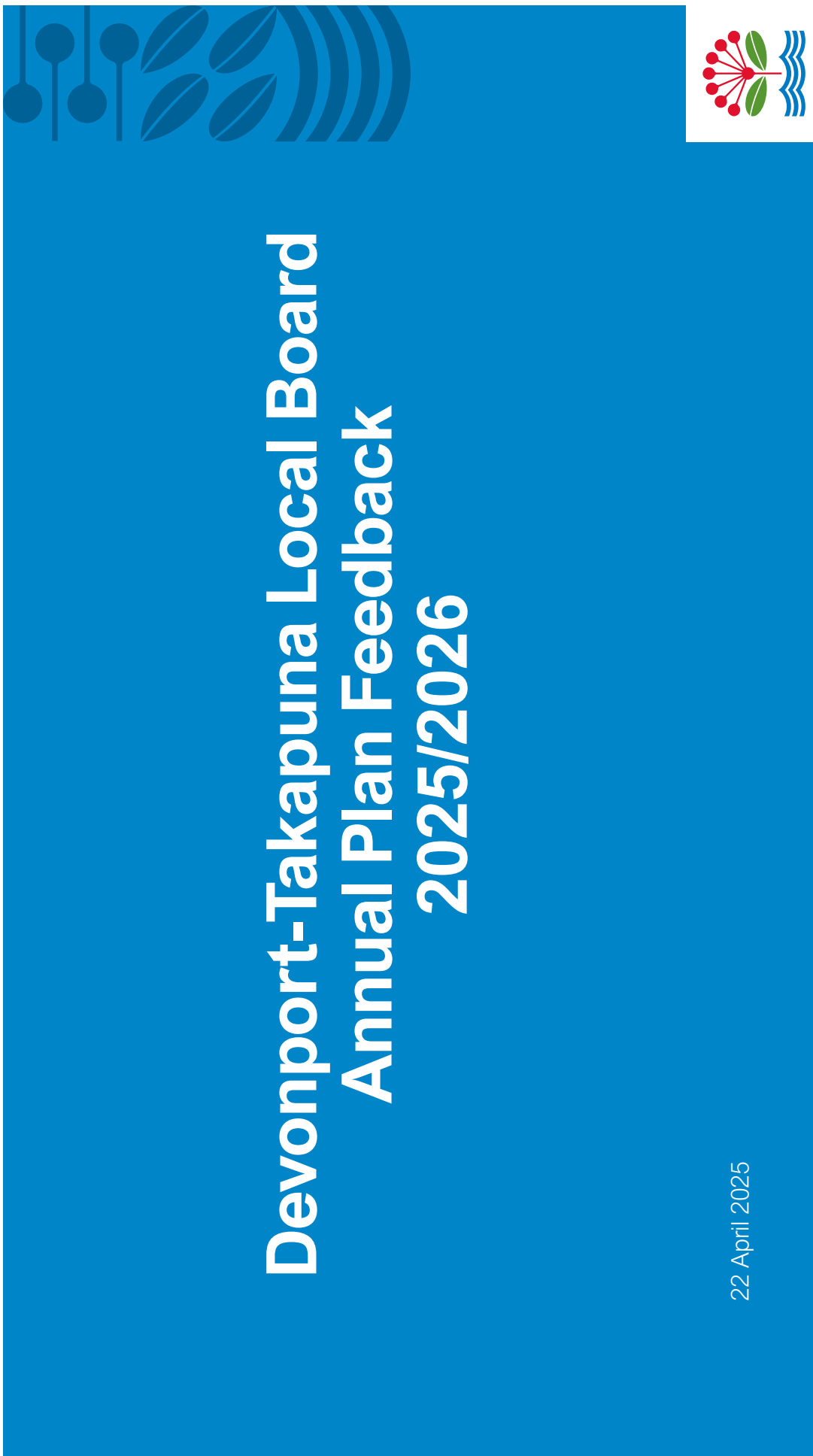
Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
3% increase to the overall waste management targeted rate for a typical household		
Introduction of the refuse targeted rate to the former districts of Rodney and Franklin.		
Animal management fees: increase dog adoption fee from \$350 to \$450		
Animal management fees: increase vet fee from \$75 to \$150.		
Changes to some cemetery fees		
Realign bach fees into pricing tiers based on occupancy levels, capacity and location		
Align staff charge out rates with staff pay bands for services in regional parks		

**Other matters**

Proposal	Support/Do not support	Local board input

**XXXX** Local Board key advocacy initiatives

Initiative	Description



# Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Annual Plan Feedback 2025/2026

22 April 2025



## 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."*
- 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."*
- Frustration with infrastructure planning and development policy contributing to issues.  
*"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."*
- Widespread concern over wasteful spending and over-engineered projects, with strong calls for focusing on value for money.  
*"You allow high-density development, then spend more on fixing water issues caused by it."*  
*"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.

# Approval of the proposed concept design and additional funding for playground renewal at Knightsbridge Reserve, 60 Knightsbridge Drive, Forrest Hill.

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## Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To seek approval of the proposed concept design and additional funding from the Devonport – Takapuna Local Board for the playground renewal at Knightsbridge Reserve, 60 Knightsbridge Drive, Forrest Hill, and to progress the project to detailed design and construction.

## Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. The renewal of the Knightsbridge Reserve playground was identified via strategic assessment by staff as an asset renewal project. This project contributes to outcomes of the Auckland Plan by ensuring that council's portfolio of community facilities supports the broader outcomes of preserving, protecting and caring for the natural environment and Auckland's shared cultural heritage.
3. On 18 June 2024, The Devonport-Takapuna Local board allocated \$309,600.00 towards the renewal of the playground. The project was approved by the local board as part of their 2023/2024 Customer and Community Services work programme (resolution number [DT/2024/95](#)).
4. The project supports the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2023:
  - Our people – We value inclusivity, diversity and resilience
  - Our environment – Our natural and built spaces are cared for and we put water quality and the environment front and centre
  - Our places – Our infrastructure supports growth, and our safe, efficient transport offers diverse travel options.
  - Our community – Has access to quality services in facilities that meets their needs
5. Consultation with the local community took place in November 2023 through the Auckland Council Have Your Say webpage.
6. Community meetings were conducted at Forrest Hill School and with the North Shore Chinese Community Network Trust in November 2023.
7. Online and in-person feedback informed the development of two playground concept designs for the Knightsbridge Reserve playground.
8. The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board indicated a preference for Option 1 at the July 2024 workshop. They also indicated for staff to carry out further investigation to refine the construction cost estimate and present it to the local board again for consideration.
9. The project team involved the contractor through an early engagement process to carry out a site survey, investigation of drainage, a play equipment condition assessment and construction methodology to provide an approximate physical works cost estimate. Following the investigation, the concept design Option -1 has been refined and updated to fit the site conditions.

10. The updated concept design and the refined cost estimates were presented to the Devonport – Takapuna Local Board at a workshop on 01 April 2025.
11. The Devonport - Takapuna Local Board indicated support for the updated concept design and refined cost estimate requiring additional funding of \$61,000.00.
12. The Devonport - Takapuna Local Board also recommended and supports the installation of a water fountain, sports equipment box and cherry blossom trees to be planted around the reserve.
13. Once the concept design and additional funding is approved, staff will aim to deliver the project by December 2025. This milestone will be dependent on securing Asset Owner approval, resource consent (if needed) and availability of play equipment.
14. Progress updates on the project will be provided to the local board as part of the Local Board Work Programme quarterly reports.

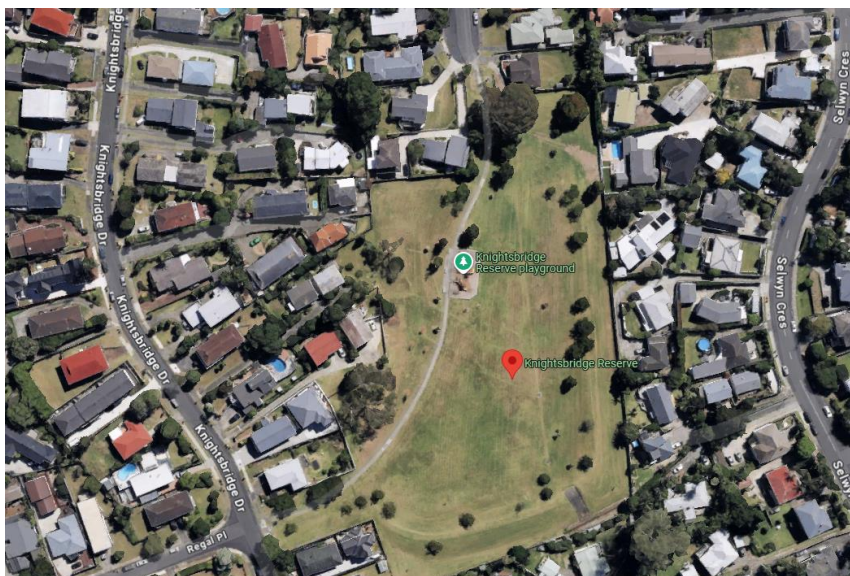
## Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) whakaae / approve the proposed concept design for playground renewal at Knightsbridge Reserve as per attachment A of the agenda report and request staff to progress the project to detailed design and construction.
- b) whakaae / approve an additional \$61,000.00 from the FY2025/2026 work programme to be reallocated to the Knightsbridge Reserve playground renewals project

## Horopaki Context

15. Knightsbridge Reserve is located at 60 Knightsbridge Drive, Forrest Hill. There is an existing pathway which connects the playground from Knightsbridge Drive and Keldale Place. This reserve is surrounded by residential properties as shown below.



**Figure 1: Location plan of Knightsbridge Reserve**

16. Areas of Knightsbridge Reserve are within flood plains and prone to flooding, it acts as a stormwater detention area which results in significant water accumulation from the surrounding landscape, creating access issues for both walking and the playground, particularly during winter.



17. Poor drainage severely impacts the playground play surfaces, causing compacted, muddy safety surfacing. Asset audits have identified the play equipment to be in poor condition.
18. There is very limited play equipment at this reserve which does not fulfil the ongoing needs and demands of the growing community.
19. As a part of the Devonport - Takapuna Local Board's 2023/2024 Customer and Community Services work programme, the local board in 18 June 2024 approved a project to develop Asian inspired concept plans for the playground renewal at Knightsbridge Reserve (resolution number [DT/2024/95](#)).

## Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

### Consultation / Engagement

20. Community engagement was conducted through the AK Have Your Say website, receiving 29 responses, and in person meetings were held at Forrest Hill School on 15 November 2023 and another with the North Shore Chinese Community Network Trust on 21 November 2023. The community consultation aimed to understand the public's perspective on the function of the public place, cultural representation and overall amenities of the play space. Consultation feedback is attached to the report as attachment B.
21. Based on the feedback received, two concept designs have been developed for the Knightsbridge Reserve playground:
  - Option 1: Asian inspired dragon themed playground with badminton court / event space.
  - Option 2: Asian inspired dragon themed playground excluding the badminton court / event space.
22. In July 2024, the two playground options were presented to the local board at a workshop.
23. An assessment of each option considering constraints, risks and estimated cost was discussed with the local board at the workshop.
24. The local board supported design Option 1 at the workshop in July 2024

### Themes from engagement

25. Further community feedback received indicated a preference for design concept 1. Key aspects include:
  - play – nature play, swing, spinning, slide
  - structures – Asian themed seat, seat in shade area, shade sail
  - cultural play – table tennis, badminton, skipping ropes
  - events – lanterns, dancing, taichi
  - planting – edible garden, sensory planting, planter boxes, Asian garden.
26. Detailed stakeholder feedback analysis is attached to the report as attachment C.

### Options assessment

27. A summary of the options of the playground renewal is outlined in below

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Table 1: Options assessment for the development of playground renewals

Options	Criteria			Finance / budget	Comments
	Strategic alignment /Local Board Plan 2023	Risk	Implementation	CAPEX (preliminary estimate only)	
Option 1 – Asian inspired dragon themed play area including badminton court / event space	Less impact on the natural environment or climate change	Increased carbon emissions caused by the construction process	No action	<b>\$370,600</b> (includes professional services fee, time charges, approvals, construction cost)	An upgraded playground is an investment in the community’s well-being, providing a valuable space for recreation, social interaction and healthy development. Badminton can be inclusive as enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities, it encourages physical activity and promotes well-being. A flexible event space also promotes social interaction and wider connections within the community.
Option 2 - Asian inspired dragon themed play area excluding badminton court / event space	Less impact on the natural environment or climate change	lesser carbon emissions caused by the construction process as compared to option-1	No action	<b>\$345,600</b> (includes professional services fee, time charges, approvals, construction cost)	An upgraded playground is an investment in the community’s well-being, providing a valuable space for recreation, social interaction and healthy development. This option provides fewer social outcomes for the community compared to option 1

**Preferred option**

28. A revised concept design option 1 has been developed based on community feedback using the design features of an Asian inspired dragon. The proposed design incorporates both existing and new specimen trees. Refer to attachment A for more detail.

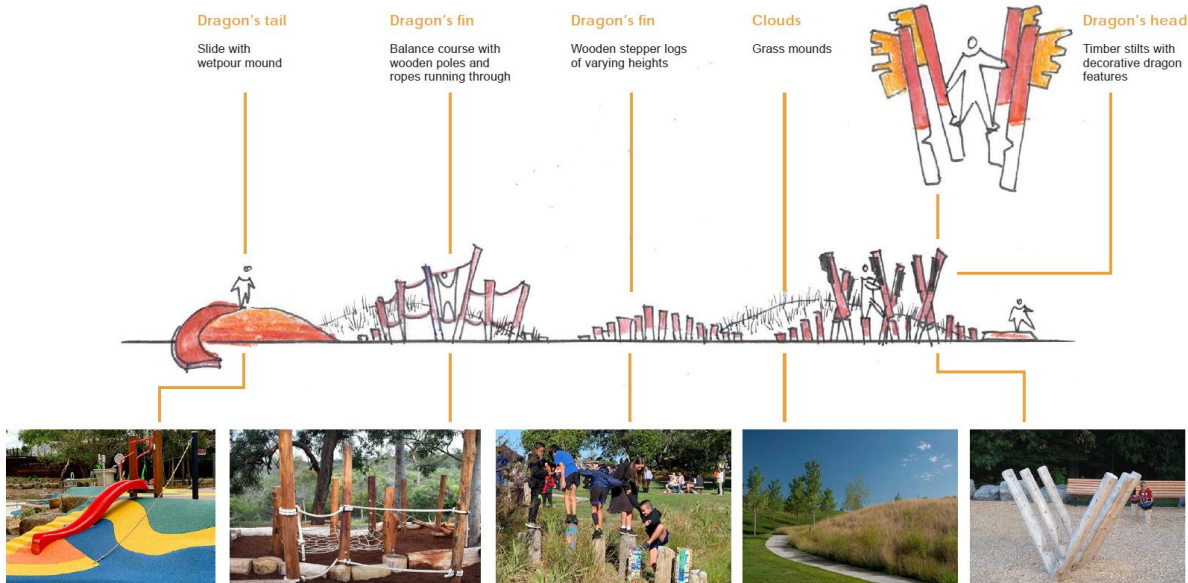
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**Figure 2: Approved Concept Design**

29. The proposed concept design includes an Asian inspired dragon themed play area as shown below.



**Figure 3: Dragon themed play space**

30. Other play equipment and assets selected for the play space include:

Swing	Carousel	Dragon trail natural play with slide mound	Double timber see-saw springer
Badminton court	Table tennis table	Pergola over two picnic tables	Garden trail
Bench seat	Sports storage box	Water fountain	Cherry blossom trees

31. The images below show the indicative play equipment and planting proposed for this project.



Figure 4: Indicative play equipment



Figure 5: Indicative planting

32. It is recommended that the local board approve the proposed concept design option, as attached to this agenda report (attachment A) and to allow the project to continue to detail design, procurement and construction.

### Tauākī whakaaweawe āhuarangi Climate impact statement

33. The council’s climate goals as set out in Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan are:

- to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to reach net zero emissions by 2050

- to prepare the region for the adverse impacts of climate change.
34. It is anticipated that there will be an increase in carbon emission from construction, including contractor emissions. Staff will seek to minimise carbon and contractor emissions as much as possible when delivering the project.
  35. Maximising the upcycling and recycling of existing material, aligned with the waste management hierarchy (prevention, reduction, recycle), will also be prioritised to ensure minimum impact. With this project, some of the stored pavers from the Auckland Council yard will be used under the pergola and wherever possible, the project will aim to reuse of the existing materials on site.
  36. Mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions will be achieved through sourcing of low-carbon material options (including sourcing materials locally) and the use of products with environmental declarations for embodied carbon reductions.
  37. The proposed concept design includes new tree to provide natural shade for the playground users and potential further reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
  38. Mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions will be achieved through sourcing of low-carbon material options (including sourcing materials locally) and the use of products with environmental declarations for embodied carbon reductions.

### **Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera Council group impacts and views**

39. Council staff from within the Community Directorate (Parks and Community Facilities operational management and maintenance and Community Wellbeing) have been consulted. They are supportive of the renewal as it will improve the quality of the asset.
40. The project will deliver significant improvements to needs of community surrounding the area.
41. Collaboration with staff will be ongoing to ensure that the development of the park and play space is integrated appropriately into the operational maintenance and asset management systems once completed.

### **Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe Local impacts and local board views**

42. The Knightsbridge Reserve Playground renewals project will benefit the community by delivering a safe, high-quality asset and expanding recreational opportunities in parks and open spaces.
43. Two options were initially presented to the local board at July 2024 workshop, along with assessment of each option including constraints, risks and estimated costs. The local board indicated support for the concept design Option 1. The local board requested further consideration of,
  - installing the water fountain closer to the playground
  - planting cherry blossom trees
  - community sports equipment storage box
44. The revised concept design, incorporating changes requested by the local board and feedback received from stakeholders (community, groups etc), was presented to the local board at a workshop on 01 April 2025. The local board indicated support for the revised concept design at that workshop.
45. The project aligns and support the Devonport - Takapuna Local Board Plan 2023:
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## Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

46. Auckland Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its broader legal obligations to Māori. These commitments are articulated in the council's key strategic planning documents, the Auckland Plan, the Long-term Plan 2024-2034, the Unitary Plan (operative in part), Whiria Te Muka Tangata Māori Responsiveness Framework, Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau - Māori Outcomes Performance Measurement Framework.
47. Parks and reserves are taonga (treasure; anything highly prized) and hold significant importance to mana whenua. Developing a network of neighbourhood parks that provide for all ages and abilities will positively benefit the health and wellbeing of mana whenua and the wider community through increased recreation provision.
48. There is approximately 6.2 percent of Māori within the Devonport – Takapuna Local board area.
49. As the project is a renewal of the existing playground and with no major impact on mana whenua, no iwi consultation has been undertaken.

## Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

50. The total budget of \$309,600.00 has been approved by the local board for this project.

Budget source	FY23/24	FY24/25	FY25/26	Total (\$)
Renewals Budget Required				\$370,600.00
Total allocated budget	11,180.47	27,869.57	270,549.96	\$309,600.00
Additional Budget Required			61,000	<b>\$61,000.00</b>

51. The estimated cost to deliver the playground renewal is \$370,600.00 including professional services and contingency. This estimate includes the recommended play items in this report.
52. Further funding of \$61,000 to be allocated from ABS Renewals Capex is requested to meet the budget required to deliver the playground at Knightsbridge Reserve
53. It is proposed that once approved, the increased funds will be prioritised in the Devonport - Takapuna Customer and Community Services Capex Work Programme 2025/2026. The Devonport - Takapuna Work Programme Lead has been notified of this requirement, and it has been included in the draft work programme.
54. In March 2025 the local board provided direction to staff to not proceed with funding disc golf and the Paererea project in the 2025/2026 work programme and to instead offer project management costs to work with the community groups on these two projects. This has resulted in some savings, which can be redirected to meeting the increased costs for the Knightsbridge Playground renewal.
55. The updated work programme will be discussed with the local board in May, showing the increase requested for Knightsbridge. This proposed increase has no adverse effect on any

other projects due to the savings identified in the draft work programme discussions with the local board in March 2025.

## Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

56. The following risks and mitigations have been considered:

Risks identified	Mitigation
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	
Public are exposed to unsafe conditions during construction phase	Individual sites will be fully fenced off from the public with signage alerting the people of work taking place, however vehicle movement may be required between individual worksites which will need to be managed well.
<b>Stakeholders</b>	
Expectation of stakeholders, community groups or others leasing areas of the park.	Engagement with external stakeholders, iwi and community groups through the detail design phase and when preparing to close the playground.
<b>Budget</b>	
Budget is not adequate	The local board is requested to approve further funding allocation of \$61,000 from the ABS Capex Renewals budget in financial year 2025/2026.
<b>Resource Consent and asset owner approvals</b>	
Possible delay in receiving necessary approvals	Tree owner approval is required and potentially a resource consent due to work around existing trees.
<b>Construction</b>	
Poor weather during construction may delay delivery	The construction programme is schedule for summer when ground conditions and the weather is suitable for installation.

## Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

57. The table below summarises the anticipated next steps and estimated delivery timeframes for the project. The estimated timeframes assume successful and timely completion of each identified project step. Unforeseen delays in the procurement of a design and / or build partner have the potential to delay completion of the project beyond the identified timeframe

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Project phase	Planned completion timeframe
<b>Detailed design</b> Once the concept design option is approved by the local board, the development of the detailed design can be progressed. Resource consenting will be included within this phase	<b>April - May 2025</b>
<b>Procure physical works contractor/build partner</b> The tender will be submitted to a suitable contractor as per the procurement guidelines.	<b>June – August 2025</b>
<b>Physical works</b> Accurate commencement and duration of the physical works will be dependent on the availability of play equipment, it is envisaged between the dates specified.	<b>September – December 2025</b>

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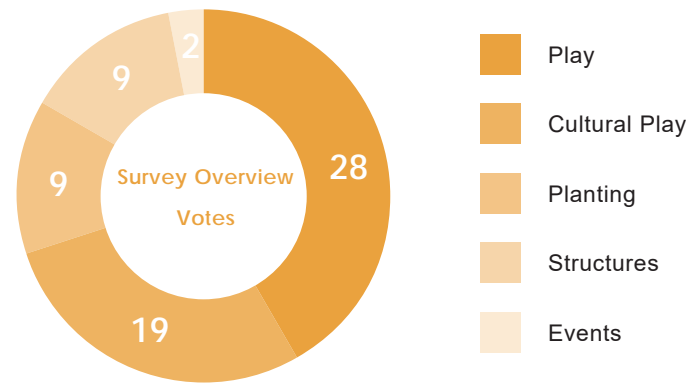
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## WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE SCHOOL

### FOREST HILL SCHOOL CONSULTATION NOVEMBER 2023

Late last year, we engaged with students and teachers from Forest Hill School to gain insights into their perspectives on the Knightsbridge Reserve playground upgrade project. The session aimed to understand how children prefer to play, who they enjoy playing with, and what aspects are important to them from their viewpoint. The following graphics and texts provide an overview of our consultation results, offering insights into children's views and preferences. These insights will play a crucial role in informing our design decisions throughout the design process.

### SECTION 1: SCHOOL CONSULTATION SUMMARY



#### Play

- Nature Play
- Swing
- Spinning

#### Structures

- Chinese themed seat
- Seat in shade area
- Shade sail

#### Cultural Play

- Table Tennis
- Badminton
- Paving with Chinese Zodiac Symbols

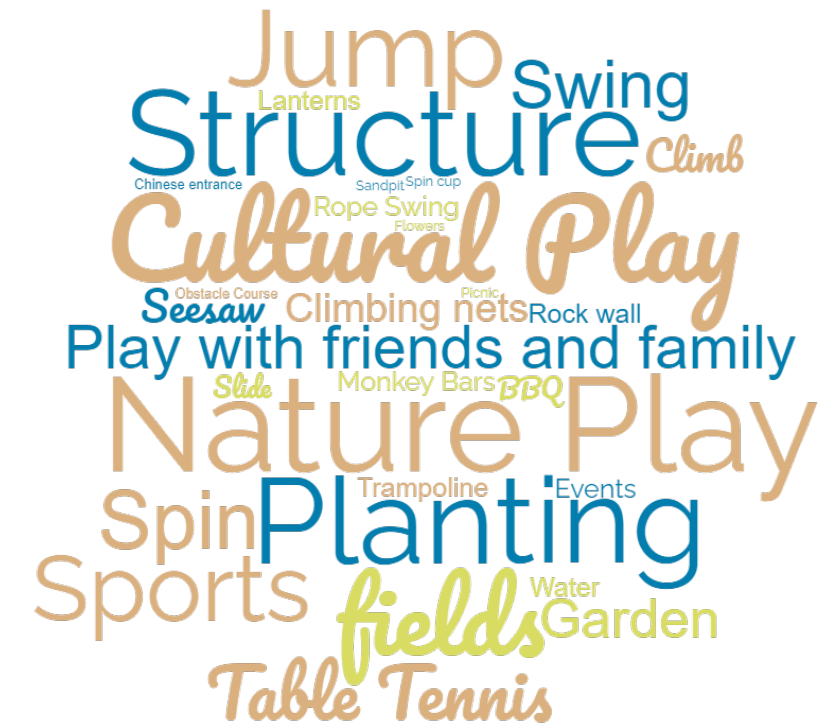
#### Events

- Lanterns
- Lion Dance

#### Planting

- Edible garden
- Sensory planting
- Planter boxes

### SECTION 2: INSIGHT FROM CHILDREN'S NOTES



### SCHOOL CONSULTATION PHOTO



### OTHER FEEDBACK FROM THE SCHOOL

"Should be multi-cultural and for everyone!"

"There are more and more kids with disabilities coming into the school"

"Should be bike and scooter around the park"

"Focus to be on active play."

"Biking and skating track around park for big kids"

"Natural play and swings!"

"Table Tennis!"

"Spinning and Climbing!"

"Senior playground and small children playground."

"Treehouse and bridges."

"Smaller children playground."

"Natural playground."

"Big slide and tunnels."

"Walking path around the perimeter of the park to create a safe route for walking and running."

"Water fountains and flying foxes"

"Event spaces for kids"

"Sandpits!"

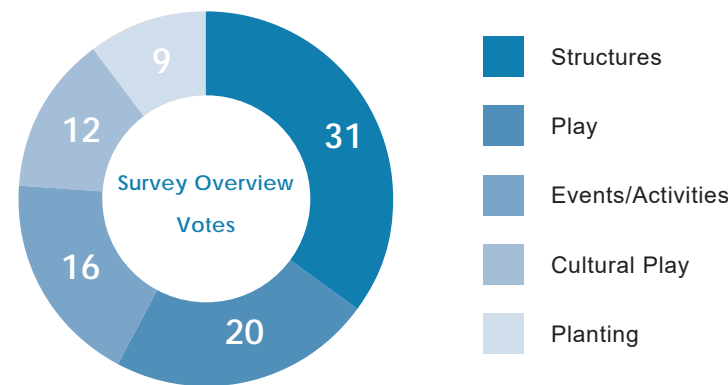
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## WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

### ASIAN CHINESE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION DECEMBER 2023

In collaboration with Auckland Council, we conducted consultations with the Asian Chinese communities living in the surrounding neighbourhood of Knightsbridge. In December 2023, we presented the Knightsbridge Reserve playground upgrade project to community members and distributed an online survey to reach a wider range of age groups within the extended communities. The community consultation aimed not only to gather input on the play elements but also to understand the public's perspectives on the function of the public space, cultural representation, and overall amenities of the development. The following sections summarise the views expressed by the public through our in-person consultations and the online survey.

### SECTION 1: COMMUNITY IN-PERSON CONSULTATION RESULT SUMMARY



#### COMMUNITY SURVEY BREAKDOWN

##### Structures

- Seat in shaded area
- Shade Sail/Shade Structure
- Bamboo/Vines/Shade

##### Play

- Spinning
- Nature play
- Slide

##### Events/Activities

- Lanterns
- Taichi
- Dancing

##### Cultural Play

- Table Tennis
- Skipping Ropes
- Badminton

##### Planting

- Edible garden
- Planter boxes
- Asian Garden

### SECTION 2: ONLINE SURVEY QUESTION SUMMARY

#### Provide Spaces:

- Children's play area
- Walking
- Relaxing and Socialising

#### Play Activities:

- Nature/balance play
- Climbing
- Wheeling

#### Additional Site Functions:

- Picnic Area
- Green spaces for relaxation
- Fitness station for adults

#### Amenities:

- Shade Structure
- Picnic Tables

#### Planting:

- Trees for shade and natural aesthetic
- New Zealand native planting
- Playful landscape elements

#### ADDITIONAL ONLINE SURVEY COMMENTS/FINDINGS:

- Incorporation of cultural elements
- Outdoor event space
- Emphasis on nature, trees and shade
- Urgent drainage improvement needed
- Address water issues on site and prioritise shade
- Advocacy for child safety, visibility and fencing

#### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PHOTO



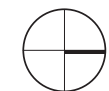
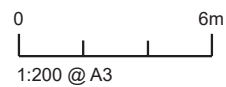
# PLAYSPACE - DEVELOPED DESIGN

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**KEY**

- 1. Swing - One basket Seat, one baby swing, one belt swing with accessible surface to basket
  - 2. Carousel
  - 3. Dragon Trail Natural Play with slide mound (see next page for details)
  - 4. Double Timber Seesaw Springer
  - 5. Badminton Court/Dancing/Event space
  - 6. Table Tennis Table
  - 7. Pergola Structure over two new picnic tables, with crazy paving surface
  - 8. Garden Paver - including mosaic pavers with Chinese characters
  - 9. Stroll Garden trail with oriental and NZ native plant species
  - 10. New Concrete path
  - 11. Bench Seat (recycled from existing site)
  - 12. Community Play Gear Storage Box
  - 13. Garden Mounds
  - 14. Harmony Flower - Music Piece
  - 15. Chinese Gate (dependant on funding)
- - - Existing playspace outline
  - Existing Trees
  - Proposed Trees



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# DRAGON TRAIL NATURAL PLAY CONCEPT

Item 12

Attachment A

