

Date: Tuesday 29 April 2025
Time: 12.30pm
Venue: Ground Floor – Hawiti Building
6-8 Munroe Lane
Albany

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Presentation to Hibiscus & Bays Local Board

Estuary Arts overall performance

- Annual visitors = 70 000 +
- Avg monthly visitors = 5800
- Avg exhibitions per annum = 48
- Avg number of active students = 7000

Value for money – still one of the most affordable art Centres to exhibit, learn art and access

Significant population growth anticipated for next 10 years



Funding update

- Cuts to MCH Creative spaces fund for youth at risk. Project terminated due to loss of funding of approximately \$18 000 per annum (three-year contract)
- Cuts from Foundation North funding of \$8K. We are running at a deficit, need \$30K more funding to continue to run the services on offer.



Studio Three update

- Project on hold
- Exploring alternative community spaces which we could access / share or use for outreach, satellite classes.



Western Reserve challenges



- Car parking
- Signage
- Congestion and risk at entry / exit to Western RSV. Suggest another entry / exit point off Centreway road or Edgewater Grove.

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board feedback on Annual Plan 2025/2026 regional topics

Overall direction

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
<p>The overall plan This includes prioritising investment in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transport • water; and • fairer funding for local communities. <p>An average 5.8 per cent rates increase</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>The majority of submitters supported most or all proposals. The following themes were notable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recurring theme in feedback was the call for Council to focus on the unaffordability of rates and a desire to focus on delivering core services and infrastructure well. • Desire for clearer communication and more authentic public consultation. Submitters felt that they needed to better understand what was being proposed and felt proposals were often vague. <p>Rates increase: Concerns around rising living costs, especially for low-income households, renters, and pensioners. Some support rate rises only if tied to clear outcomes and cuts in wasteful spending.</p> <p>Fairer Funding: Support for giving local boards greater control over spending and decision-making, with preference for local contractors or community-driven initiatives over centralised solutions.</p> <p>Cost pressures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • thank the Governing Body for their decision to regionally cover cost pressures in 2025/2026 for local boards given the late advice and inability for boards to manage the impacts. • note that local board cost pressures in 2026/2027 will still be challenging and note that many local boards will unlikely have the advice and ability to implement measures to cover these cost pressures in time for 2026/2027, leaving them in similar situations. • Local Board's require fit for purpose and high-quality advice from staff which will unlikely be available for 2026/2027 discussions but should be in place for 2027/2028. • note that over 60 per cent of general rates funding for the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board is spent on the Full

		<p>Facilities contract and the local board have no control over this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reiterate that one of the fairer funding principles was that no local board was supposed to go backwards or be worse off under fairer funding, which will likely happen for several local boards in 2026/2027. is of the view that some local boards are being asked to do more without any additional funding. request accurate financial information on all the costs and revenues that are incurred for all services within the local board agreement, noting that currently we are not given detailed breakdowns on costs or cost increases on all lines within our budgets. <p>Transport: strong support for improved public transport, investment in cycling infrastructure, electrification of fleets and safer roads. Gulf harbour frequently mentioned with calls for reliability.</p> <p>Water: Seen as core, non-negotiable infrastructure that should be prioritised before “extras”. Support for intergenerational investment—fix now to avoid worse later.</p>
<p>Destination management and major events Introducing a bed night visitor levy on short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Majority of submitters supported this proposal overall but there were some key themes from the feedback that warrant further consideration – such as the implementation of a fairer design (e.g. consideration of geographical catchment zones, and types of accommodation).</p>

Changes to other rates, fees and charges

Proposal	Support / Do not support	Local board input
<p>3% increase to the overall waste management targeted rate for a typical household</p>	<p>Support</p>	
<p>Introduction of the refuse targeted rate to the former districts of Rodney and Franklin.</p>	<p>Do not support</p>	<p>There was support from individuals but lack of support from organisations.</p> <p>People supported a more simple system but the roll-out has been poor and too reliant on online communications.</p> <p>The HBLB was previously pay-as-you-throw and we did not support rate-funded refuse changes. Our community is struggling with the changes and many are negatively impacted financially –</p>

		small households and people who were previously incentivised (financially and environmentally) to create less waste- that leverage is now gone.
Animal management fees: increase dog adoption fee from \$350 to \$450	Support	
Animal management fees: increase vet fee from \$75 to \$150.	Support	
Changes to some cemetery fees	Support	
Realign bach fees into pricing tiers based on occupancy levels, capacity and location	Support	
Align staff charge out rates with staff pay bands for services in regional parks	Support	

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board key advocacy initiatives

Initiative	Description
Contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> note the overall support from Hibiscus and Bays and Upper Harbour submitters to contribute some local board funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct note that as per the Annual Plan information and questions on this matter, both local boards noted that regional support would also be required alongside proposed local funding. Submitters noted the importance of regional contribution given the regional benefits and input of the local boards. request regional support and resourcing contribution to deliver on stage 2 - developing a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct. note that the work that the North Harbour Steering Group work is supporting key themes that came through from consultation on the Annual Plan (i.e. doing more with what we have, reducing the burden on rate payers, improving facilities in our existing network). submitters noted the opportunity that exists for this asset to improve substantially (both financially and in reflecting the needs of the community) and also noted the turnaround they have seen in the last year with ticket sales and events. note that HBLB, UHLB, Rodney that surround the stadium are three of the seven fastest growing local boards (census) with large greenfield developments coming up soon (e.g. Dairy Flat)
Transport funding and infrastructure	<p>Strong demand for a more reliable Gulf Harbour ferry service and operator change, alongside wider concerns about unreliable public transport, congestion, and insufficient infrastructure planning.</p> <p>Infrastructure concerns: a recurring theme highlighted concerns about poor road maintenance, and called for urgent improvements to wastewater maintenance and broader infrastructure services.</p>

	<p>Prioritise delivery of construction projects such as East Coast Road/Glenvar Road intersection, as delays are seen to contribute to ongoing traffic congestion.</p> <p>Prioritise delivery of the existing Auckland Transport elements of the current Mairangi Bay Management Plan (2015), which is under review, in order to achieve the infrastructure renewals and movements in the reserves that submitters noted of importance.</p>
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