

I hereby give notice that an extraordinary meeting of the Whau Local Board will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 30 April 2025
Time: 1:00 pm
Meeting Room: Whau Local Board Office
Venue: 31 Totara Avenue
New Lynn

Whau Local Board OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Kay Thomas
Deputy Chairperson	Fasitua Amosa
Members	Ross Clow Catherine Farmer Valeria Gascoigne Sarah Paterson-Hamlin Warren Piper

(Quorum 4 members)

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1 Nau mai | Welcome

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.

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
	New Lynn Heritage Protection Society	Member
	Trust Community foundation Limited	Trustee
	Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club	Member
	Libraries	Family Member is Librarian

Member	Organisation	Position
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 Amosa
The Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust	Ross Clow	Sarah Paterson-Hamlin

Annual Plan 2025/2026 local board consultation feedback and input

File No.: CP2025/07520

Item 10

Te take mō te pūrongo

Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Whau local board area on:
 - proposed priorities and activities for the Whau 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 Whau Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in its local board agreement, and key priorities for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
6. Auckland Council received 13,016 submissions in total across the region. The Whau Local Board received a feedback total of 993, including submissions from individuals and organisations provided through various mediums. This feedback included 459 individual written submissions, and 440 pieces of feedback collected at Have Your Say events.
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/amended business improvement district targeted rates
 - 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 Whau Local Board:

- a) receive consultation feedback on the proposed Whau Local Board priorities and activities for 2025/2026.
- b) receive consultation feedback on regional topics in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 from people and organisations based in the Whau local board area.
- c) 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 Whau 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 Whau Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement 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

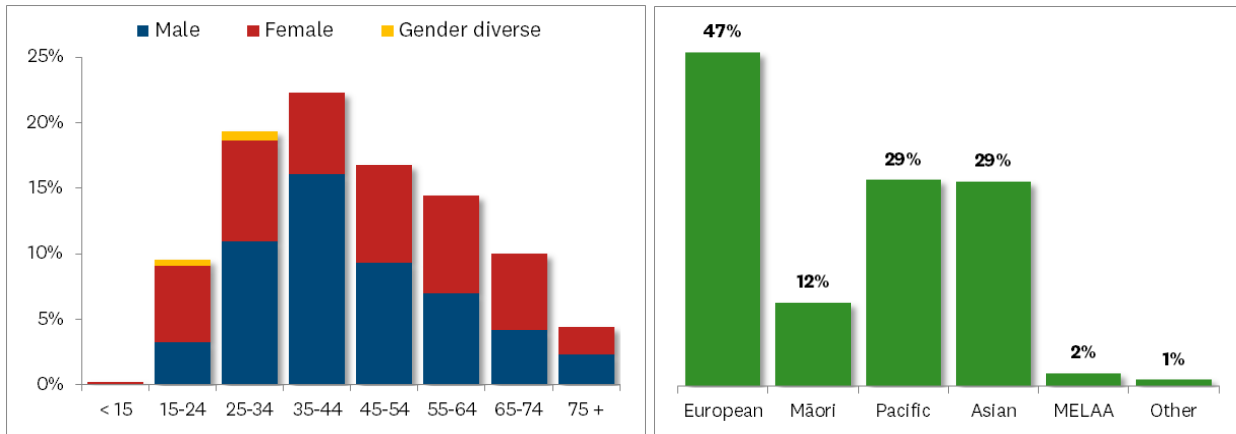
13. This report includes analysis of consultation feedback, any local matters to be recommended to the Governing Body and seeks input on regional topics in the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026.

Consultation feedback overview

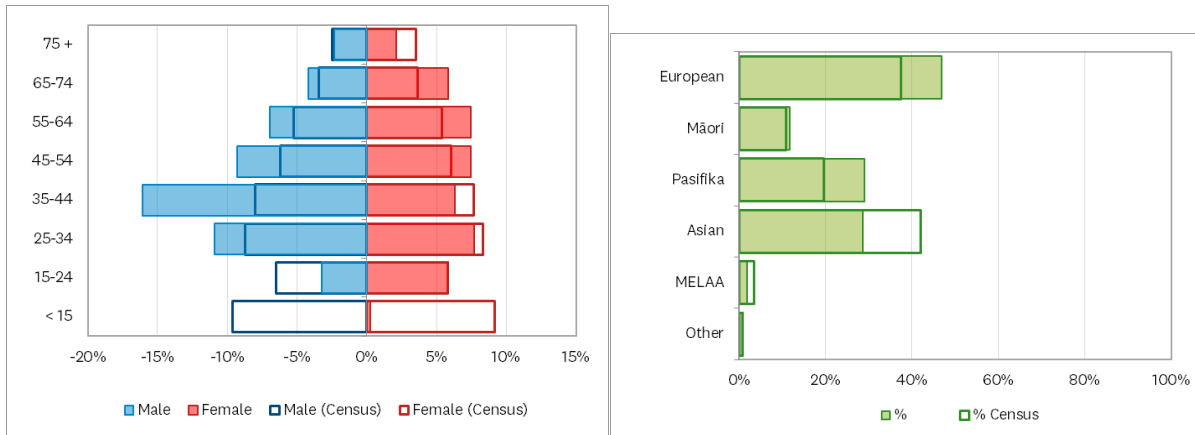
14. As part of the public consultation for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 Auckland Council used a variety of methods and channels to reach and engage a broad cross section of Aucklanders to gain their feedback and input into regional and local topics.
15. In total, Auckland Council received feedback from 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 (seven of which were held in the Whau Local Board area).
 - Neurodiverse Online Audio – four feedback forms.
16. The Whau Local Board received a feedback total of 993, including submissions from individuals and organisations provided through various mediums. This feedback included 459 individual written submissions, and 440 pieces of feedback collected at Have Your Say events.
17. This feedback includes submissions from individuals that identified themselves as living in the Whau local board area, as well as individuals that identified themselves as living in

another local board area but chose to provide feedback to the Whau Local Board’s proposals.

18. Three hundred and seventy-two (372) submissions were provided as part of three targeted youth engagement events held at schools in the Whau local board area. These numbers are included as part of the event feedback total of 440.
19. Ninety-four organisations provided feedback, of which 19 submitted to the Whau specifically, the remainder being region-wide submissions.
20. The graphs below indicate the demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to those submitters who provided demographic information.



Above: Submitter data by Age and Gender (Left) and Ethnicity (Right)

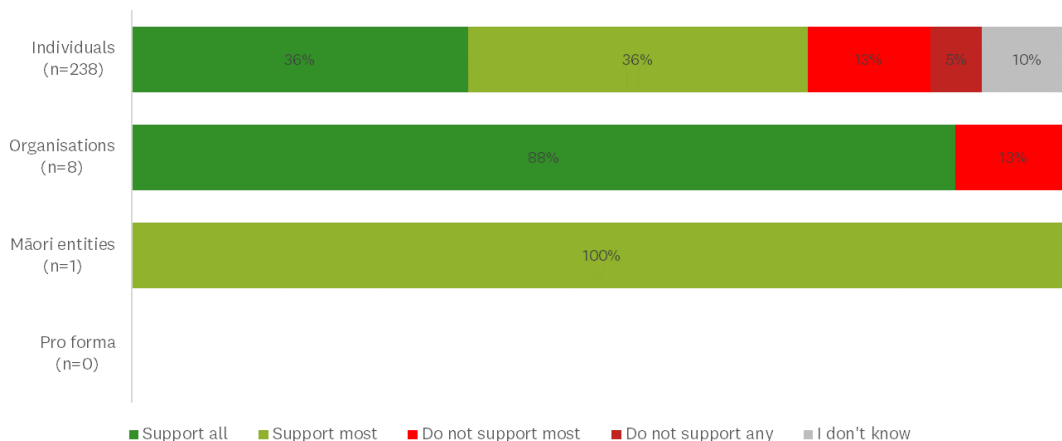


Above: Submitter demographic data compared with 2023 Census data for the Whau.

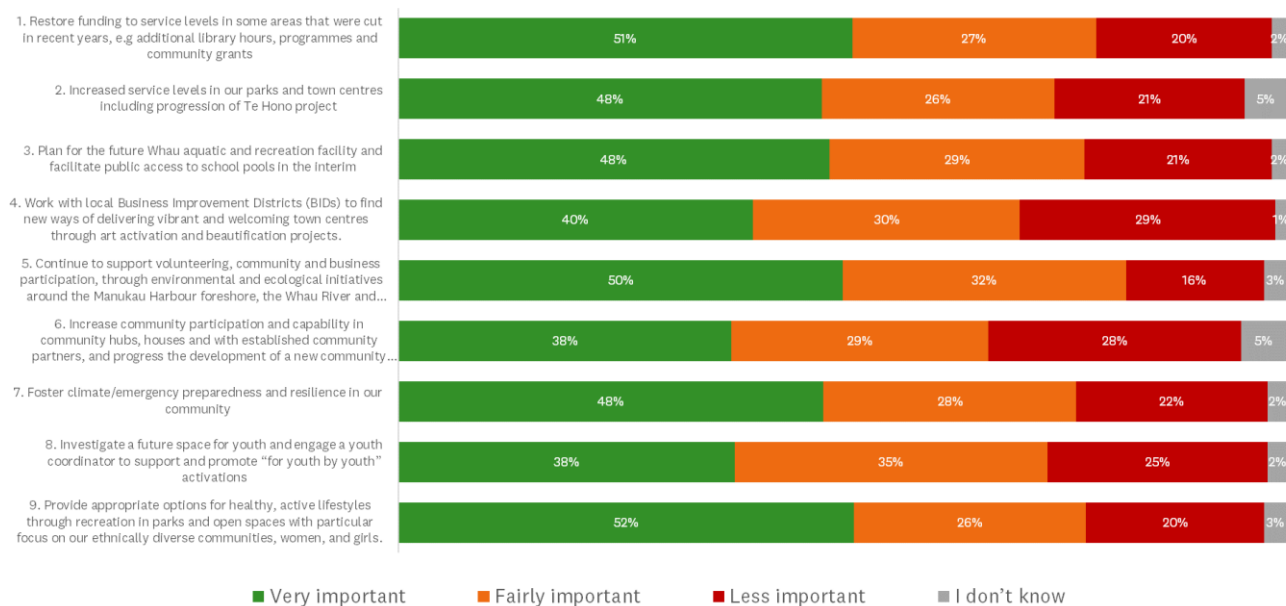
21. All feedback will be made available on an Auckland Council webpage called “Feedback on the Annual Plan 2025/2026” and will be accessible after 22 April 2025 through the following link: <https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/annual-plan-2025-2026/feedback-annual-plan-2025-2026>.
22. During 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 84 submissions (25 per cent) for the Whau 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, 30 submitters responded to the missing question (36 per cent). A review was conducted to identify the cause of the error and prevent similar issues in the future.

Feedback received on the Whau Local Board’s priorities for 2025/2026 and the Annual Plan 2025/2026

23. The Whau Local Board consulted on the following local priorities for 2025/2026:
- Priority 1: restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants.
 - Priority 2: increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project.
 - Priority 3: plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim.
 - Priority 4: work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.
 - Priority 5: continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere.
 - Priority 6: increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale.
 - Priority 7: foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community.
 - Priority 8: investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote “for youth by youth” activations.
 - Priority 9: provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.
24. Two hundred and thirty-eight (238) individual submissions were received in response to the question, “What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?”
25. Seventy-two (72) per cent of individuals expressed support for most or all of the proposals for the Whau local board area, while 18 per cent did not support most or all of the proposals, and 10 per cent said they did not know.
26. Eight organisations responded to this question, of which seven expressed support for all the proposals and one expressed that they did not support most of the proposals.
27. One Māori entity (Ngaati Whanaunga Inc.) responded to this question, and expressed support for all of the proposals.
28. The graph below gives an overview of these responses:



29. In response to the question ‘How important are these priorities to you?’, the majority of submissions considered all nine priorities to be either ‘Very important’ or ‘Fairly important’.
30. The graph below gives an overview of these responses:



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.

Key themes

32. Key themes of note across the feedback received (through written and in-person channels) included:
- support for more alternative transport options, including walking and cycling infrastructure (such as Te Whau Pathway and town centre improvements) as well as public transport
 - support for a new aquatic facility in the Whau local board area
 - support for further investment in parks and open spaces, including support for the acquisition of land at the Avondale Racecourse.
 - a range of other feedback was provided pertaining to issues such as a need for more safety initiatives, a greater emphasis on environmental restoration of the Whau’s waterways and a focus on readiness for future flooding and other extreme weather events, as well as concerns around rates increases, cost of living and views that council must focus on core services.

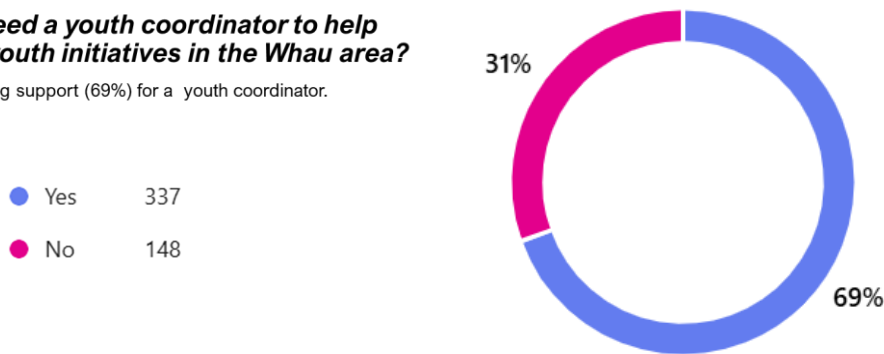
Targeted Youth Engagement

33. In support of Priority 8: investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote “for youth by youth” activations, the board undertook targeted engagement with youth in the Whau local board area. The following questions were asked:
- *Do we need a youth coordinator to help deliver youth initiatives in the Whau area?*
 - *What type activities do you want to do, and where?*
 - *Do you want us to provide a youth space in the next 3+ years?*
 - *Should we trial a temporary space in the meantime?*
 - *What would it have?*

- 34. Four hundred and ninety-one (491) submissions were gathered as part of the targeted youth engagement, including 372 responses gathered at three events held at schools in the Whau local board area.
- 35. In response to the question, ‘Do we need a youth coordinator to help deliver youth initiatives in the Whau area?’, 69 per cent of responses expressed support.
- 36. A range of responses were provided in response to the question ‘What type activities do you want to do, and where?’.
- 37. The graph and table below give an overview of these responses:

Do we need a youth coordinator to help deliver youth initiatives in the Whau area?

Overwhelming support (69%) for a youth coordinator.



What type activities do you want to do, and where?

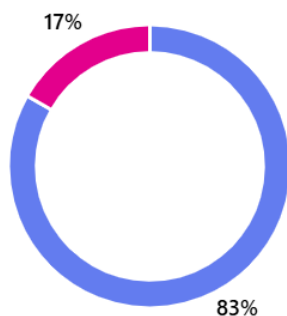
1. Sports and Physical Activities	2. Cultural Activities	3. Arts and Creative Activities
<p><i>Interest level: Extremely high 162 respondents (35%) supportive of sports</i></p> <p>Rugby, Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Soccer, Netball, Tag, Touch, MMA, Gymnastics, Ice Skating, Swimming</p>	<p><i>Interest level: Very High</i></p> <p>Cultural Performances, Festivals, Music, Dances</p> <p>Learning deeper meaning about cultures</p> <p>Celebrate diversity</p> <p>Language learning</p>	<p><i>Interest level: High</i></p> <p>Painting, Drawing, DIY Crafts, Showcase opportunities</p> <p>Community art projects</p> <p>Art + Culture fusion events</p> <p>Music</p>
4. Skill-building & community belonging	5. Gaming & Digital Activities	Common Location Requests
<p>Interest level: Medium – to- High</p> <p>Coding, Study groups, mental health workshops, language learning, career skills</p> <p>Chill out zones, hangout spaces, youth want autonomy not authority “not being told what to do”</p>	<p>Gaming lounges, Arcade zones, Gaming clubs, e sports, coding.</p>	<p>Schools (Gyms, Art rooms)</p> <p>Parks – Archibald Park, Crum Park, Ceramco, Brains Park</p> <p>Glen Eden, Green Bay, New Lynn</p> <p>Beaches, Libraries, Central hubs like Lynn Mall</p> <p>A “Whau Youth Centre” or central hub</p>

- 38. A majority of submissions also expressed support in response to the questions, ‘Do you want us to provide a youth space in the next 3+ years?’ (89 per cent of responses), and Should we trial a temporary space in the meantime? (86 per cent of responses).
- 39. A range of responses were provided in response to the question ‘What would it have?’
- 40. The graphs and table below give an overview of these responses:

Do you want us to provide a youth space in the next 3+ years?

Overwhelming support (89%) for a youth space.

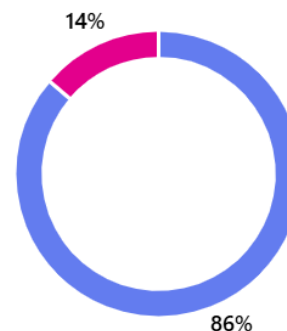
- Yes 399
- No 80



Should we trial a temporary space in the meantime?

Overwhelming support (86%) for a temporary space.

- Yes 413
- No 66



What would it have?

1. Chill & Comfort Bean bags, couches, cozy vibes Quiet spaces, Sensory rooms Relaxing areas	2. Fun & Games Board games, card games, video games, arcade Ping pong, chess, Xbox, PlayStation, Puzzles, Lego	3. Food & Drink Free food & snacks, noodle stations, drink bars Tea & coffee, microwaves, water fountains
4. Creative & Artistic Zones Drawing, painting, sculpting, colouring stations Art supplies, posters, whiteboards	5. Sports & Movement Basketball courts, gym/ boxing gear Water slides, swimming pool, fields for football	6. Study & Growth Study pods, workshops, free Wi-Fi, computers Career help, subject tutoring, youth mentors
7. Mental Health and Support Safe space, supportive adults/ youth workers Counselling, trauma circles, mental health check-ins		8. Community & Connection Opportunities to meet others, cultural events Clubs, hangout areas, talent showcases

Requests for local funding

41. Requests for local funding through the Annual Plan 2025/2026 consultation included:
- Request 1: Te Kawerau ā Maki request funding of \$200,000 to create two community officer roles – one in West Auckland and one in North Shore – to help them better connect with the Local Boards and the community.
 - Request 2: Te Whau Pathway Environment Trust request funding for the Wingate Street-Rizal Reserve- Ken Maunder Park section of Te Whau Pathway.

Overview of feedback received on regional topics in the Annual Plan from the Whau Local Board area

42. 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.
43. Submitters were also encouraged to provide feedback on any of other matters included in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 consultation document.

44. The submissions received from the Whau 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

45. Aucklanders were asked whether they support the overall plan including prioritising investment in:

- transport
- water; and
- fairer funding for local communities.

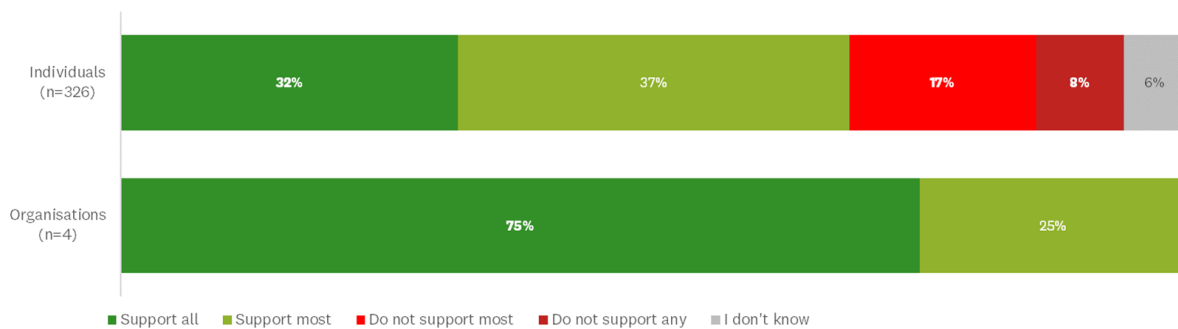
46. The consultation document for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 also outlined the proposed funding approach which includes a 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property, consistent with the LTP, and additional debt financing to fund \$4 billion in capital expenditure.

47. 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.

48. For the Whau Local Board, there were 326 individuals and four organisations that answered the question, “What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?”

49. The graph below gives an overview of these responses:



50. Sixty-nine per cent of individuals and 75 per cent of organisations expressed supported for most or all of the overall plan. Key themes from submitters that provided comments in response to Question 1 included:

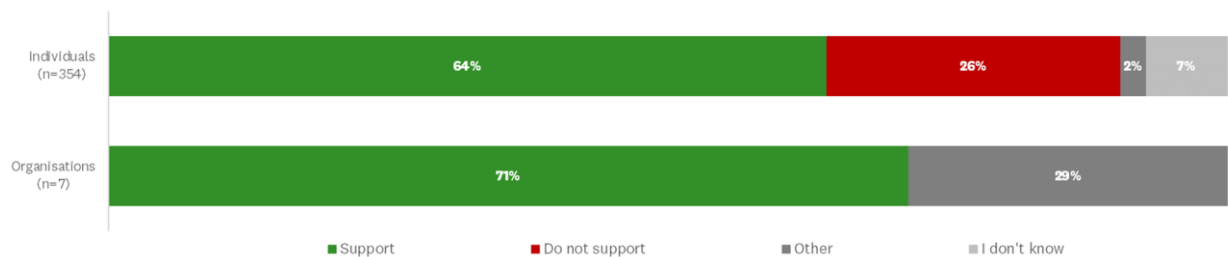
- Concerns around rates increases (45 submissions)
- Public transport needs (36)
- Wasteful spending (28)
- Need for infrastructure (25)
- Better planning needed (20).

51. Mana whenua iwi with interests in the Whau local board area gave feedback as follows:

- Te Kawerau ā Maki is generally supportive of the proposed annual plan, in particular continuing to invest \$16 million into Māori outcomes, coordinating and implementing kauri dieback management, and continuing with the targeted rates including increasing 3.5 per cent to the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR) funds, increasing the Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) funds, and increasing 3.3 per cent to the Waste Management Targeted Rate (WMTR) fund.
- Hoani Waititi Marae expressed support for the proposal.

Key Question 2: Destination management and major events

52. 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.
53. 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.
54. For the Whau Local Board, there were 354 individuals and seven organisations that answered the question, “Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?”
55. The graph below gives an overview of these responses:



56. Sixty-four per cent of individuals and 71 per cent of organisations supported the proposal for a bed night visitor levy. Key themes from submitters that provided comments in response to Question 2 included:
 - Need for public event funding (34 submissions)
 - Reduce local resident costs (33)
 - Support for user pays (24)
 - Visitor contribution to infrastructure (21).

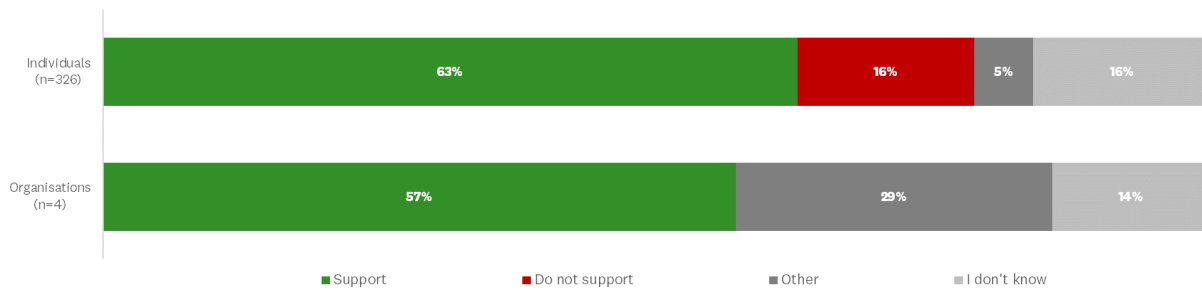
Key Question 3: changes to other rates, fees and charges

57. 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

58. 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.

59. 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.
60. For the Whau Local Board, there were 319 individuals and seven organisations that answered the question, "What do you think of the waste management proposal?"
61. The graph below gives an overview of these responses:



62. Sixty-three per cent of individuals and 57 per cent of organisations provided responses in support of the waste management proposal.

Changes to fees and charges

63. 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.
64. There was 1 submission from the Whau local board area which referenced these fees specifically, expressing support for all changes referenced above.
65. Key themes from submitters that provided comments in response to Question 3 included:
 - Need Rate increase concerns (30 submissions)
 - Support user pays (PAYT) (24)
 - High cost of living (21).

Other matters for feedback

66. The following matters were also included in the consultation in the Long-term Plan.

Draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026

67. Aucklanders were asked for feedback on the draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority (TMA) Operational Plan 2025/2026 which sets out a framework in which the council must carry out the routine management of 14 Tūpuna Maunga, under the direction of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.
68. There were 14 submissions from the Whau local board area which referenced the TMA plan. Views received on this matter were mixed, with the majority (seven submissions) expressing that they do not support the TMA plan. Three submissions expressed support for the plan,

while the remaining four expressed a need for more information. Six of the submissions that referenced the TMA plan expressed concerns around the removal of mature exotic trees.

Any other feedback

69. Aucklanders were asked if they had any other comments. Key themes of note across other areas of feedback received included:

- Improve public transport (19)
- Communication and engagement (19)
- Infrastructure needed (17)
- Economic development initiatives (16)
- Dissatisfaction with Council (16)
- Environmental initiatives (14)
- Better planning needed (13).

Recommendations on local matters

70. 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/amended business improvement district targeted rates
- release of local board specific reserve funds
- local advocacy initiatives.

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

71. Local boards are required to endorse any new or amended local targeted rate proposals or business improvement district (BID) targeted rate proposals in their local board area. These proposals must have been consulted on before they can be implemented. The local boards then recommend these proposals to the Governing Body for approval of the targeted rate.

72. This does not apply to the Whau Local Board for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Local board specific reserve funds

73. Local boards are allocated funding for the delivery of local services, projects and programmes that are important to their communities. Local boards have decision making over the allocation of these funds, but need approval from the Governing Body where the release of local board specific reserve funds is requested, which are being held by the council for a specific purpose

74. This does not apply to the Whau Local Board for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Local board advocacy

75. 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.

76. 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

77. 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.
78. 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

79. 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.
80. 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

81. 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

82. 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.
83. 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

84. 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.
85. Local board plans, developed in 2023 through engagement with the community including Māori, form the basis of local board area priorities.
86. 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.
87. 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.
88. The Governance team led the council-wide approach with support from Ngā Mātārae on engagement with Māori entities. This included:

- three information sessions for mana whenua on submissions and the process for submissions
 - five information sessions for mātaawaka on submissions and the process for submissions
 - one hearing style event for mana whenua and mātaawaka groups.
89. Nineteen mana whenua entities have interests in the Auckland Council rohe. Thirteen of the nineteen (68.42 per cent) provided verbal or written submissions on the Auckland Council's proposals for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
90. There were six oral submissions from mana whenua and six oral submissions from mātaawaka at the Have your Say Event.
91. The Whau Local Board engaged locally with Māori through:
- Mana whenua engagement – Te Kawerau ā Maki provided views at a Rangatira ki te Rangatira governance hui during the annual budget submission period
 - Mataawaka engagement – Elected members from the Whau, Waitākere Ranges and Henderson-Massey local boards participated in a Mātaawaka hui at Hoani Waititi Marae.
92. Māori comprise 11 per cent of the population in the Whau Local Board area. 51 submissions from people who identify as Māori were received from people residing in the Whau Local Board area. This represents 12 per cent of total submissions for the Whau Local Board.
93. The following mana whenua and mataawaka organisations gave feedback on the Whau Local Board priorities:
- Mana whenua entities: Te Kawerau ā Maki
 - Mataawaka entities: Hoani Waititi Marae.
94. Te Kawerau ā Maki's regional submission spoke of the desire to work together with Council and Government on projects that directly impact their cultural, social, environmental, and economic wellbeing. In their submission, Te Kawerau ā Maki advocated for the creation and funding of two community officer roles – one in West Auckland and one in North Shore – to help them better connect with the local boards and the community.
95. A range of feedback was provided at the Mātaawaka hui at Hoani Waititi Marae. This included:
- support for a role in delivery of services for west Auckland
 - support for deepening and formalising a partnership with Auckland Council that leverages shared values and delivers meaningful outcomes
 - partnership and co-governance
 - Hoani Waititi Marae is facing a lack of resourcing and support
 - development of the Whare Wananga.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

96. 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

97. 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

98. 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.
99. 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.
100. The final Annual Plan 2025/2026 (including local board agreements) will be adopted by the Governing Body on 25 June 2025.

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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