

Date: Wednesday 30 April 2025
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Meeting Room: Kaipātiki Local Board Office
Venue: 90 Bentley Avenue
Glenfield

Kaipātiki Local Board

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Kaipātiki Local Board Acknowledgement of Pope Francis

Acknowledge the passing of Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, and share our sympathies with those in our community mourning the loss of a spiritual leader who championed the values of inclusion, empathy, and humility. Francis was the first Pontiff born outside of Europe since 741 and made it a hallmark of his papacy to honour the dignity of all people, of all creeds. He continued many initiatives started by his predecessors to foster interfaith dialogue and implore world leaders to uphold peace over destruction. The legacy he leaves is one of progressive change for the Roman Catholic Church, which has already had and will continue to have, a profound impact on members of our community.

Kaipātiki Local Board Acknowledgement of Dr. John Mayhew (ONZM)

Doctor John Mayhew (ONZM) died peacefully on 9 April 2025 with his family.

Mayhew served as the All Blacks team doctor from 1988 to 2004, attending 131 tests and more than 200 matches.

Mayhew also held roles with the Blues and the New Zealand Warriors. He played in a significant role in highlighting issues of head injuries and concussions of players.

He had also served as the North Harbour Rugby Union’s doctor since 1985 – the year of the union’s inception. He was made a life member of the union in 2015.

In 2016, Mayhew was appointed an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to sports medicine, reflecting his significant contributions to the field.

John joined Northcote Rugby club in 1972, he played over 200 games for the Premiers team, and was made a life member in 1993.

John attended every prem game both home and away that he was able to. He became the honorary doctor for Northcote Rugby Club. Anytime a player was injured and John was at the game he offered his support. However, this was not just for sports injuries. Several years ago following a suicide of a young Northcote rugby player, John organised an event with Sir John Kirwan to discuss men’s mental health. I understand hundreds attended.

The Kaipātiki Local Board would like to extend their sympathy to Sue Mayhew and her family

Kaipātiki 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>	Support	<p>The Kaipātiki Local Board support the overall direction of the Annual Plan 2025/2026. This is in line with the Kaipātiki community feedback of 73% of individuals and 100% of organisations supporting all or most of what was in the plan. This shows the investment is at the right level and going in the right places.</p> <p>Investment in Public Transport, Infrastructure and Water Quality are top priorities for the Kaipātiki community.</p> <p>However, we note the many comments received regarding the impact of increasing rates during a cost of living crisis; the impact of rates increases on those with fixed incomes, especially our older community; that the rate increase is higher than the average salary increase; and that rate increases are in addition to increases in water rates.</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>	Support	<p>The Kaipātiki Local Board support the introduction of a bed night visitor levy to be invested in destination management and major events. This is in line with the Kaipātiki community feedback of 75% of individuals and 75% of organisations supporting a bed levy – excluding those that responded, “I don’t know”.</p> <p>However, we note that some submissions suggested a flat rate is more transparent than a percentage, and request that Councillors consider this.</p>

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	Support	<p>The Kaipātiki Local Board support the increase. This is in line with the Kaipātiki community feedback of 69% of individuals and 86% of organisations supporting the waste management proposal – excluding those that responded, “I don’t know”.</p> <p>However, we note that many residents are still concerned that with general rubbish collection costs included in rates rather than pay-as-you-throw, that there is less incentive to decrease rubbish output. There is also concern that the food scraps collection is not optional.</p>
Introduction of the refuse targeted rate to the former districts of Rodney and Franklin.	N/A	<p>The Kaipātiki Local Board do not express an opinion on the increase as it does not affect the Kaipātiki area, but note the Kaipātiki community feedback of 69% of individuals and 86% of organisations supporting the waste management proposal – excluding those that responded, “I don’t know”.</p>

Animal management fees: increase dog adoption fee from \$350 to \$450	Support	The Kaipātiki Local Board support the increase, in line with its previous feedback.
Animal management fees: increase vet fee from \$75 to \$150.	Support	The Kaipātiki Local Board support the increase, in line with its previous feedback.
Changes to some cemetery fees	Do not support	The Kaipātiki Local Board do not support changes to some cemetery fees however acknowledge that fees should increase to reflect real costs, noting these are higher than other areas of New Zealand. We are very concerned about the high percentage of increase proposed for 24/25 and would prefer to see increases phased in over several years.
Realign bach fees into pricing tiers based on occupancy levels, capacity and location	N/A	The Kaipātiki Local Board do not express an opinion on the proposed changes to bach fees as they do not affect the Kaipātiki area.
Align staff charge out rates with staff pay bands for services in regional parks	N/A	The Kaipātiki Local Board do not express an opinion on the proposed changes to regional park staff charge out rates as they do not affect the Kaipātiki area.

Other matters

Proposal	Support/Do not support	Local board input
Fairer Funding implementation – cost pressures	Support	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank the Mayor and CEO for agreeing to manage 2025/2026 cost pressures and budget misalignments through regional funding, rather than proceeding with a redistribution of local funding. 2. Request continuing the 2025/2026 arrangements for managing cost pressures into 2026/2027, noting that in order for local boards to fund future cost pressures we require support with fit-for-purpose and high-quality advice from staff which will unlikely be available for 2026/2027 discussions. 3. Support the principle that no boards should be worse off in the transition to fairer funding and that updated budget information should help inform a proper review of local board funding through the next long-term plan. 4. Note that a large proportion of our operational budget is spent on the Full Facilities contract, and the local board currently have very little control over this – although this may change with the new contracts due to commence in 2027. 5. Express concern that local boards are being asked to do more without the additional funding or staff resource to effectively perform the role and duties required. 6. Reiterate the need to better understand the local board's ability to influence cost pressures vs the Governing Body's role. 7. 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.

Kaipātiki Local Board key advocacy initiatives

A key role of the local board is to advocate for initiatives that the local board may not have decision-making responsibility or funding for but recognise the value it will add to the local community.

The key initiatives that the local board advocate for as part of the Annual Budget 2025/2026 are:

Initiative	Description
Local Board budgets	Advocate for sufficient funding to maintain facilities and the service provided through our parks, community facilities, and recreational spaces.
Flood mitigation	Advocate for prioritised investment for flood mitigation infrastructure into the Wairau catchment as part of the Making Space for Water programme.
Resources to support increased decision making	Advocate for additional resource to support the increase in decision making given to local boards. This includes staff resource to respond to local advice requests, and a continuation of funding to manage cost pressures until this can be properly addressed at the next long-term plan.
Improved public transport	Advocate to continue improving the usability and reliability of the bus and ferry network serving Kaipātiki through cheaper ferry and bus fares, maintaining our existing three ferry services with increased frequency, and more buses going to more destinations more often. Advocate for the Beach Haven / Hobsonville Ferry to be included in the \$50 weekly cap.
Coastal assets	Advocate for investment into coastal assets around the Kaipātiki coastline, including continuing the budgets already tagged to the outcomes of the Little Shoal Bay Shoreline Adaptation Plan.

The table below outlines long-standing advocacy initiatives that the Kaipātiki Local Board continue focused on seeing realised

Initiative	Description
Northcote Development	Advocate for continued investment into the Northcote Development to support current and future Northcote residents, irrespective of any CCO reform.
Quality Development with adequate infrastructure	Advocate for adequate infrastructure to support the development of a quality compact, urban form that supports low carbon, resilient development, while ensuring that such development adheres to the rules and guidelines of the Auckland Unitary Plan.
Compliance investment	Advocate for increased resource for compliance enforcement teams so they can respond to all requests and complaints received in the Kaipātiki area, rather than only those of the highest priority.
Targeted Rate investment	Advocate for the continued investment of the Water Quality, Natural Environment (including stage four of Kauri Glen Reserve / Cecil Eady Reserve), and Climate Action Targeted Rates into Kaipātiki.
Sport and Recreation investment	Advocate for an increase to, and greater share of, regional funding to support delivery of sport and recreation opportunities in Kaipātiki, including through the Regional Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund and Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Operating Grant.
Local discrete funding	Advocate for the retention of the discrete funding set aside many years ago for the implementation of the Birkenhead War Memorial Masterplan, and Kaipātiki Connections Network Plan.