

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Upper Harbour Local Board will be held on:

**Date:** Thursday, 1 May 2025  
**Time:** 9.30 pm  
**Meeting Room:** Upper Harbour Local Board Office  
**Venue:** 6-8 Munroe Lane  
Albany  
Auckland 0632 and Via Microsoft Teams

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## Upper Harbour Local Board

# OPEN AGENDA

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### MEMBERSHIP

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## 1 Nau mai | Welcome

The Chairperson A Atkinson will open the meeting with a Karakia.

## 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 Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 24 April 2025 as a true and correct record.

## 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 Upper Harbour 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.

### 8.1 North Harbour BMX - Season Update and What's Next.

#### Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To receive an update from North Harbour BMX.

#### Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. Logan Whitelaw, Vice President North Harbour BMX, representing North Harbour BMX, will be in attendance to provide an update on North Harbour BMX activities over the 2024/25 season, including club growth, community engagement, event highlights, and facility developments.

### Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive the deputation from Logan Whitelaw, Vice President North Harbour BMX, representing North Harbour BMX and thank him for his attendance and presentation.

### Attachments

- A North Harbour BMX - season update 2025 presentation. .... 69

## 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.: CP2025/07686

## Te take mō te pūrongo

### Purpose of the report

1. To receive consultation feedback from the Upper Harbour Local Board area on:
  - proposed priorities and activities for the Upper Harbour 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 to the Governing Body

## 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 Upper Harbour Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement and key priorities for the Annual Plan 2025/2026.
6. Auckland Council received feedback from 13,016 people in total across the region which includes 10,011 submissions. 595 submissions were from the Upper Harbour Local Board area. 139 submissions were received from submitters that didn't select Upper Harbour as their local board area but indicated their response relates to Upper Harbour. A detailed analysis on these submissions is provided in the analysis and advice section of this report.
7. Upper Harbour Local Board and Hibiscus and Bays Local Board asked an additional question in relation to contributing local funding towards the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct. A detailed analysis of responses received is provided in Attachment A of this report.
8. 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.
9. 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 Upper Harbour Local Board:

- a) whiwhi / receive consultation feedback on the proposed Upper Harbour 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 Upper Harbour 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

10. 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 Upper Harbour 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.
11. The Local Board Agreements 2025/2026 will form part of the Auckland Council's Annual Plan 2025/2026.
12. 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 Upper Harbour Local Board's proposed priorities for 2025/2026 to be included in their local board agreement for 2025/2026.
13. 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

14. 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.

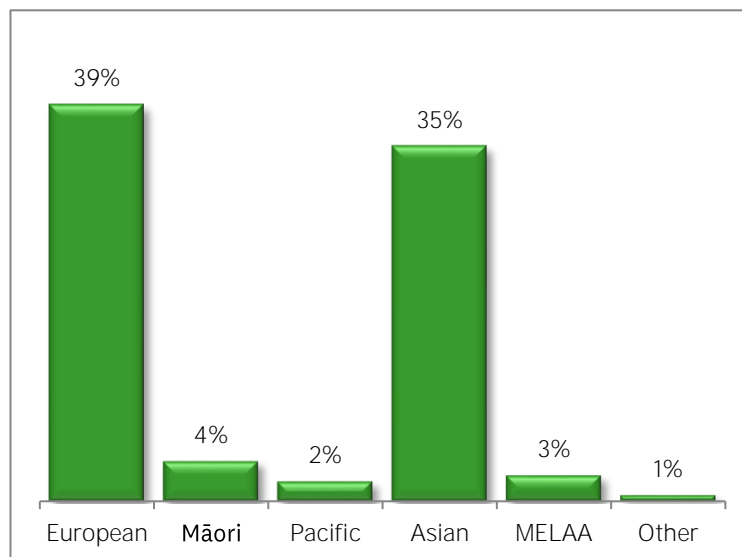
## Consultation feedback overview

15. 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.
16. 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 in person and through 89 Have Your Say events (5 of which were held in the Upper Harbour Local Board area).
  - Neurodiverse Online Audio – four feedback forms.
17. Five hundred and ninety-five (595) submissions were received from residents that said they live in Upper Harbour Local Board area. 589 of these were from individuals and six from organisations.

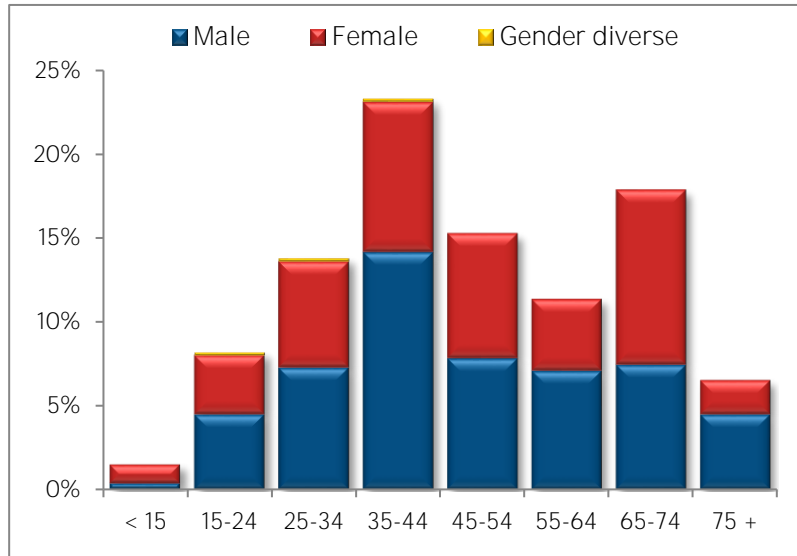
18. One hundred and thirty-nine (139) submissions were received from residents that said they live outside the Upper Harbour Local Board area but indicated their response relates to Upper Harbour. 133 of these were from individuals and six from organisations.
19. All feedback will be made available on 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>.
20. 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 131 submissions for Upper Harbour 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, 50 submitters responded to the missing question. A review was conducted to identify the cause of the error and prevent similar issues in the future.

### Information on submitters

21. Graphs 1 and 2 below provide an overview of demographic categories people identified with. This information only relates to submitters living in Upper Harbour who provided demographic information:



Graph 1. Ethnicity



Graph 2. Age and Gender

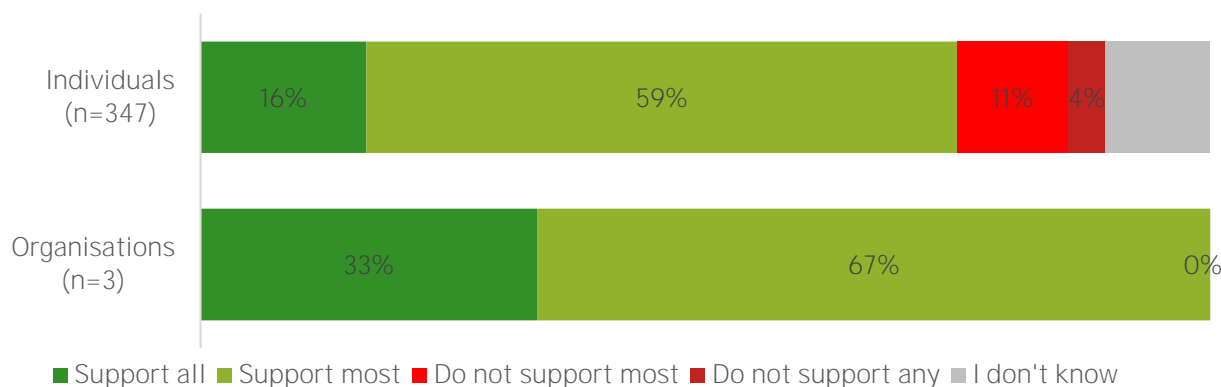
## Feedback received on the Upper Harbour Local Board's priorities for 2025/2026 and the Annual Plan 2025/2026

22. The Upper Harbour Local Board consulted on the following local priorities for 2025/2026:

- **Priority 1:** Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai
- **Priority 2:** Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents
- **Priority 3:** Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature
- **Priority 4:** Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process
- **Priority 5:** Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have
- **Priority 6:** Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.

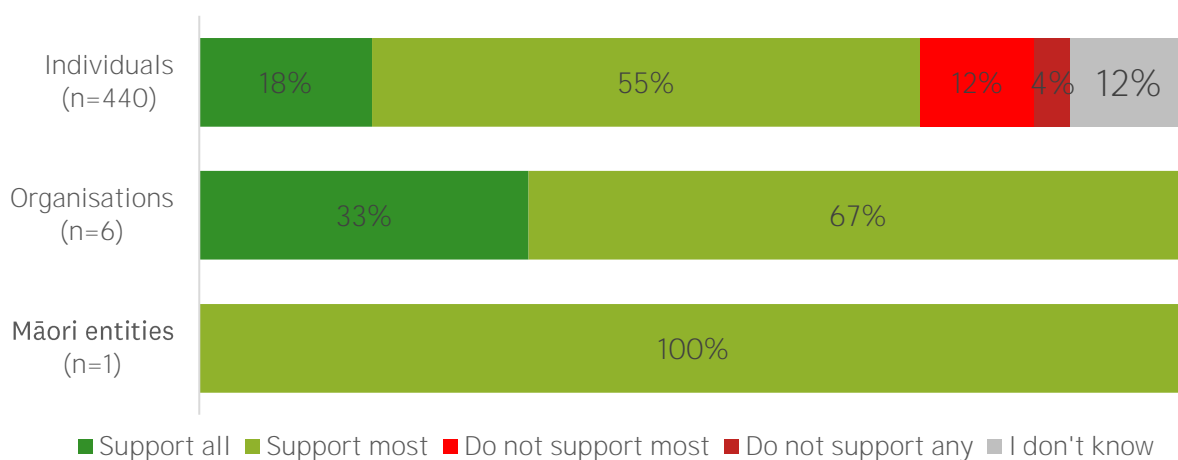
## Views on proposals for the Upper Harbour Local Board area in 2025/2026

23. Three hundred and fifty (350) submitters that live in Upper Harbour responded to this question. Graph 3 below provides an overview of submissions received:



**Graph 3. Overview of submissions from those that live in Upper Harbour that responded to the proposals for 2025/2026**

24. Seventy-five (75) per cent of individuals and 100 per cent of organisations supported all or most priorities while 15 per cent of individuals did not support most or any priorities.
25. The main themes from submitters that provided comments when indicated they supported all or most priorities include:
  - Support investment in community amenities and infrastructure in Hobsonville e.g. Youth facilities, tidal pool, sports facility
  - Support investment in community amenities and infrastructure in Whenuapai
  - Support for completing stages 2 and 3 of Te Kori Scott Point
  - Support retention and development of the Wasp Hangar as a multi-purpose indoor sports and recreation facility
  - Mixed views regarding investment and future management of North Harbour Stadium
26. There were no clear themes from submitters that did not support all or most priorities or selected I don't know.
27. Ninety- seven (97) submitters that live outside Upper Harbour indicated their response relates to Upper Harbour responded to this question.
28. Graph 4 below provides an overview of submissions received from those that live in and outside Upper Harbour and indicated their response relates to Upper Harbour:

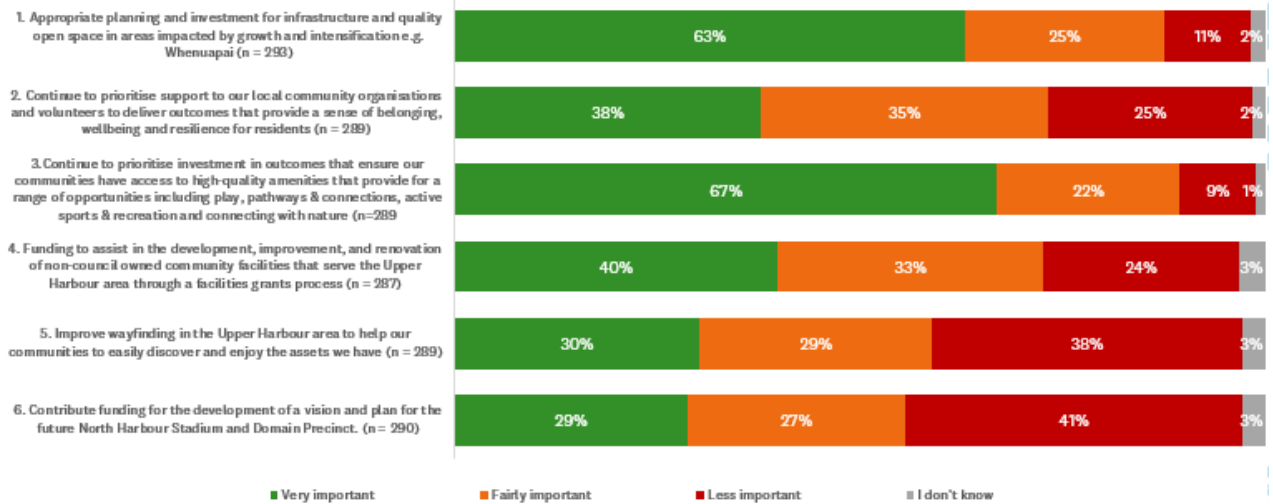


**Graph 4. Overview of submissions from those that live in and outside Upper Harbour that responded to the proposals for 2025/2026**

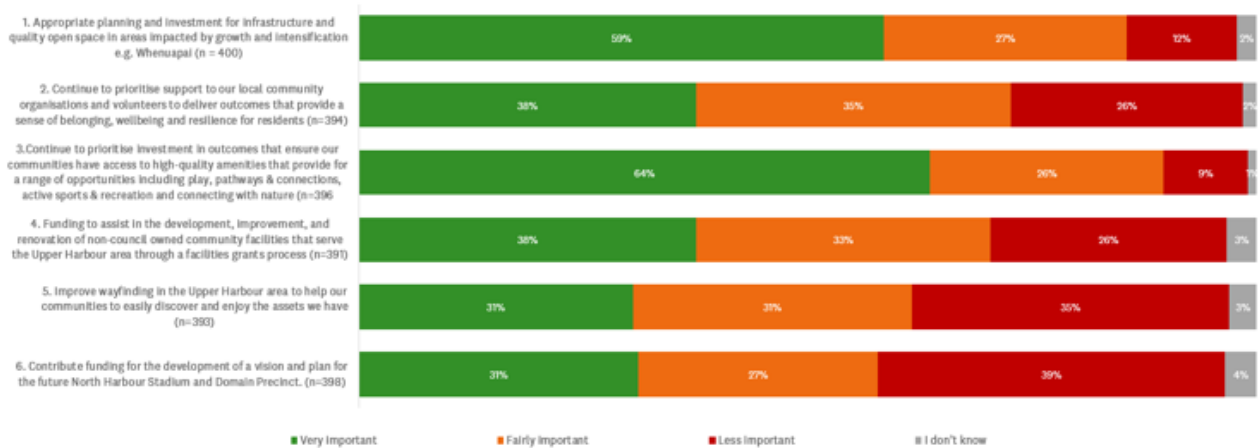
29. One Māori entity (Ngaati Whanaunga) responded to this question supporting most of the local board priorities but did not provide any specific feedback on the priorities.
30. No clear themes were identified from submitters that live outside of Upper Harbour.

### How important are these priorities to you

31. Graphs 5 and 6 below provides an overview of submissions that responded to this question from residents that live in Upper Harbour, and from those that live in and outside Upper Harbour and indicated their response relates to Upper Harbour.



**Graph 5. Overview of submissions from those that live in Upper Harbour that responded to the six priorities**



**Graph 6. Overview of submissions from those that live in and outside Upper Harbour that responded to the six priorities**

32. The main themes discussed below only relate to submissions that live in Upper Harbour that provided comments. There were no clear themes from those that live outside Upper Harbour.
33. **Priority 1:** Appropriate planning and investment for infrastructure and quality open space in areas impacted by growth and intensification e.g. Whenuapai:
  - Support for better planning and increased investment (specifically in Hobsonville and Whenuapai)

- Frustration over developing areas without the matching infrastructure
  - Demand for more open spaces
  - Calls for better transport links (e.g bus services and cycle paths)
34. **Priority 2:** Continue to prioritise support to our local community organisations and volunteers to deliver outcomes that provide a sense of belonging, wellbeing and resilience for residents:
- No clear themes but few repeated comments supporting local volunteers and ecological restoration outcomes
35. **Priority 3:** Continue to prioritise investment in outcomes that ensure our communities have access to high-quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections, active sports and recreation and connecting with nature:
- Strong support for retaining and repurposing the Wasp Hangar
  - Demand for pools, skateparks and sport facilities in Hobsonville
  - Support for walkable communities e.g pathways and connections
36. **Priority 4:** Funding to assist in the development, improvement, and renovation of non-council owned community facilities that serve the Upper Harbour area through a facilities grants process:
- No clear themes but few repeated comments providing mixed views on funding non-council facilities
37. **Priority 5:** Improve wayfinding in the Upper Harbour area to help our communities to easily discover and enjoy the assets we have:
- No clear themes but few repeated comments suggesting wayfinding is a lower priority
38. **Priority 6:** Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct:
- Mixed views:
    - Some consider this a lower priority
    - Some support and see potential with better management
    - Some preference to invest in community recreation over large sports facilities.

### How important are these priorities to you

39. Graph 7 below provides an overview of submissions that responded to this question from residents that live in Upper Harbour.



**Graph 7. Overview of submissions from those that live in Upper Harbour that ranked importance of priorities**

40. Table One below indicates responses from organisations that selected Upper Harbour as their local board.

Organisations (n=12)	
Local arts and culture activities	1
Community centres – programming and activations	0
Community climate action and sustainability activities	1
Community development and support activities	0
Community programmes and services	1
Libraries facilities - opening hours and services	0
Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services	1
Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities	2
Community Events	0
Grants	0
Local parks strategy and planning	3
Sports and park activation activities	3
Local waste minimisation activities	0
Local water quality improvement activities	0
Youth activities	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

**Table 1. Overview of submissions from organisations that selected Upper Harbour as their local board that ranked importance of priorities**

41. Graph 8 below provides an overview of submissions that responded to this question from residents that live in and outside Upper Harbour.

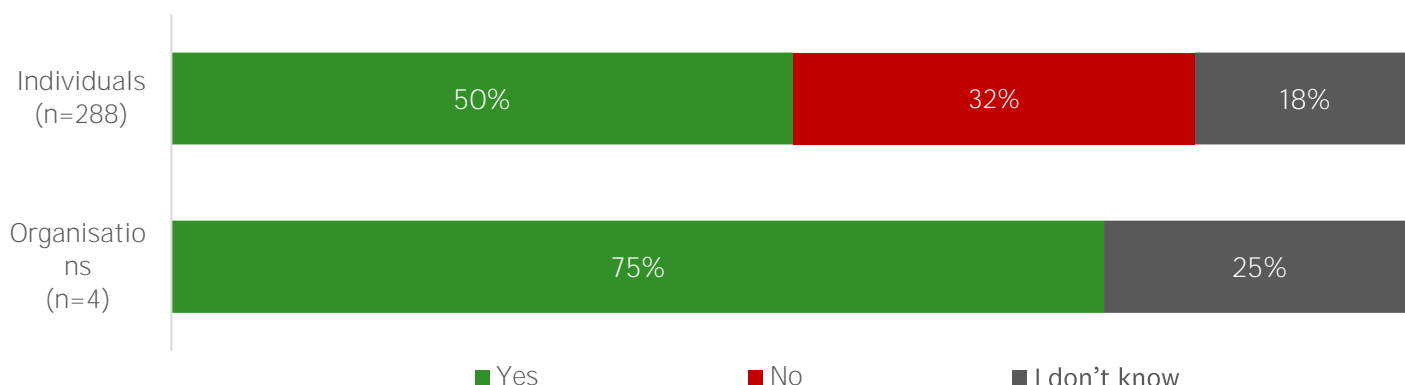




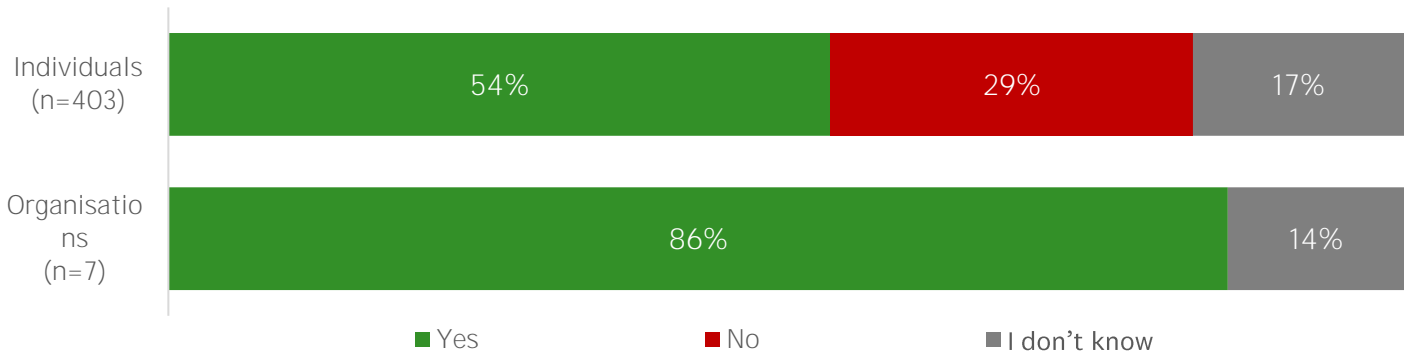
**Graph 8. Overview of submissions from those that live in and outside Upper Harbour that ranked importance of priorities**

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct**

- 42. Upper Harbour Local Board and Hibiscus and Bays Local Board asked an additional question in relation to contributing local funding towards the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct. A detailed analysis of responses received is provided in Attachment A of this report.
- 43. Graphs 9 and 10 below provides an overview of submissions that responded to this question from residents that live in Upper Harbour, and from those that live in and outside Upper Harbour and indicated their response relates to Upper Harbour.



**Graph 9. Overview of submissions from those that live in Upper Harbour that responded to the question on North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**



**Graph 10. Overview of submissions from those that live in and outside Upper Harbour that responded to the question on North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

## Feedback on other local topics

### Wasp Hangar, Hobsonville Point

44. Eighty (80) submissions were received advocating for the retention and redevelopment of the Wasp Hangar into a multi-purpose indoor sports and recreation facility.

## Requests for local funding

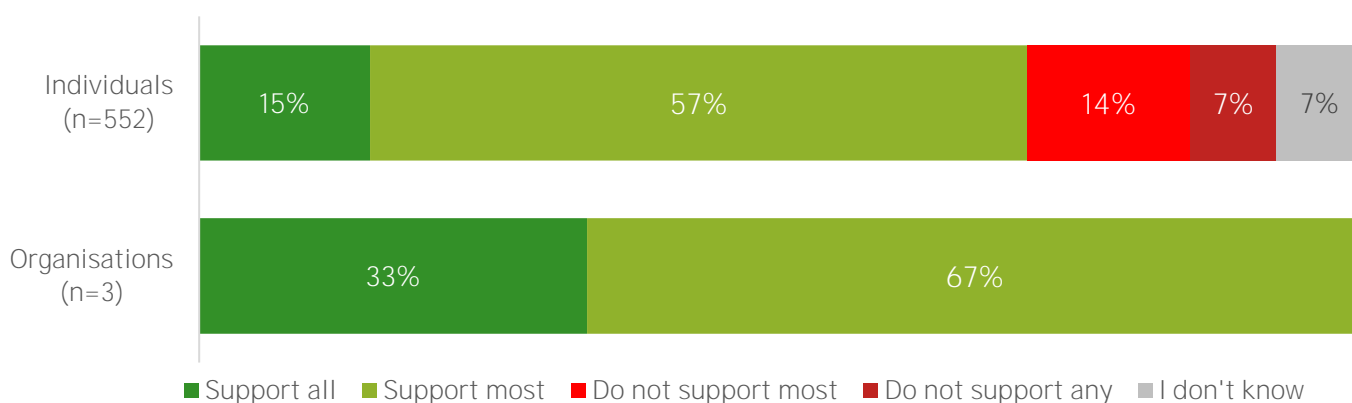
45. One (1) request for local funding through the Annual Plan 2025/2026 consultation was received from Te Kawerau ā Maki.
46. The submission requests joint local board funding of \$200,000 to create two community officer roles (one in West Auckland and one in North Shore) that will support connection with local boards and community within the Te Kawerau ā Maki heartlands.
47. Consultation feedback on local board priorities will be considered by the local board when approving their local board agreement between 10-12 June 2025.

## Overview of feedback received on regional topics in the Annual Plan from the Upper Harbour Local Board area

48. 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.
49. Submitters were also encouraged to provide feedback on any of other matters included in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 consultation document.
50. The submissions received from the Upper Harbour 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

51. Aucklanders were asked whether they support the overall plan including prioritising investment in:
  - transport
  - water
  - fairer funding for local communities.
52. 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.
53. 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.
54. Graph 11 below gives an overview of the responses from the Upper Harbour Local Board area.



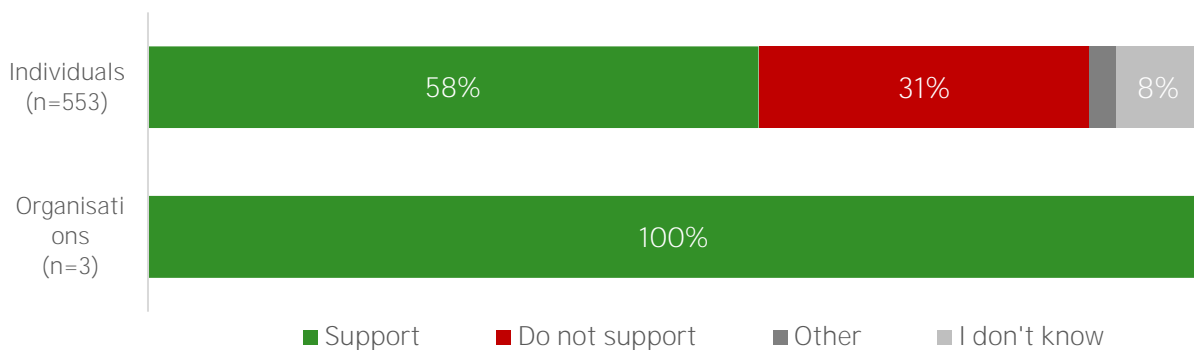
**Graph 11. Overview of submissions on the Overall Plan from those that live in Upper Harbour**

55. Seventy-two (72) per cent of individuals and 100 per cent of organisations supported all or most of the overall plan. The main themes from submitters that provided comments include:
  - General support for the overall proposal
  - Concern regarding rates increases and affordability
  - Support for investment in infrastructure
  - Support for improved public transport services
  - Support for fairer funding for local communities.

56. Twenty-one (21) per cent of individuals did not support all or most of the overall plan. The main themes from submitters that provided comments include:
- Concerns with proposed rate increases and affordability
  - Concerns with the high cost of living
  - Concerns regarding wasteful spending and inefficiencies
  - General dissatisfaction with Council.

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

57. 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.
58. 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.
59. Graph 12 below gives an overview of the responses from the Upper Harbour Local Board area.



**Graph 12. Overview of submissions on the Bed Night Visitor Levy from those that live in Upper Harbour**

60. Fifty-eight (58) per cent of individuals and 100 per cent of organisations supported the proposal for a bed night visitor levy. The main themes from submitters that provided comments include:
- support for destination management, marketing and major events in Auckland and the benefits of these
  - support for the levy to fund destination management, marketing and major events reducing costs to the ratepayer
  - recognition this is common practice internationally.
61. Thirty-one (31) per cent of individuals did not support the proposal for a bed night visitor levy. The main themes from submitters that provided comments include:
- Concerns regarding the potential negative impact to tourism

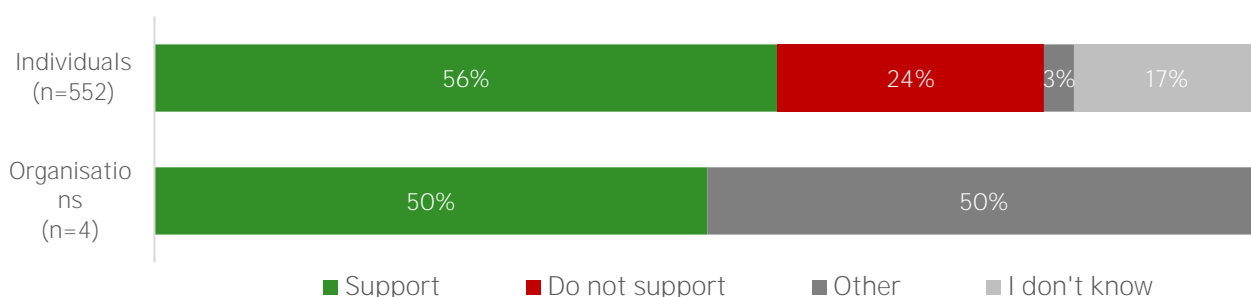
- Concerns regarding burden on providers and impacts to domestic tourism
- Concerns that accommodation in Auckland is already high
- Opposition to publicly funded events

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

62. 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

63. 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.
64. 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% 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.
65. Graph 13 below gives an overview of the responses from the Upper Harbour Local Board area.



**Graph 13. Overview of submissions on the Waste Management rate changes from those that live in Upper Harbour**

66. Fifty-six (56) per cent of individuals and 50 per cent of organisations supported the proposal for waste management rate changes, while 24 per cent of individuals did not support the proposal.

#### Changes to fees and charges

67. 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

68. There were 264 submissions from the Upper Harbour Local Board area which referenced these fees.
69. The main theme from submitters that provided comments on the waste management rate changes and other changes to fees and charges included:
  - preference for a pay as you throw system for waste rather than a rates-based system
  - general opposition to any increases to rates, fees and charges.

### Other matters for feedback

#### Draft Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2025/2026

70. 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.
71. No submissions were received from the Upper Harbour Local Board area referencing the TMA plan.

### Any other feedback

72. Aucklanders were asked if they had any other comments. 225 submissions that selected Upper Harbour as their local board responded to this question.
73. The main themes of note across other areas of feedback received included:
  - Strong support for retention and redevelopment of the Wasp Hangar in Hobsonville Point into a multi-purpose indoor sports and recreation facility
  - Concerns regarding rate increases
  - Support to complete implementation of the Te Kori Scott Point masterplan
  - Support for improving transport infrastructure
  - Comments of inefficient public transport services in the Upper Harbour area
  - Opposition to the relocation of speedway from Western Springs.

## Recommendations on local matters

74. 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 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 2025.
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%) 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 following mana whenua organisations gave feedback on the Upper Harbour Local Board priorities:
- Ngaati Whanaunga
  - Te Kawerau ā Maki.
92. Ngaati Whanaunga responded to the question on local board priorities for 2025/2026; supporting most of the local board priorities but did not provide specific feedback on the priorities.
93. Key points from the Te Kawerau ā Maki submission in relation to Upper Harbour included:
- non-financial support to deliver their aspirations and outcomes at Te Onekiritea, Hobsonville
  - financial support for a community officer.
94. Six point one (6.1) per cent of residents living in Upper Harbour identify as Māori based on 2023 census data. 26 submissions from people who identify as Māori were received from people residing in the Upper Harbour Local Board area. This represents 4 per cent of total submissions.

## Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

95. 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

96. 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

97. 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.
98. 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.
99. 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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# North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct Annual Plan analysis

Item 11

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Attachment A

## Introduction

This document summarises the feedback received by the Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays local boards about the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct (NHS&DP) during the annual plan 2025/2026 consultation. Both local boards asked the same questions in relation to the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct. These questions were:

- a question on the local board proposals (referred to as *Q4-proposal* in the analysis)

### ▶ Question 4: Local board priorities

For more information, read Part two (pages 16-26) of the Consultation document.

#### 4A. Which local board does your feedback relate to?

#### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all     
  Support most     
  Do not support most     
  Do not support any     
  I don't know

To view local board priorities, see pages 16-26 of the Consultation document.

Tell us why

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- a question on local board priorities (referred to as *Q4a- priority 6* in the analysis)

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

	Very important	Fairly important	Less important	I don't know
6. Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

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- a yes/no question specifically about contributing funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct (referred to as *Q4b – NHS&DP* in the analysis)

**North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future.

The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Tell us why

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The analysis in this report focuses predominantly on the ratings and comments provided in response to the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct specific question (*Q4b – NHS&DP*), and to a lesser extent reports on the responses to *Q4-proposal* and *Q4a-priority 6*.

Local board questions were responded to by residents living within their local board area and to a lesser extent by other respondents with an interest in the local board area, but not residing within it. Where relevant, analysis is provided for local board residents, alongside analysis of all responses.

## Summary of results

Results for both the Upper Harbour Local Board and Hibiscus and Bays Local Board are similar, both in terms of support for contributing funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct and the themes raised in comments. There is overall support from those who responded to this question – 50 per cent of Upper Harbour Local Board residents and 56 per cent of Hibiscus and Bays Local Board residents support contributing funding to the development of a vision and plan. However, the responses show that there is mixed opinions, with nearly one-third of Upper Harbour Local Board (32 per cent) and Hibiscus and Bays Local Board (32 per cent) residents not supporting their local boards contributing funding.

Table1: Number of responses to Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Q4b – NHS&DP

Upper Harbour		Yes	No	I don't know	Total responded
Total Responses to Upper Harbour Local Board question	Total	222	118	70	410
	Percent	54%	29%	17%	
Upper Harbour Local Board residents	Total	147	93	52	292
	Percent	50%	32%	18%	
Hibiscus and Bays		Yes	No	I don't know	Total responded
Total Responses to Hibiscus and Bays Local Board question	Total	262	150	59	471
	Percent	56%	32%	13%	
Hibiscus and Bays Local Board residents	Total	205	117	47	369
	Percent	56%	32%	13%	

The comments provided by respondents showed mixed opinions, often over the same concept – for example, some respondents thought the stadium and domain precinct were well located while others felt they were poorly located; some respondents saw underutilisation as an opportunity, while others saw it as a reason to dispose of the stadium. Key themes raised across the two local boards were similar and included:

From those who responded 'yes' to Q4b - NHS&DP 'Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct':

- general support for the retention and development of the stadium and domain precinct
- that the stadium is currently underutilised and that there are opportunities to increase usage. Ideas raised included increased sport, commercial and

community use - concerts, community events, more sport across the full year and other activities and events

- opportunities to strengthen management, with varying options suggested including more localised management
- the need for the stadium to support a rapidly growing sub-regional area.

From those who responded 'no' to Q4b – NHS&DP:

- that there are other more important priorities for council and the local board to fund including infrastructure, transport, and environmental protection
- concerns about spending in the current economic climate, that any spending on the stadium is a waste of money and that the stadium could continue to be a financial drain
- a poor perception of North Harbour Stadium – comments raised ranged from it generally being underutilised to that it's not needed
- a need for changes in management.

## Upper Harbour Local Board analysis

### Q4b - NHS&DP - analysis

The Upper Harbour Local Board received 410 responses to Q4b - NHS&DP:

*‘Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?’*

Just over half of responses (54 per cent) were in favour of contributing funding to develop a vision and plan (responded ‘yes’). The remainder of respondents were split between responding ‘no’ (29 per cent) or ‘I don’t know’ (17 per cent). Nearly three-quarters of responses were from Upper Harbour local board residents (71%), with 10% being Hibiscus and Bays local board residents, and 9% from other nearby local boards (Rodney, Kaipātiki and Devonport-Takapuna local boards).

Responses from Upper Harbour local board residents were slightly less positive, however 50 per cent of responses were in favour of contributing funding with the remainder responding ‘no’ (32 per cent), or ‘I don’t know’ (18 per cent).

Table 1: Number of responses to Upper Harbour Q4b – NHS&DP

Upper Harbour		Yes	No	I don’t know	Total responded
Responses – live in and outside Upper Harbour	Total	222	118	70	410
	Percent	54 %	29 %	17 %	
	Individual	216	118	69	
	Organisation	6	0	1	
Responses – live in Upper Harbour	Total	147	93	52	292
	Percent	50%	32%	18%	
	Individual	144	93	51	
	Organisation	3	0	1	

No events data was provided for this question

Just under half of Q4b- NHS&DP respondent (n=190) also provided a comment, with 93 of the comments being provided by ‘yes’ respondents, 70 comments from those who responded ‘no’ and 27 comments from those who responded ‘I don’t know’.

Table 2: Number of comments to Upper Harbour Q4b- NHS&DP

	All Respondents	Upper Harbour residents	Living outside Upper Harbour
Yes	93	55	38
No	70	53	17
I don’t know	27	16	11
Total	190	124	66



Most comments were general rather than specifically addressing the question of funding for the development of a vision and plan. For example, many of the comments provided by those who supported funding the vision and plan referred to opportunities or lost opportunities. The key themes raised in the comments are provided below, with a complete list provided in [appendix1](#).

Key themes raised by respondents who responded 'yes':

- general support for the retention and development of the stadium and domain precinct
- frustration at the wasted opportunities in its current state including that the stadium is underutilised
- opportunities to strengthen management – although there was varying feedback on what this could mean and who could lead including council, community and commercial leadership
- opportunities to broaden the stadium use to include concerts, community events, more sport across the full year and other activities
- the need for the stadium to support the local and Rodney/North Shore sub-regional area, which is rapidly growing.

Key themes raised by respondents who responded 'no':

- having alternative priorities or wanting to keep to the basics. These comments ranged from more general comments about the stadium being a waste of money, keeping rates low acknowledging the current economic climate, and suggesting other higher priorities such transport, provision of services in faster growing areas or other identified areas of importance to the respondents
- that other groups should be funding the development of the stadium. Suggestions were broad ranging including other parts of council including other local boards, sporting bodies, and the private sector. A number of comments also suggested forms of user-pays
- a poor perception of North Harbour Stadium – comments raised ranged from it generally being underutilised, that it's not needed, it has failed to deliver, is poorly located and that the respondent doesn't use it
- suggested changes in management
- that there is no need to do visioning and planning – just get on with it.

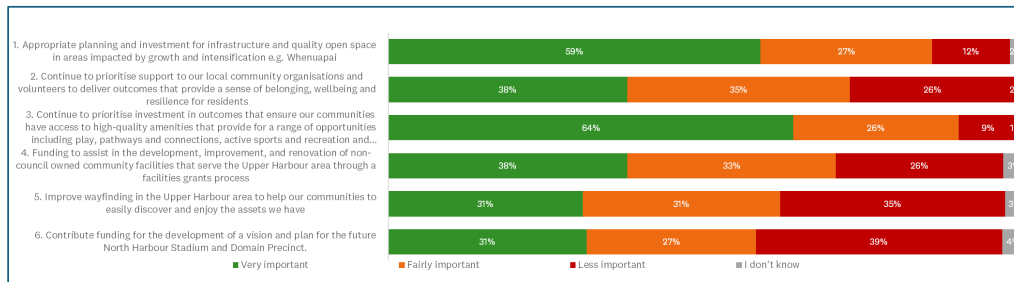
Most respondents who selected 'I don't know' made general comments about a lack of information and uncertainty.

### Q4a- priority 6 - analysis

Respondents were also asked to rate the importance of the below priority alongside other proposed priorities for the Upper Harbour Local Board.

*'contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct'*

Figure 1: Responses to Upper Harbour Q4a- priority 6 – individuals, live in and outside Upper Harbour



Contributing funding to the development of a vision and plan for the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct was rated the lowest of the six proposed priorities. However, this question is asking respondents about the relative importance of each of the proposed priorities.

Comparing the responses to the responses provided to Q4b – NHS&DP shows that most respondents who rated the priority *'contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct'* as *'very important'* or *'fairly important'* selected *'yes'* in response to their willingness to contribute funding. Likewise, those who selected *'less important'* were more likely to select *'no'* to contributing funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct. Table 4 (below) details the responses from those who responded to both Q4a – priority 6 and Q4b – NHS&DP.

Table 4: Relationship between Q4a – priority 6 and Q4b – NHS&DP

		Q4b – NHS&DP - Willingness to 'contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct'						Total
		Yes		No		I don't know		
		No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	
Q4a -Importance of priority <i>'contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.'</i>	Very important	111	89%	8	6%	6	5%	125
	Fairly important	73	69%	12	11%	21	20%	106
	Less important	24	16%	90	59%	38	25%	152
	I don't know	2	15%	6	46%	5	38%	13
	TOTAL	210		116		70		396

Organisations that responded to the question, responded more favourable than individuals, with all organisation rating Q4a- priority 6 as ‘very important’ or ‘fairly important’. Figure 2 provides responses for all respondents (Upper Harbour + others) and figure 3 provides responses for Upper Harbour residents and organisations.

Figure 2: Responses to question ‘Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?’

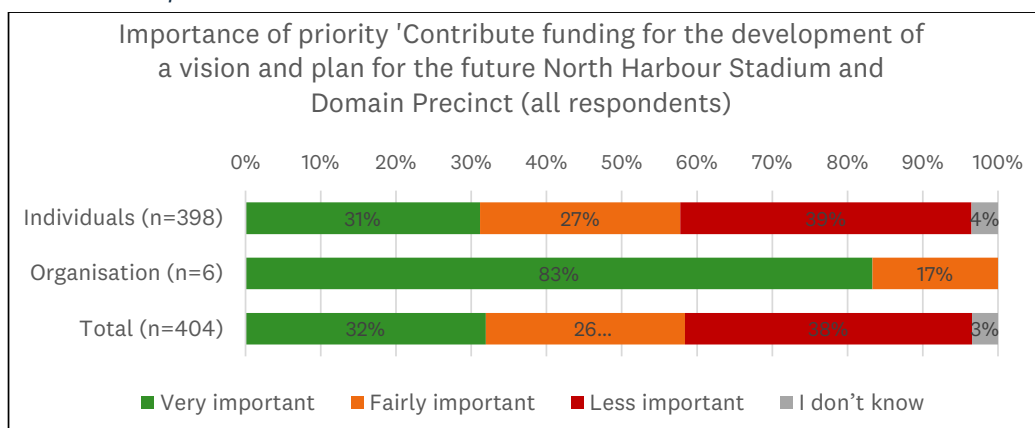
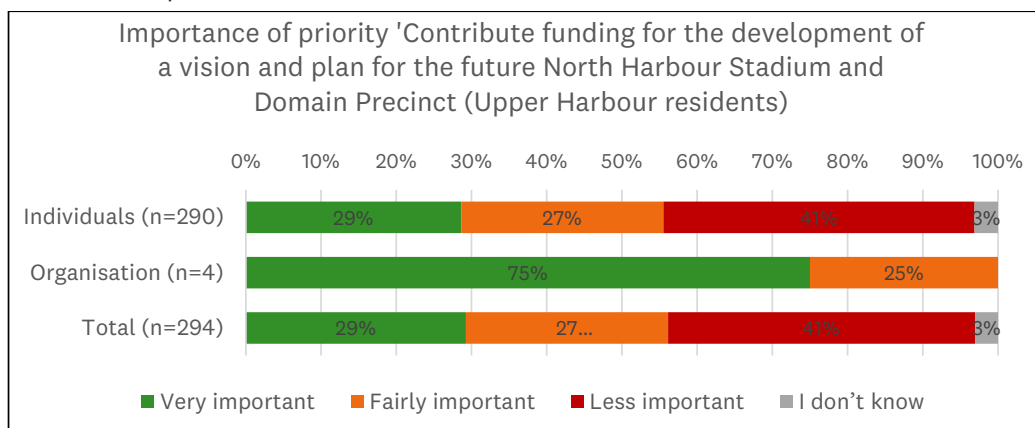


Figure 3: Responses to question ‘Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?’



Comments referring to North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct were provided by 32 respondents, with the main themes being:

- keep or improve the stadium/ there’s no other stadium in the north
- the stadium is not used or required generally, or the respondent does not use the stadium
- suggestions about changing management

#### Q4 - proposal - analysis

15 respondents commented on the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct when providing comment on the question ‘What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?’, with an even split between those supporting and not supporting the development of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct, with six respondents supporting this, seven not supporting it and two respondents unsure. Most comments were general, however similar themes to those identified earlier in this section were raised – others paying, needing better or different management and wanting the work done but not the visioning exercise due to concern about this potentially involving consultants.

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board analysis

### Q4b - NHS&DP - analysis

The Hibiscus and Bays Local Board received 470 responses in response to Q4b – NHS&DP:

*‘Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?’.*

Just over half of responses (56 per cent) were in favour of contributing funding to develop a vision and plan (responded ‘yes’). The remainder of respondents were split between responding ‘no’ (32 per cent) or ‘I don’t know’ (13 per cent). Just over three-quarters of responses were from Hibiscus and Bays local board residents (77 per cent), with 6 per cent being Upper Harbour local board residents, and 12 per cent from other nearby local boards (Rodney, Kaipātiki and Devonport-Takapuna local boards).

Table 5: Number of responses to Hibiscus and Bays Q4b – NHS&DP

Hibiscus and Bays		Yes	No	I don’t know	Total responded
Responses – live in and outside Hibiscus and Bays	Total	262	150	59	471
	Percent	56%	32%	13%	
	Individual	256	147	59	
	Organisation	6	3	0	
Responses – live in Hibiscus and Bays	Total	205	117	47	369
	Percent	56%	32%	13%	
	Individual	203	116	47	
	Organisation	2	1	0	

Just over half of people (n=248) who responded to the question also provided a comment, with 139 of the comments being provided by respondents who responded ‘yes’, 90 comments from those who responded ‘no’ and 19 comments from those who responded ‘I don’t know’.

Table 6: Number of comments to Hibiscus and Bays Q4b- NHS&DP

	All Respondents	Hibiscus and Bays residents	Living outside Hibiscus and Bays
Yes	139	116	23
No	90	68	22
I don’t know	19	15	4
Total	248	184	49

Most comments were general rather than specifically addressing the question of funding for the development of a vision and plan. For example, many of the comments provided by those who supported funding the vision and plan, referred to underutilisation and opportunities. The complete list of responses to this question is provided in [appendix 2](#) and is summarised below.

Key themes raised by respondents who responded 'yes':

- general support for the retention and development of the stadium and domain precinct
- that the stadium is currently underutilised
- opportunities for better management including a suggestion of more localised management
- opportunities for broader use of the stadium, citing a range of opportunities including sports, concerts and other community activities and events
- a desire to preserve the stadium for future generations

Key themes raised by respondents who responded 'no':

- that there are other more important priorities for council and the local board to fund including infrastructure, transport, and environmental protection
- concerns about spending in the current economic climate, that any spending on the stadium is a waste of money and that it could continue to be a financial drain
- that the stadium is underutilised and not well managed - a 'white elephant'.
- perceptions that the stadium does not benefit the wider community.

Location was raised as both a positive and a negative – some respondents noted that it was well located and easy to reach while others noted that it was hard to get to, with poor parking and congestion.

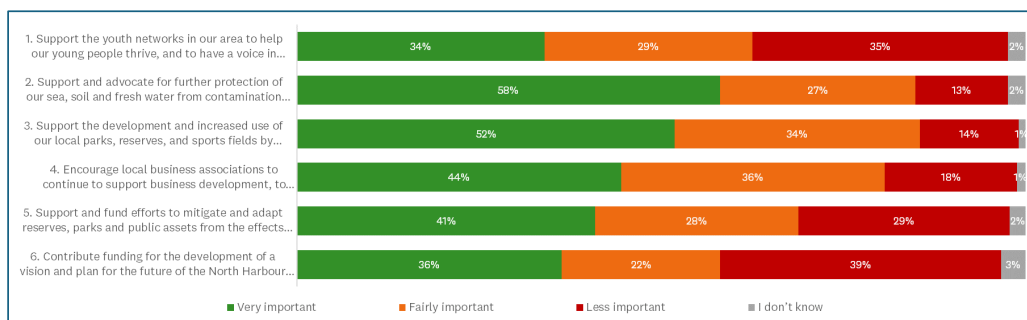
I don't know comments were more neutral and focused on a lack of knowledge and/or use of the stadium.

### Q4a – priority 6 - analysis

Respondents were also asked to rate the importance of the below priority alongside other proposed priorities for the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board.

*'contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct'*

Figure 4: Responses to Hibiscus and Bays Q4a- priority 6 – individuals, live in and outside Upper Harbour



Contributing funding to the development of a vision and plan for the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct was rated one of the lowest of the six proposed priorities. However, this question is asking respondents about the relative importance of each of the proposed priorities.

Comparing these responses to the responses provided to Q4b – NHS&DP shows that most respondents who rated the priority 'contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct' as 'very important' or 'fairly important' selected 'yes' in response to their willingness to contribute funding. Likewise, those who selected 'less important' were more likely to select 'no' to contributing funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct. Table 7 (below) details the responses from those who responded to both Q4a – priority 6 and Q4b – NHS&DP.

Table 7: Relationship between Q4a – priority 6 and Q4b – NHS&DP

		Willingness to 'contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct'						Total
		Yes		No		I don't know		
		No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	
Importance of priority 'contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.'	Very important	147	94%	8	5%	2	1%	157
	Fairly important	71	76%	9	10%	14	15%	94
	Less important	15	9%	113	70%	34	21%	162
	I don't know	2	12%	10	59%	5	29%	17
	TOTAL	235	55%	140	33%	55	13%	430

Organisations responded more favourably to this question than individuals, with all organisation rating Q4a- priority 6 as 'very important' or 'fairly important'. Figure 2

provides responses for all respondents (Hibiscus and Bays + others) and figure 3 provides responses for Hibiscus and Bays residents and organisations.

Figure 2: Responses to question 'Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?'

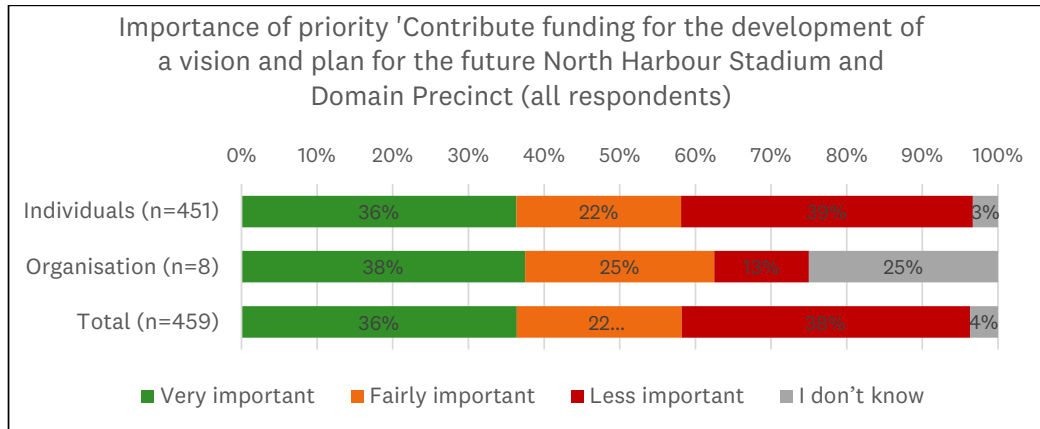
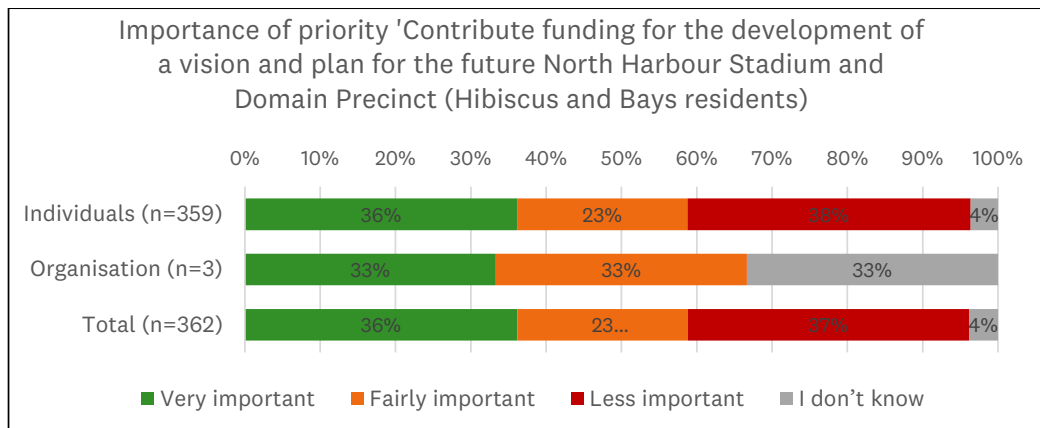


Figure 3: Responses to question 'Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?'



### Q4 – proposal - analysis

16 respondents commented on the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct when providing comment on the question 'What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?'. Most comments were general, either in support (seven comments), or not supporting (six comments) North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct, rather than about funding of a vision and plan.



## Appendix 1 – Comments - Upper Harbour

### *'Yes' responses - Upper Harbour residents*

Who owned it, who sold it. If you own it now then its up to you clowns to deal with it

Better utilisation of space

you have spent a chunk on it already, it needs to be used

"The facilities are not marketed or business developed effectively resulting in underutilisation and no reinvestment into the facilities. This is a popular venue in a prime location and a wonderful asset for the community and wider Auckland which brings the community together, providing a sense of belonging and generates income for the local businesses. The land needs to be preserved for future generations and not short-sightedly sold off to developers as it is publicly owned for leisure purposes to support a region that has a huge growth in high density housing. This facility needs to be protected and enhanced for future generations of Aucklanders. "

As per my previous comment, needs better management and opportunities to facilitate events

This asset has the potential to once agin be an incredible COMMUNITY asset if it is run well by the community, in partnership with wider community and Auckland Council. Getting to this point will require strong vision and planning from and BY the community (NOT Council) through the financial support, input and involvement of Council as one key partner. This asset needs INNOVATIVE and long term re-envisioning, not more of the same Council driven approach

"As it make sense as all ready there and should be used"

it should allow for possible relocation of the Albany Village library to a better site

"It's a local stadium but has never felt 'local'.

We've lived close to it since it was built but have only been there for events a handful of times in all those years."

These are valuable assets as such I would like to maximise the benefits to the community economically and environmentally.

To get to Eden park or spark arena is a nightmare we need something more local for more major events like Pacifica

"Yes, contributing funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct is a worthwhile investment. The North Shore currently lacks a viable large stadium for major sports events, meaning residents must travel long distances to attend significant fixtures. This is made even more challenging by poor transport links and limited parking at existing venues. A well-planned stadium and precinct development would not only enhance local sports infrastructure but also provide better accessibility and convenience for the community. By investing in a strategic vision now, we can ensure the North Shore has a stadium that meets future needs, supports local and regional events, and reduces the need for long-distance travel for sports fans."

This area already has a leisure center next to it and infrastructure building up around it. If it can be developed to be a welcoming stadium, plaza and domain it has potential to be a great community area.

"The stadium for years has not been offered the opportunity to maximize its usage and presence in the overall community. I believe this investment will allow the facility more amenities and offerings to the community, business communities and other activities that drive revenue for Upper Harbour as a whole. We should also ensure we make a bid to attract a home team to be

based permanently at the stadium ie Moana Pasifika. The investment into NHS will ensure these kind of relationships continue to drive revenue for the overall local economy."

This is a quality facility, it makes good sense to investigate opportunities to make greater community use of the facility.

Auckland council should contribute majority though

We need a stadium in North Shore.

It's very important for children

Swimming pool facilities will be very important to Hobsonville residents as our children often need to travel far to Henderson for services

These are significant community facilities that benefit greater Auckland, not just own own backyard

Keep developing it as its good for the area!

The stadium and precinct has all the bones to be the best setup stadium/sporting space in auckland. It has just been significantly under utilised and de prioritized. It has huge catchment area with high growth projections. While Mt Smart is a great size and experience, it's \*\*\*\*\* to get there and back. Eden park is too large for most non national level events now and again hard to get to and from. North Harbour has all the ingredients to be a huge community asset with the right vision and management.

A good stadium brings in events and much needed spending into the area from outside. We need to utilise the stadium in a way to keep it busy and connected to the community and make it an asset that provides a positive cash flow to the community

North Harbour stadium is the only local venue for events with a reasonable seating amount for activities including sports, business functions and concerts. Using it saves travel.

We need a good Stadium for the upper harbour

This is a draw card for people around Auckland

It is a fantastic facility with very good connectivity to rest of the Auckland. This area should ne converted into world class sports facility, including few sports. Instead od spending money to find and build another sporting arena in Auckland, use this facility.

At current pace the development of the area is l'm constant struggle

"The taxpayers bought the North Harbour Stadium and now we have a great super rugby team selling it out.

It is underutilised and needs to attract more outstanding events for the local community to embrace."

we should not only invest in it but take back control as we are a growing community and have aspirations to watch our teams host international events not drive over the bridge we need our own stadium

"To help transform Auckland into a more international city, a large stadium is essential for hosting major sporting events, concerts, and other large-scale gatherings. Currently, Auckland lacks venues of this size and capacity.

Additionally, on non-event days, the stadium should be accessible for community use—such as basketball courts, tennis courts, and other recreational activities—to ensure it benefits both residents and visitors alike."

It is called a master plan. Plan what you want in the area that will cater to the residents. Not Rocket Science!! What will attract people and increase utilization of the area.?

It is a great facility that is underutilized

It is a critical local asset that must be retained and enhanced for future generations to enjoy at both a community and a high performance level.

I think North Harbour Stadium can be used for so much more. However, I also think more work needs to be done to increase infrastructure around Albany so the stadium can handle big events (eg. parking).

Depends what for, more consultation not really.

NHS and the Domain Precinct are under-utilised. Need to identify more potential users and have better transport access.

Purely because there is nothing else in this space in the entirety of West Auckland and the North Shore areas. For this place to grow as a community it needs its own identity, and right now it's simply too difficult to travel to the center of the city (Eden Park) or even the other side (Mt Smart) any time we wish to see a sports match. North Harbour is equally as important as other areas of Auckland.

Refer to my comments re: basketball above. We need to make better use of space for the fastest growing sport in NZ. Shake off the old boys club mentality of supporting primarily rugby, cricket, etc (even pickleball and equestrian get more space than basketball does)

It obviously isn't attracting as many people to it as it once did. Needs a change, something to attract people to the area

The stadium and precinct represent an asset that needs to be retained and promoted.

It's there and just because it wasn't used or promoted properly it shouldn't be ignored.

It is important to maintain the value in this asset both financially and for the community's benefit.

We need to make better use of the facilities we have

The stadium can be upgraded rather than demolished. Too many dumb consultants lining pockets with ridiculous ideas. It needs more seats for more use

We need to keep this asset in our community and turn it around to make a profit

The stadium (community asset) already exists and the use of the park needs to be maximised

I think the North Harbour Stadium is a very valuable community space and asset, not just for attracting bigger events like rugby games, sports events etc, but also for smaller scale uses like the blood drive and potentially more smaller community events.

Albany Stadium is such an asset to the region. Maintain and retain PLEASE we love going to events at the Stadium, we have supported events there since we invested in the building of The Stadium. Thank you.

Somewhat

If the facility is used it could be self funding, it is up to management to ensure it is. Otherwise the community will have to support it.

New growth is in West and North of Auckland

We need forward thinking and cannot lose North Harbour Stadium.

"See attached Summary of Attachment:

- Fully supports UHLB's proposal to fund the development of a vision and plan for North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.
- Requests additional contributions from Council and Tātaki Auckland Unlimited for a detailed business case"

Need a good venue for ex Coatesville Market. Need free youth and young adults 'sports' facilities

*'Yes' responses - other residents*

Would spread some of the pressure from the other stadiums, and drive more visitors to the north shore.

the North Harbour stadium is focused on rugby and football. These are seasonal sports. The stadium needs to be better utilised all year round for other events e.g. entertainment. Make that venue and precinct area more accessible by being more affordable to NGO community groups eg. charities that run markets or annual disability expos etc. If it's too corporatised in fees then it will continue sitting unbooked and empty. There needs to be an NGO non-profit focus to make better use of the facilities for all Auckland region and not just the local board's goals. By bringing more community groups and interest events into that space, local businesses will profit from the visitors coming into the area. If you want people to shop locally around the domain precinct, you need to make the spaces more accessible and affordable - otherwise the customers will just come for the 'show' or the game but return home to their local suburbs etc to buy takeaways and spend money at malls, businesses and hospo venues where they live and work.

The facility is for all our community

North Harbour Stadium is a good venue that is massively underutilised - could definitely make more money for Council if maintained and used properly

Under-used capital + increasing maintenance urgency + local sports clubs in need of larger scale facilities.

Yes please as explained above *[Already explained my support for north harbour under other board in that we need to spread the key destinations for events to areas outside of Auckland cbd.]*

"Keep the domain community space open for community sports as it is a great space for community sport. But the main stadium is an eyesore that's not used much...Other options for this would be great but I'm, sure you have that in the pipelines."

Good to have a secondary high quality stadium in addition to Eden Park

You will see the invested money come back to you from people visiting our area when they use the stadium. It does need to be used more though than currently. Perhaps host music events.

It can be a asset to the community

Because the city is saying it needs more stadiums but is ignoring that we have one and is not utilising it fully. if it is removed it will be regretted in future and would be much more expensive to replace. Needs to be much better utilised by the city.

Ultimately needs to be as the self funding as possible, but that is only possible if it gets used more.

It's a terrible venue already. Maintain it for a few more years and develop plans to sunset and demolish it in 15-20 years while investing over that time to rebuild and redevelop the whole precinct.

I support more use of North Harbour Stadium. One more use could be for Auckland FC to play there. North Shore is more of a soccer area then Go Media Mt Smart. A stadium for Western Springs is better than Mt Smart but we have enough stadiums in Auckland so should use the one we have that is best located for soccer, ie North Harbour.

There is a huge lack of facilities in North harbour. There also needs to be a priority focus on court space - not just fields!!

"I would like to voice support for two indoor facility projects; namely: The Wasp Hangar in Hobsonville; and The Harbour Sports Hub at the Albany Tennis Centre."

Underused and major location opportunity which needs upgrading and future-proofing. It's the perfect location for events and other community-based activities. Needs some serious thoughts and not just Friday afternoon chats at the local council pub.

Future proofing and takes care of multiple facilities

We don't need more stadiums in Auckland, we need to fix and upgrade the existing ones and focus on getting public-transport and essential infrastructure to the stadiums. Heavy Rail, Light Rail and Buses.

This is SO important.... this wonderful stadium has previously been SO mismanaged and neglected, what a shame!!! It has HUGE potential and with good management could really put Albany on the map and create so many opportunities for local business with increased visitors to events held at the stadium!! I would prioritise and support this in a BIG way!!!

To ensure the North Shore which is growing exponentially has a sports and entertainment facility

"Very important that we continue to maintain & promote the use of North Harbour Stadium. Our Stadium is a very valuable asset for all residents of the North Shore as well as Greater Auckland. Our Stadium requires a carefully considered plan for future use."

Why waste it

"CTA supports the Upper Harbour Local Board contributing funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct, as the community have said that they would like to see the stadium and precinct used more effectively [and] for the local community. We are pleased that this local board is working together with the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board on this"

"We support the Local Board contributing funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct. The areas surrounding Stadium are a significant community asset and planning for their long-term sustainability is strongly supported"

Definitely Yes. We need to keep that facility.

North Harbour Stadium has to stay. It is most important for all residents of Auckland not just North Harbour. Numerous sports need this stadium and as a financial asset the stadium has areas for various occasions eg weddings, conferences, committee meetings. It would be tragic to see this fantastic venue demolished

North Harbour stadium is an asset to our community. I like going there

Its important to the north shore to be able to host all the events at this home stadium

"- For the sporting future of our young people of the community - my children of their schools have all benefitted from this wonderful facility - Our growing community utterly deserves to attract international events"

An essential facility to promote to support sports in the area  
Because it is there and needed for the whole community  
Support plan for North Harbour Stadium  
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*'No' responses - Upper Harbour residents*

Focus on finishing roads, essential infrastructure and better public transport routes before worrying about stadiums, libraries etc. We have so many unfinished roads and bus routes in Hobsonville. More Pool/Park facilities would be great though.

If you fix the traffic and public transport issues first. Last Friday there was an event on and it took an hour to get off the motorway and through Albany village - not acceptable. We have families we need to get home to.

If this project is to go ahead it should be contributed to by a far greater proportion of Auckland ratepayers not just Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards. The stadium will be used by people from all over Auckland.

You should contribute funding to a bigger library.

Just pouring money into a waste of space. North Harbour stadium has never been profitable and needs to be redundant. It's no good building another one somewhere else that won't get used either.

No need, sell the stadium to a private company and save the money. Why is the council even contemplating this silly idea??

Would prefer to see the money spent on facilities that the general population use. Eg, more swimming pools eg in Northwest

I work 9-5 and I don't get to use any of those things you want to fund. How about making only those who want to use them to pay for them and cut my rates. User pay, not everyone pays.

North shore have enough money they can find that

Blah blah...let sports bodies plan and fund

nobody uses it anyway.

We can't afford everything. We have stadiums in Auckland we can't afford them all.

Let the stadium be self funding or get rid of it.

I've already questioned this statement. Yes fund development but to fund a vision and plan opens up funds to be misused. Unless you can specify what this entails and at what cost the answer can not be YES.

"Sports teams want to put their teams there, let them invest.

Albany has sufficient shops and businesses and infrastructure around there is fine. Can't see this adding to the culture or community there "

Complete waste of rate payer money.

This is short sighted. This is a nice to have. We could use the funding elsewhere

I reckon there may have been a plan for it already before the venue was constructed.

We have too many stadiums and poor attendance levels.

Demolish it. Enough stadiums in Auckland. Sports teams do not like playing there and no body watches teams there. Instead of funding elite sport fund community sport/facilities where you will get greater societal outcomes. Such as green spaces or development of Hobsonville wasp hanger into basketball/futsal courts.

NH Stadium is too difficult to get to because of the lack of public transport to and from the venue especially during events.

No, you don't have the money and lack a mandate to do so.

Waste of money, we don't have the funds to sustain this facility.

Not a priority

More local, less Albany business district

you are in debt for billions, why increase the debt

"See above. PLEASE, no more lawns. I'd support plans to reforest those areas, regenerate wetlands etc., but as long as it has ""stadium"" or ""domain"" in its name you might as well be talking about making a giant car park."

Does the council own it? If not, then definitely not. There are many better opportunities for improving local communities than that stadium.

Partnership funding should be sought from businesses who will benefit. This stadium needs major money spent on it to bring it up to a level where sports and other activity promoters would consider it as an option. You can't put lipstick on a pig and think it's beautiful.

Waste of money

Development of vision and plan can be done by existing Council staff in conjunction with Local Board members (who do nothing usually) and the local reps they are working with. Developing a plan and vision requires NO funding. It's free and should be part of existing job of various people already paid for it.

A waste of taxpayer money with minimal return.

More established areas on the Shore can more easily afford to find this.

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Use the revenue for the sporting activities to fund the future development

This is the sports unions job.

Not necessary - the stadium exists already. Let private enterprise run it and be accountable.

The project must achieve self-sustainability. If the Council is unable to accomplish this, it should refrain from seeking funding from its resources. Instead, the stadium should be sold or leased to an entity capable of effectively utilizing it, without necessitating a change in zoning for its use.

It should be leased and ran more effieciently by private companies.

I am not a sporting person and I not particularly interested in this stadiums development.

Absolute waste of money

If there is a commercial case for the stadium then it will fund itself. This is not what the council should be focused on.

I don't want to see ratepayers money spent on a vision. Fund planning work once a decision has been made please.

There are out developments which are vitally needed in the Upper Harbour. The North Harbour Stadium already exists and is a nice to have as opposed to a need to have like transport connections for Hobsonville Point and leisure grounds in historic assets.

"North Harbour Stadium has been around since I was a girl. I have only used it once in my forty years. I do not understand Auckland Council's fixation with continuing to fund and renovate stadium's which only serve a small sub-section of sports nuts who watch rugby or soccer when there isn't even a proper Cricket stadium in Auckland - it just seems like we're in love with throwing good money after bad money.

I could think of 50 things Upper Harbour needs before a revitalized Stadium, we need better roads, more outdoor walks, parks, pools, art trails, places for kids to play and places for teens to work."

Focus on more community use by making it cheaper to hire and don't waste money on more plans.

Stop wasting money on vanity projects.

Surely as we have seen with Western Springs this should be looked at with a commercial eye and can be privately funded. North Harbour Stadium should be a great facility with great commercial potential and therefore able to be privately funded.

I expressed my use of the stadium before and and I don't see a plan only being of any use.

Waste of money sell it

This should not be a burden on just the three local boards namely, Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards, but should be shared by the entire Auckland regions local boards. This stadium is a hub used by the whole Auckland.

Haven't got the money to do this

I think the stadium was and is a waste of money.

*'No' responses – other residents*

Stick to your core business of drains and roads

We should contribute to the planning, but allocation of extra funding should on a case by case basis which aligns to our priorities of building a better communities through supporting the more disadvantaged

It seems like tax money could be put to use serving everyone and community corporations could spend more money supporting a Stadium. Let those who will profit from a stadium foot the bill for the expansion.



It's not worthwhile. Any big event happens at either Eden Park or Western Springs and I think this is fine. Having efficient Busses to these events is a far more cost effective measure than trying to pump money into a seldom used stadium to split events with the bigger stadiums

Too expensive-keep rate increases to 0% and do whatever is needed to make that happen

Never been there, I have no idea why the rate payer should contribute

We do not need a plan, please save this money.

We have bigger things to sort as opposed to entertaining

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

There are organisations that could fulfill this if given funding and they are more connected to the community

Hobsonville needs its own swimming pool. North Harbour swimming pool is too crowded

No thanks.

we have enough stadiums.

There should be a local trust that manages North Harbour Stadium that was paid for by local community fundraising. Council incompetence and lies have run down the stadium just as the lies about western springs speedway have run roughshod over a deed that speedway should stay at western springs. This sort of seemingly corrupt behaviour should not be allowed.

"It should find a purpose that will fund its operations le soccer or concerts/events "

not interested, focus on important stuff and decrease cost for everyone

I think they're fine as is.

*'I don't know' responses – Upper Harbour residents*

I don't know enough about this

Answering the question of who is going to use it or what if its not there then what, might answer the question.

I don't know what the options are.

Waste of resource, focus on Eden Park

Sports facilities seem to absorb more and more funding. More user pays might be applied

I don't know enough about it but I do think the stadium is wasted.

that stadium hasnt attracted any major events lately. Even the Auckland city FC stadium rights went to Mt smart stadium which is a shame. I would rather have that stadium torn down and sold to a developer.

It sits there - no usage, seems a lot of waste at moment, either sell it or have better plan to have events to generate the incomes sooner would be great.

If not the local council then who should?

I would like a better idea of the possibilities prior to my decision.

It is unclear what changes are being proposed and as this facility already exists I feel the money could be better spent developing other areas

As stated above. I'd rather funding be put towards new indoor basketball facilities in our region. The sport has rapid growth and we are not able to accommodate everyone due to the lack of suitable locations. In particular, it would be good to see an indoor facility in Hobsonville Point (The Wasp hangar) and Harbour Sports Hub at the Albany Tennis Centre.

"Thinking Still."

In the 10 years I've lived here, between Albany and Hobsonville, I've not once set foot in the stadium so don't really have an opinion nor care what happens to it.

I thought that council had a working group doing this.

It depends on how much we are going to contribute to the project and whether Auckland Council will be contributing too like it did for North Shore Events Centre.

*'I don't know' responses – other residents*

Funding is needed to improve the area however this needs to be on community access areas and making an attractive environment that enables use, not just of benefit to businesses in the area.

Don't really know enough, I would not want to see this take away large amount of funds from local projects, while the area around the stadium is worthy of investment the stadium itself should be funded directly by the council

I don't believe it should be taken away from more important issues if that's a sacrifice that would be made

Stadium "fantastic that we've got it still"

Why do we need a vision and a plan for NHS? Its there already. Get the people in generate some revenue and stop wasting our rates on plans.

Need more events at NHS not more plans. Wasn't council kicking out the current operator? What happened to that plan?

I enjoyed the Moana Pacifica game at NHS, just need more games and festivals and events there.

## Appendix 2 – Comments – Hibiscus and Bays

### *'Yes' responses – Hibiscus and Bays residents*

The area is not used well - the supercity seems to have been the issue.

This is ridiculous if your asking if you want funding for making a vision..... Just make some ideas, propose them, don't waste so much money on consultants doing this \*\*\*\*\*. Hire people to get stuff done.

We have a facility --- lets use it fully

North Harbour stadium is a valuable asset, that with good management could bring much more needed events to the Northern part of the city.

I support sport.

this was part funded by locals and should not be scraped by being part of a greater Auckland view

Local community matters

North Harbour stadium has the potential to be an amazing venue for our community. It's central, easy to access and has loads of parking. This facility can hold more events from sports to expos to family friendly events. It does need more investment and it dies need more exposure so it will be uses. A great facility

the stadium should be the main stadium for auckland as there is room for development it should also be able to be closed in for concerts and bad weather

Its the only stadium on the North Shore

It's a get asset that could have very good public transport services and North Aucklands population is exploding

"Bring in concerts and large sports events. The local community spent years fundraising for the facility before it was built. This asset is too valuable, so make sure it's used! North shore is now a very vibrant urban area, which deserves large events."

don't waste a great asset, use it better

it is there, let's use it!! and benefit from it

The stadium is for all Harbour people to attract events and provide a fit for purpose facility for all

The stadium is there and must be used. Moana Pacifica using it as their home base is a start. Concerts and fairs would help

Probably, though I didn't make it a priority above. However, we need to fund development as it is a valuable asset that should be working for the community and there is a danger that lack of action will mean the facilities will deteriorate

As long as if it proves it is not sustainable then it is sold.

Requires development to ensure multi sport/social usage. Important to maintain as a community asset.

Future growth of the population will require an adaptable, functioning facility such as this.

We do not want to lose this asset for present and future generations. I am concerned it is being under utilised and resourced and would support funding a capacity upgrade to attract more engagement.

The stadium can take a lot of pressure off Eden Park.

North Harbour stadium must be kept and maintained. A great facility that needs to be used more.

The proposal that the Stadium be scrapped is not acceptable. There needs to be better management and that can only happen if leadership steps up and formulates a management plan, consults the community on it and then executes it.

See above [6 This should be a centre for active enjoyment, not a rotting memorial to times past.]  
it is under utilised

See above [North Harbour stadium should continue as it is and NOT be reduced in size which would reduce it's usefulness to the community.]

With regard to the stadium we have a great facility that will serve not only the Hibiscus coast and Bays but also North of Orewa and beyond. This is a growing area and we are going to need another stadium in any long term plan. To lose it would be crazy. We need to utilize it more with sensible pricing even if it is cost neutral in the interim. Eventually it will be worth it.

Get rid of it as an acc asset it isn't

This Stadium offers an opportunity for top sporting events to be held within a viable commuting location for this part of the city

See comments above. [Want to see the North Harbour Stadium retained with mid-week use encouraged for seminars, social events and the like.]

Perfect location for Football.

The assets in Albany could be amazing and must not be left to rot. The number 2 ground at Albany could easily be configured to become Auckland test cricket venue.

Yeah try to keep it, otherwise you'll just have more useless town houses in its place

It's important we have a stadium on this side of the bridge. It needs to be used to the max and Albany stadium should also have concerts instead of just sport. Either a trust should be set up with private interests as well as LB members. I think it's so important that we have an accountability board back to the community.

Yes! The stadium should be a hub for the community with multiple events per week to encourage community interactions and overall culture, to support businesses, and make the North Shore an even more desirable place to live.

Because of the growing population here which would benefit from a well functioning/serviced stadium/precinct such as these

You built a big stadium there that could be used by all of the community, schools etc and yet it does not seem to be. Surely if it was well managed or thought through it could be useful to nearby schools to be used like the Millennium Stadium or something similar.

The lack of use of the North Shore Stadium is very sad given the excellent road access and position from all areas of Auckland. Some of the publicity borders on the level of bias. I suggest

less focus on Eden Park would be a start. For there are no local residents to be concerned about.

It is a key asset geographically well.placed and with huge untapped potential.

It is great to have the stadium being the base for Moana Pacifica rugby team as people are going to stadium to support them. Need more sports to be using stadium

It is a great facility for our community

I guess use stadium that are already built. Do not go building any new ones that's for sure.

Important asset

North Harbour stadium is the only one truly on Northside of Auckland, it would be interesting to know the number of people north of Auckland that have only one stadium compared to the number that live south of the Bridge

We do not want to lose it

Good to have a alternative to eden park

It's a white elephant at the moment, under used.

There are fewer facilities like these north of the harbour bridge, resources need to be more equitable

We raised funds for this locally and love having a local stadium. This is underused because it's been expensive to use.

It's an important part of the north shore, and should be managed better

Ultimately needs to be as the self funding as possible, but that is only possible if it gets used more.

It has great facility with multiple usage, but it would be better to see the main stadium used more.

This would bring more business and vibrancy to the area.

"North harbour stadium is an easy location to get to- has good public transport links etc. Is under- utilized and poorly managed at this moment. There have been missed opportunities to hold international and local sporting events."

It seems to be under utilised. Either make something of it or get rid of it

It needs to be more user-friendly to enable it to be utilised more extensively.

North Harbour Stadium should be priotised to encourage more events and larger events. The Stadium needs to be looking into diversifying the events in and around the Stadium.

The current perception of the area is very much tied to the stadium. However, outside of paid sports events, there are other resources and activities that can be used by the community for no and low cost. A vision and plan should focus on the diverse usage of the area which will hopefully allow the wider population to understand the precinct's value.

It is a key part of the local area and needs to me accessible to more people to help promote community

It currently seems like a wasted space, very few events are held there and it has great potential to be an awesome asset to our local region

The stadium is in a prime location for many to easy access. It's already here, so utilize rather than wastefully pull down. The northern side of Auckland needs a good event place as getting over the bridge is a nightmare at all times of the day. It's a great venue and is hugely underutilized. Keep it and develop it.

"I support developing a vision and plan that better serves the local community while exploring opportunities to increase its use. It's important that this process reflects community input and ensures that the space remains accessible, affordable, and inclusive for everyone. I also support a balance between community activities and commercial use to generate revenue that can help fund local services without compromising public access."

We need a good stadium for the huge growth in the Northshore. Especially now Eden Park has been chosen, NHRB stadium could be a great back up while work is conducted on Eden Park. if no sponsor is found yes, as it sits nearly empty, which is a shame. Surely there should be sports team that can utilize this stadium to some extend already, outside fields?

As above. [Priority 6 it is absolutely essential that investment is put towards North harbour stadium it is important that The North shore has a functional stadium and space for not just Rugby but other sports as well and a place suitable for big events and concerts. This is a great central location and has the potential to offer so much more. ]

We have a great venue. Let's use it!! Don't waste the money and efforts of previous councillors and benefactors and loose this site. That would be shameful. There is a great bus connection nearby, let's go folks. Plan some events!!

I support more use of North Harbour Stadium. One more use could be for Auckland FC to play there. North Shore is more of a soccer area then Go Media Mt Smart. A stadium for Western Springs is better than Mt Smart but we have enough stadiums in Auckland so should use the one we have that is best located for soccer, ie North Harbour.

We need more facilities to keep looking after the enthusiasm of the youth wanting to oarticipate

As above[North Stadium is an important asset on the Nth Shore. Outrage was caused my Mayor's comment about bulldozing it, last week. So disrespectful. Please keep funding it- we need it as part of our identity.]

"I would like to voice support for two indoor facility projects; namely: The Wasp Hangar in Hobsonville; and The Harbour Sports Hub at the Albany Tennis Centre."

This is the perfect location for so many events and other community based activities to be held. It is seriously under used and seriously needing upgrading to future proof it.

I am unsure why the stadium has not been used much for international/national events? It is an excellent space and should be turned into some type of large venue eg to be used similar to the ASB Showgrounds?

"It is local thus requiring less mileage to access than having to attend other stadia across the region. It could bring revenue into the HBLB area."

"Community asset needs protecting and developing for visioning the communities aspirations. Congestion on the roads is frequently CREATED WHEN LARGE SCALE EVENTS DRAW PEOPLE INTO THE CITY. North Shore deserves its own home ground for sports events, "

The North Harbour Stadium and Doman Precinct is an excellent asset that needs to be developed and enhanced for more efficient use. With a growing population in the area, this needs investment, development and some entrepreneurial thinking! Get the right people involved in this project - change agents.

The area is coming along nicely. Lets see it progress.

With the city expanding this area needs to thrive and become a real hub. Would be great to see more indoor basketball facilities in this area too.

"When the NHS plan was original presented to the North Shore Council it was going to have 'NO COST' to the community. The sports groups would be paying for capital and operational costs. All the Council had to do was grant the land which was 'contribution' as part of the original Niel deveopment for the area. The contribution towards recreational purposes. So the NSCC granted the land and approved the Stadium development. The other request by the sports groups was that the NSCC guarantee the \$25m ASB loan. A councillor was included in the board of the trust building the stadium. Within 10 years the NSCC had to take over the loan and the \$25m costs went to rates. Now we have a lack of interest in the Stadium's use because of poor management. Let's get some fire back in the Stadium project again. I attended many great events there many years ago. The 'Super City' consolidation killed all that."

"North Harbour Stadium is a very important KEY ASSET to the community and citizens of North Auckland. As Auckland expands further north of the central city and land stripping for the development of infill housing and more commercial building and precincts are developed, the North Shore needs a stadium and domain precinct available to host sports events, clubs, teams, local competitions, as well as a space for concerts, events and shows too. it is a vital piece of infrastructure in the North Shore and it should not be torn down or demolished. we need to keep it for the present and future generations to use it, as it can never be replaced if the land were on sold. this will become even more important as the north shore continually expands North Harbour Stadium was previously a very successful stadium in its own right before its board was let go and it was taken over by Auckland council. i have no hesitation in believing it will become once again a fantastic asset for the north shore of Auckland, and for the northern area of Auckland in general. with the right independent board behind it,, who can make positive plans and decisions around it, and proactively promote it for major sporting events, and shows it will once again become a vital asset to the community and people of the North Shore of Auckland"

Develop something for teenagers. There seems to be so little aimed at teenagers and they are an integral part of our society. It is so easy for them to slip into a bad lifestyle. Develop cool and fun experiences for them. Keep them engaged and growing into well rounded adults.

It's such a precious location and need more ideas how we can use it and benefit the general public more.

It is an important community asset which is under used and needs support

North Harbour Stadium was paid for by North shore rate-payers and should be retained for use by the North Shore community. But it should be more affordable and accessible to use (e.g. schools and clubs could use it more when it is not hosting some major paid for event). The bad

management of it has meant it never gets used and therefore looks like it's costing more than it's worth. If it were made available for use more easily, that would not be the case.

As above - I strongly advocate improving the use stadium area and what it has to offer.... HUGE potential and totally under utilized and so mismanaged in the past. This needs a lot of love

This is a stadium that has been neglected by the council. The original plan for a mirror stand opposite the main stand should be built. There are no problems with Neighbours re noise etc.

See comments above. NHS is an asset we already have. It should be supported and improved for the betterment of the whole city. It is very accessible by public transport. North Shore residents are always asked to go across the bridge to venues and stadia. It is time investment was put into what we have on our doorstep.

This legacy from a previous generation should be preserved and funded to optimise local community use.

Really?

so to get coast for user pays

"Because the region needs these asset's, they are very much the essence of our community and provide the vehicle to bring communities together in positive and meaningful ways. I am old enough to remember North Harbor Stadium, when it was operated by a Trust and how effective it was for the wider communities, aside from the tangible benefits there was far intangible benefits that community shared. It is a disgrace Auckland Council has allowed this great facility, with excellent public transport accessibility to degrade into an under-utilized, sad and sorry state it has now become. Time to turn it around and bring it back to the shining example of what it used to be and what it represented for this amazing region."

See Above [6. Future of North Harbour stadium is critical. I have wonderful memories of numerous events at the stadium.....Rugby All Blacks beating Sth Africa in record score, League Kiwis beating Australia, One day cricket final on outer field, Music ( the Who, Steve Nicks), & many more. The stadium recent failures are clearly the lack of a strong marketing plan!]

Watching sport in the City or South is not always an option. NH Stadium will be so useful when Eden Park changes occur.

Because we need it and want it

Must lead to actual outcomes, not just be a never ending process

"Very important that we continue to maintain & promote the use of North Harbour Stadium. Our Stadium is a very valuable asset for all residents of the North Shore & Greater Auckland. It will require a carefully considered plan for future use."

Great location

Having the stadium used as home base for Moana Pasifika has already generated a lot of positivity and excitement in the local community- so much more is possible with decent funding!

It is important to the North Shore to have a Stadium to host various events, sporting and otherwise. It will be a great asset for our future.



See above comment [Developing a sensible strategy for the stadium is vital as a early step to realizing the potential what otherwise is likely to become a white elephant.]

It's a very valuable asset

The stadium can provide good events for everyone in North Auckland to enjoy. It's easy to get to and provides a good community centre for many sports, concerts etc

It took a long time to get it constructed, then a few years of good usage. It has a future for the North Shore, all of Auckland and New Zealand, if it is managed and utilized as originally envisaged. Auckland is voting on building a new stadium while North Shore stadium stand empty - what a waste.

It's an important sporting, recreational and entertainment venue for the North Shore. It's close to motorway, bus station and with parking. It's the best situated venue in Auckland for assessibility for North Sgore and further afield residents

Our North Harbour Stadium is a key community focal point in Albany but is presently under utilised, mainly in view of competing interests in Auckland City.

"The stadium and domain precinct should be the hub of our community. By having events here to cater for all ages will get the youths involved and give them a purpose. We use to have rugby and football Games, concerts, all Writhing these facilities in the past The greed of the council to tear it apart for Baseball was a disgrace and ruined our stadium. No thought was put into this and where has it got them today? Stadium can be used in the weekends by youths to train them on looking after the area and showing them Importance in what will Be theirs to entertain in the future. The surrounding areas have great walks and easily accessible to shops and malls Promote what we have Good on Moana Pacifica for using this stadium As their home base."

This facility has been shown to be an asset for the local community and wider Auckland. With proper and efficient management it will prove to be the facility that our Local board has outlined.

It is a ratepayer owned asset and should be properly supported and maintained

As a ratepayer this stadium should be kept and maintained, by the council

If we don't use it, we lose it. Make it viable by selling naming rights

North Harbour Stadium is a valuable North Shore asset and it would be great to see it being utilised more (as I believe has been happening since there was talk of closing it down) It is a wonderful venue for many activities

It is very important to keep the stadium and domain precinct as a community asset.

This must be retained for the citizens and ratepayers of the North Shore. Stop wasting money on 'climate change' initiatives and put funding into infrastructure, roading, water. Climate change is an utter scam.

It is or should be a community asset. It should be available to all local organisations.

It must be retained for community use. The Breast Cancer Foundation function held there on March 14th was a massive success. 380 people. We need an operator to drive events like this to the stadium, to help it thrive (as well as sports teams)

Albany and environs becoming an even higher density living area and families need green space so any must be protected and further enhanced to improve quality of life for these people.

*'Yes' responses - other residents*

These assets need to be used more for the local community in Auckland region. Bringing people to this stadium and the Domain Precinct for events also brings in revenue to the local area particularly if it is booked regularly. It is a complete waste of resources if the main use of the stadium is mostly just rugby or football - because they are seasonal sports and we should be fully maximising the potential use of the facilities all year round. We should use that venue all year round such that it is heavily booked most of the year with other events (e.g. markets, entertainment etc). If the community is NOT using the venue, its likely because the costs are too expensive to make it accessible. The board and council need to make a strict distinction so that events like charitable fundraiser markets and community providers hosting large not-for-profit annual events need improved access and opportunities to use these facilities. Community NGO providers should not have to pay corporate rates - make our facilities accessible to those providers who need to use them the most e.g. disability providers hosting informational events for free or low cost. The cost for hiring and booking venues should only increase if the venues are heavily booked all year round. There should be cheaper rates also to make bookings in the 'off-season' (if there is one for any particular council facility).

The stadium has been mismanaged for decades. We used the indoor areas for esport related activities, the car park out the back for the RC Club, it was a great time to enjoy sports of all kinds. Now, all that open space that is used 1% of the year is doing nothing and costing everything. Open it up again!

Bring concerts to the shore!

Yes but let concerts and shows held there help fund this.

"With 3 teams (2 rugby, 1 football) sharing Go Media Stadium, would be awesome to have at least one shifted to QBE, good structure around there, bush station, Wilson car parking, mall, amenities for food/drinks. You look around Go Media and you have nothing, just warehouses/industrial area. You look around QBE a huge structure that could be used better."

The area sits dormant. It could be utilised for a medium density mixed zoning area to help ease the housing crisis alongside a minimalist busway to shuttle residents to the existing Albany Station and mall. Alternatively, get more gigs happening so the land generates some actual revenue for council.

Because Auckland city and Mt Eden aren't the only destinations for Auckland events.

It needs to be bigger, also manage traffic during events

It has so much potential. It seems to be barely used - it is a massive resource!

I am the Granddaughter of Chris Kennigns who developed North Harbour stadium originally so I am biased. however, I have extremely fond memories of my time at North Harbour stadium as a child - it oozed community. In recent times that feeling is not there as the property has been disregarded. reestablishing this as a community hub is an opportunity for new growth within our community.

Its already in place with planning etc - expand it to double the capacity its got land available  
Before it's unrecoverable something needs doing,. It's an expensive eyesore now.

North Harbour Stadium must be retained and developed for both community and high performance use. It is a critical asset for the future of the region and needs to be maintained and enhanced to enable future generations to enjoy the facilities it has to offer and to provide these facilities to be available for the significant expected population growth in the region.

As above ! Netball courts !

Such a great location and it is not utilised

We have nothing for the kids, we need basketball courts

It is the only stadium on the shore. Our population is growing. Who wants to travel over to Auckland all the time, especially if you bring in a congestion charge.?

"As above, the stadium was built by the people for the people. Of course we need a plan and committee to go forward making this an exciting venue for sport and other enterprises, this of course will need funding, and it will enhance and bring in revenue to Albany and local areas."

It is important to the community and we paid for it and now we want to keep it.

"CTA supports the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board contributing funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct, as the community have said that they would like to see the stadium and precinct used more effectively and for the local community. We are pleased that this local board is working together with the Upper Harbour Local Board on this."

"We support the Local Board contributing funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct. The areas surrounding Stadium are a significant community asset and planning for their long-term sustainability is strongly supported"

Definitely Yes. We need to keep that facility.

North Harbour Stadium has to stay. It is most important for all residents of Auckland not just North Harbour. Numerous sports need this stadium and as a financial asset the stadium has areas for various occasions eg weddings, conferences, committee meetings. It would be tragic to see this fantastic venue demolished

#### *'No' responses – Hibiscus and Bays residents*

STOP WASTING MY MONEY

It's not viable

It is a waste of money that will only benefit a small minority

I don't think it should be prioritised, but definitely should be done. To be honest I didn't know that was in our board area. Most people in the Hibiscus Coast board live quite a drive away from this but having somewhere close to attend events would be cool.

Fix the Motorways and public transport first. You do up the Stadium and more cars on the road will cause more traffic. Have you ever been in traffic from Albany to Silverdale or Silverdale to Albany it is curranty the WORST traffic on the whole AKL network.

Because you will waste the money. Simple solutions include having the stadium attract more sports events and music events for it to be self funding.

Greatest percentage of residents do not use the stadium/precinct

Times are hard, why are we doing these grand plans.

too far away from orewa

Just demolish the structure and replace it with affordable housing

More important issues to deal with

As prior comment [ If you can spend \$150,000 on development of a vision and plan for north Harbour stadium OK. But knowing past spending this is more likely going to be around \$2,000,000 just to find out that we need to put in a couple of trees and remove parking.]

Stop wasting money

WE DON'T NEED TO SPEND MONEY ON THAT

Theres better things to fund like sun protection - shade sails

You dont say what the plan is. Your proposal is too vague. Give us concrete prosopals, then ask for money. Don't ask for a blank cheque first.

There are other priorities as far as I am concerned. Environmental protection,, stopping the scalping of land when new developments are started (trees should be retained) and allowing space for planting of trees in new developments. More cycleways. There are many more cyclists in the Hibiscus Coast area since 2020.

North Harbour stadium is an utter joke, a massive white elephant that should never have been built. Get rid of it and sell off the land.

"I do not prioritise funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future use of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct at this time.

While the stadium and precinct are important community assets, I believe there are more pressing needs that require funding prioritisation. Specifically, I would like to see investments in initiatives that support the well-being and resilience of our communities, such as:1. Rainbow community groups: Providing resources and funding to organisations that serve and advocate for the LGBTQIA+ community.2. Mental health services: Investing in programmes and initiatives that promote mental health, reduce stigma, and increase access to support services.By prioritising funding for these critical areas, we can create a more inclusive, supportive, and resilient community for all Aucklanders."

I think it's more important to save our ferry and spend money before another 1000 houses which have already been approved get added

This feels a black hole for taxpayer money, where the return on major events is always overstated. Developing this area further is also likely to lead to significant congestion, which will crowd people out from using existing shopping facilities. Ask the locals around Eden Park if they think it benefits them!

Its time to cut this loose. Keep some of the outer fields and capabilities while divesting the stadium itself.

It's a waste of money, looks like the place will need a lot of money spent on it soon. Pull it down and just have artificial turf sports fields.

There are much more important things to worry about.

The area around the stadium is more of a priority than the stadium itself.

You have bigger issues in our ward. Future proof small businesses, enhance local communities and local town centres, protect environment

Hard to go to & leave

The Stadium has always been a big white elephant and i wouldn't want to see more funds put into it. The ideas around the Domain are very nice but are they actually realistic.

Don't waste money on that. So useless

Not a priority but in a planned timely manner.

Its not a priority, prefer to use the resources to improve infrastructure

I would prefer to see funds diverted into the development and maintenance of a vibrant community centre in every suburb. Community connection and resilience can only be built if we have suitable community spaces yo enable it to happen.

it's just one area, the overall beauty of the whole region needs care first

Dont see value for money in this investment

North Harbour Stadium is good but need to have a solid plan. Is it intended for international cricket, football or rugby games? how do you get the ROI? Are there enough parking to accomodate large crowd? transportation options? What are the benefits to the residents?

Again unless you want to redeploy funds from already starving areas (education, healthcare, nature preservation) I don't see this as a priority

Don't use them

I don't think stadiums are a basic service. Council should stick to basic services.

Leave as is

Recession going on in case you don't know!!

Stadium is a money pit offering minimal return to local community.

Because we can't afford it right now

In today's environment we should be looking at reducing debt across the board.

It is not being used much, also there are way too many stadium in Auckland in general

Probably wouldn't use it

There is no need for another stadium in Auckland.

Is it a priority? Get events started first and use it then consider costs to upgrade.

Prioritisation needs to reflect value delivered

Waste of money

There are truly other important things on the agenda to protect the environment

OMG, look at the current economy. Think we have way more important things to do. The first thing is saving money.

I don't think it is very important to our city, it might bring in more revenue but it feels unimportant

Support local, not nationwide retailers.

Would rather see a "user pays" type system.

Already stated this is a nice to have only

If you do not have a transportation plan that allows for the use of vehicles then this will be a flop. Big time.

"as above. Also, not everybody needs or utilises such a big stadium/area. [I have only utilise the North Harbour Stadium once. Parking is terrible, therefore I don't bother going to things. The facility itself is great.]"

It was built in the wrong place, should have been near the bus interchange and have parking.

While I support the continued use of North Harbor stadium it is not a priority for funding. The Council has do some hard work getting private funding to develop it and also work hard to encourage events to return.

"Cut your cloth to what you can afford. Did you listen when the idea of a stadium was first mooted ... where was the feasibility studies then? "

18 years and still no development of a new surf lifeguarding club at Mairangi bay, supporting both a community as well as over 1,000 members. We have members from not only the Bays but also from Central and Eastern districts.

NT harbour Stadium is a waste of money. Turn it into a nice park instead.

Not at this time. Leave until financial outlook improves

We have a lack of local sporting facilities. Developing one all the way in Albany is not the answer though. We should use the funding to do more close to home.

User pays - fairly simple.

It's clear this counsel has no interest in actually making North Harbour Stadium the brilliant rugby and footmall venue it could. Look at the soulless, irreparable damage done by turning it into a bastardized softball ground. Stupid.

More important things to fix . E.g. wastewater

With limited funding and the cost of rates rises, and inflation - I think prioritisation of projects that benefit everyone of all backgrounds, income and ethnicity should be prioritised first. Often this means recreational reserve park space wheres the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct has fewer opportunities I feel.

#### *'No' responses - other residents*

There are more urgent investments that require funding. Funding should be prioritised for our extremely underdeveloped cycle network.

Not a huge issue right now unless it stated exactly what.

We can't afford it. Just do the basics to keep up the maintenance until we are better off. You can't just keep spending money we don't have.

This should be done by the private sector

Waste of money.

North Harbour Stadium should be pulled down and the precinct turned into a test cricket ground for international cricket games.

As per my previous answer - should be funded solely by those who would use it.

Just seems like a waste of money

What we have is more than adequate and does not need any extras.

Sell it. Its a under used drain on council funds

There are other, more important things to focus on

Too expensive-keep rate increases to 0% and do whatever is needed to make that happen

It should survive on its own merit

They are more important aspects that council needs to deal with, such as a proper public transport system, rather than the system that we have which is very ad hoc

If these events cannot be self-sufficient, why do we have to pay for them?

Should be profitable without public funding.

I would like to see more concrete actions than vision and plan. Wasn't there a vision and plan when the stadium and precinct were built initially? How those vision and plan being fulfilled since then?

I think let the football go here. North shore like football more than Pt Chev.

It should be a more central location. Great for me at the moment, but put the money into something more central.

It's a terrible venue already. Maintain it for a few more years and develop plans to sunset and demolish it in 15-20 years while investing over that time to rebuild and redevelop the whole precinct.

I am not sure if this is a issue that should be funded by local boards (although I encourage their input)

*'I don't know' responses – Hibiscus and Bays residents*

I have never been there, or had any knowledge of any event there - sporting or otherwise. I guess it's a rugby ground. Why does it need more money?

Show us the business case first. Then actually build it!!!! Lets not waste money on consultants that their work doesn't go anywhere

"Pasted from above:I'm sure it's difficult to deal with, but the North Harbour stadium is and always has been a financial drain on the city. It's only half a venue at best and doesn't seem to attract anything that large numbers of people are interested in. Better to turn it into a dense walkable neighbourhood that is close to mass transit."

Not important to me

I am glad the stadium hasn't been demolished. I don't believe in destroying what has cost a lot of ratepayer money over the years. But I would want ratepayers to have a very strong input and control over what is proposed for this venue, and the costs etc . There should be a local ratepayer referendum on these proposals. And full transparency .

I don't know enough about how it gets used by folks in our region.

Don't care much about stadiums so my opinion is that relevant but I'm sure it would be nice to the community.

It depends on what "prioritise funding" means - what will it be prioritised over, and how much funding are we talking? What is the cost/benefit proposition? Does it make sense, or will it be another white elephant which goes billions over budget and years over date (see: CRL, city centre development)?

What is Domain Precinct

I don't go to stadium or domain events but it's better to be used by the whole community than private interests.

"Tell us what you have achieved to date? The Stadium is not in our domain. What is the vision to date? Do Upper Harbour get funding for, because of, the stadium?

Is there any revenue from the stadium? Where does the money go?"

I don't have enough information on the funding mechanisms

Don't use them much but will support if the majority do.

If we can develop this project in a way that creates local jobs and isn't just here for match days, great. Spend the cash but get some return back into the locality.

Don't use this space currently. Have no opinion

*'I don't know' responses - other residents*

Make it 50% private, and let them take the risk to ensure it is best used

"I'm not exactly sure but as there is already a stadium there it is a pity not to use it."

It would be good if more events could be held there but I'm not sure what exactly you would be prioritizing it over

Utilise the asset more •Community events •Festivals •Music concerts etc





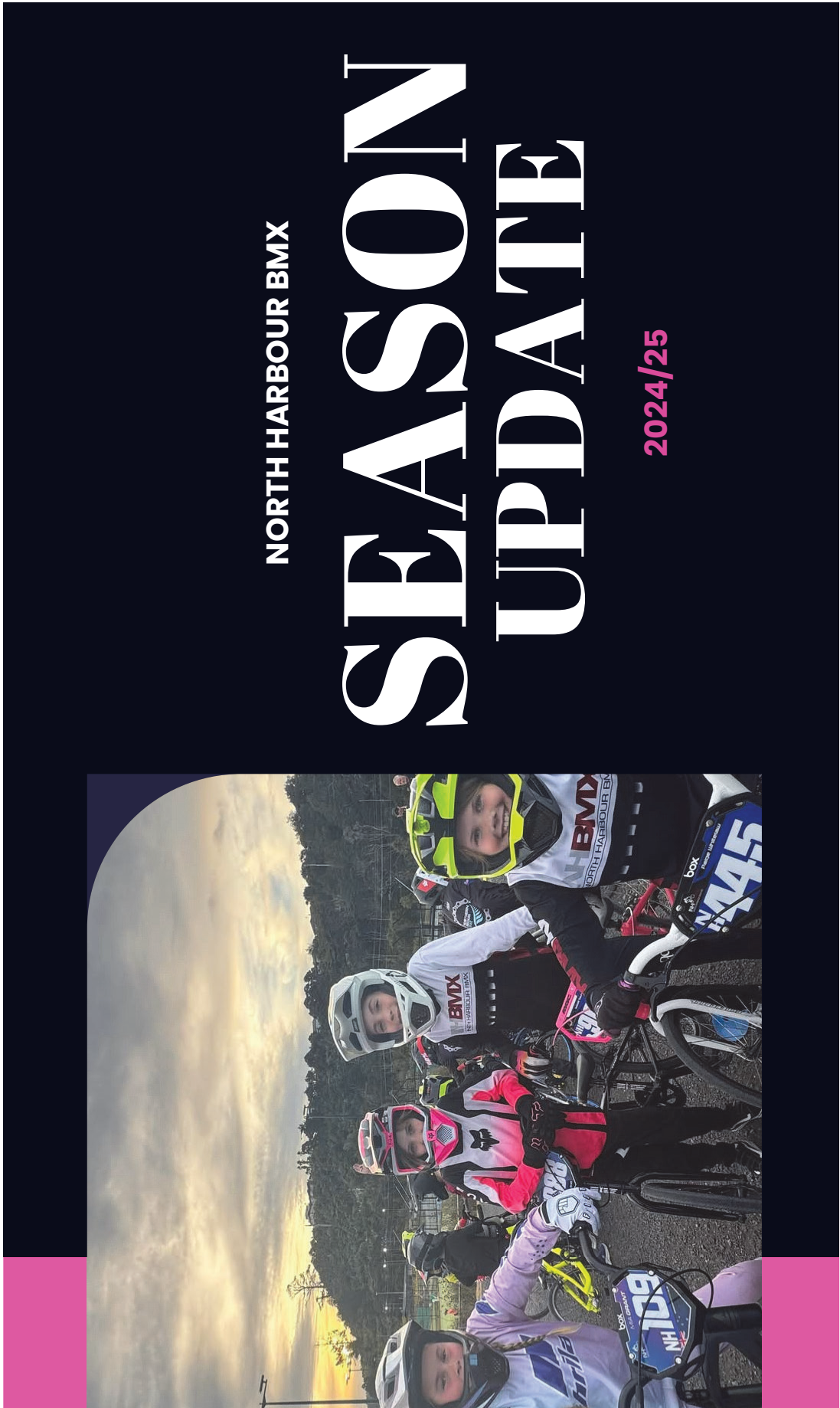


## ATTACHMENTS

Item 8.1 Attachment A North Harbour BMX - season update  
2025 presentation.

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# WE ARE...



- North Harbour BMX – part of BMXNZ and Cycling New Zealand
- Community sports club based in Albany
- Home to over 120 riders aged 3 to 50+
- Volunteer-run and family-focused
- One of NZ's top BMX racing tracks and development hubs

# 2024/25 - A YEAR OF GROWTH

- Membership growth: + 50% from previous season
- Record participation at club nights and training sessions
- New rider programmes introduced for ages 3–15



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