

Date: Tuesday, 10 June 2025
Time: 12:30 pm
Meeting Room: Groundfloor Boardroom,
Venue: Auckland Town Hall,
301-305 Queen Street, Auckland

Waitematā Local Board Workshop

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

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Karakia

Whakataka te hau ki te uru.

The wind blows from the west.

Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.

The wind blows from the south.

Kia mākinakina ki uta.

It pierces the land with its wintry nip.

Kia mātaratara ki tai.

And slices the sea with its freezing chill.

Kia hī ake ana te atakura

When the red dawn breaks

he tio, he huka, he hauhū.

there is ice, snow and frost.

tihei mauri ora!

indeed, there is life

1 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

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

2 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.

Local Board Workshop

File No.: CP2025/11893

- Note 1: This workshop has been called by the chairperson in consultation with the staff.
- Note 2: No working party/workshop may reach any decision or adopt any resolution unless specifically delegated to do so.

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To present the Waitematā Local Board workshop agenda for 10 June 2025.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. Most workshops are open to the public to attend as observers in person or online.
3. Some sessions may not be open to the public. The staff and chairperson decide which sessions are open to the public, depending on the sensitivity of the information being discussed.
4. Workshops will be recorded and a link to the recording will be included in the published documents. Email katherine.kang@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for a link to join the workshop online. The public can observe the workshop on via MS Teams, but not to participate.
5. Local Board workshops provide an opportunity for local boards to carry out their governance role in the following areas:
 - a) Accountability to the public
 - b) Engagement
 - c) Input to regional decision-making
 - d) Keeping informed
 - e) Local initiative / preparing for specific decisions
 - f) Oversight and monitoring
 - g) Setting direction / priorities / budget.
6. Workshops do not have decision-making authority.
7. Workshops are used to canvass issues, prepare local board members for upcoming decisions and to enable discussion between elected members and staff.
8. Members are respectfully reminded of their Code of Conduct obligations with respect to conflicts of interest and confidentiality.
9. The following will be covered in the workshop:

Item 1 – 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Closed Workshop – Quick Response Round Two Grants

Item 2 – 1.30pm – 2.15pm

Making Space for Water

Presenter/s: Elizabeth Johnson – Principal Strategic Programmes, Healthy Waters & Flood Resilience

Purpose: Staff and the board to discuss Making Space for Water project in the Waitematā Local Board area. The workshop will cover

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	increased maintenance, flood intelligence and community flood resilience.
Governance role:	Keeping informed; Local initiatives.
Proposed Outcome/s:	The board will be informed on the Making Space for Water project, staff will also take any questions from the board.
Attachment/s:	Attachment A – Making Space for Water presentation
Break 2.15pm – 2.25pm	
Item 3 – 2.25pm – 3.25pm	
City Centre	
Presenter/s:	Jenny Larking – Head of City Centre Programmes; Simon Oddie – Priority Location Director; Natalie Hansby – Manager City Centre Experience; Leroy Beckett – Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor; Oliver Smith – Manager Programmes Delivery; Marty Jones – Senior Communications & Engagement Advisor; Kate Cumberpatch – Priority Location Director; Fiona Knox – Priority Location Director; Nick McKay – Principal Urban Designer (Architecture).
Purpose:	Staff to provide the board updates on the Central Wharves project, the Te Ara Tukutuku project and the City Centre Room to Move project.
Governance role:	Keeping informed
Proposed Outcome/s:	The board will be informed and updated on the Central Wharves project, the Te Ara Tukutuku project and the City Centre Room to Move project.
Attachment/s:	Attachment B - City Centre update memo Attachment C - Central Wharves update memo Attachment D - Central Wharves presentation Attachment E - Te Ara Tukutuku memo Attachment F - Te Ara Tukutuku presentation

Ngā tāpirihanga Attachments

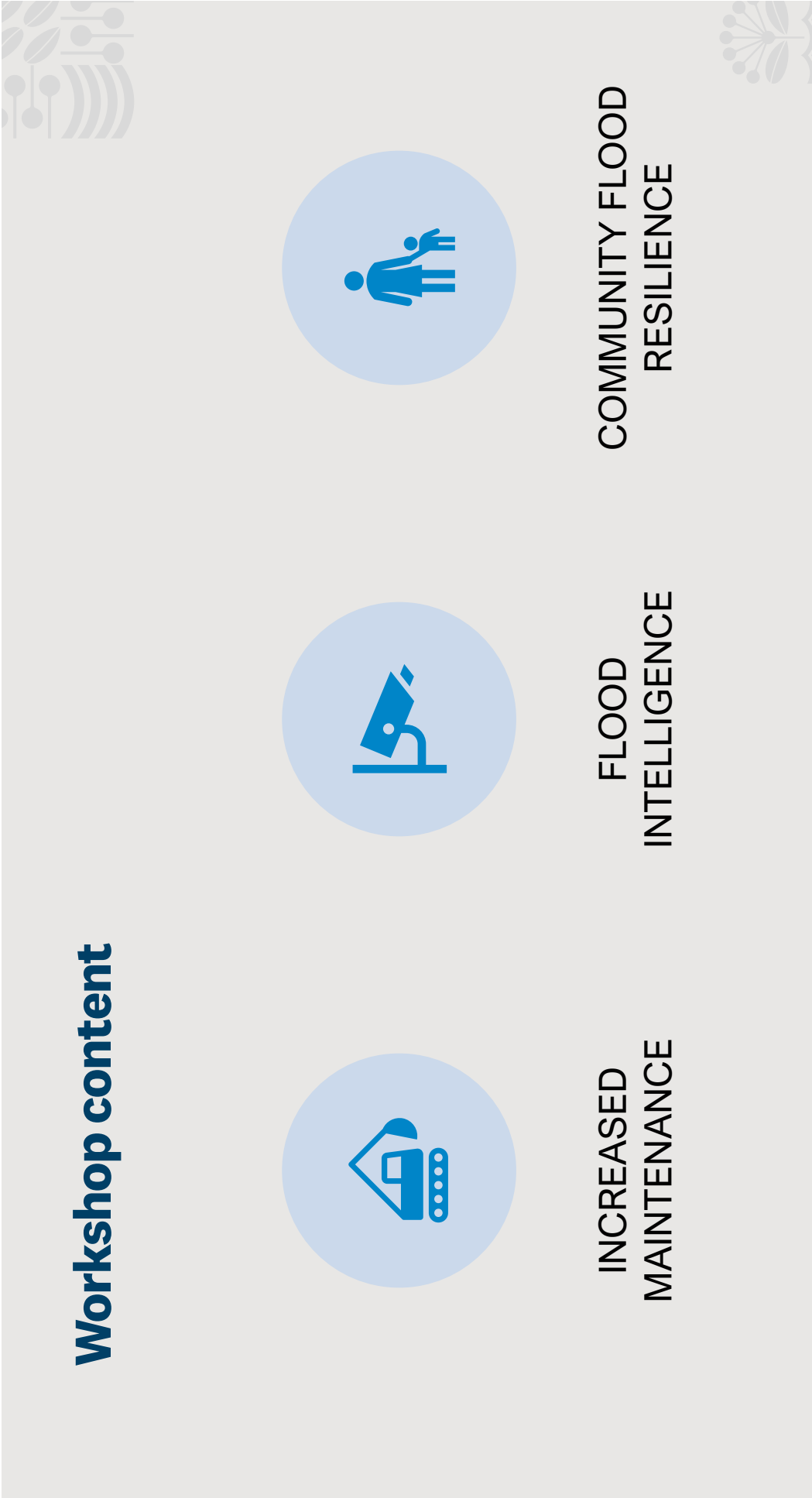
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Making Space for Water in Waitematā Local Board

Elizabeth Johnson – Principal Strategic Programmes, Healthy Waters & Flood Resilience

Waitematā Local Board workshop – 12 June 2025



Increased routine and proactive maintenance



Responded to 190 Requests for Service between Oct – May
Routine and emergency works



Hobson St culvert structural assessment underway.



Motions Road, Meola Creek, near Auckland Zoo and Pasadena Intermediate – stream clearance.
This work was completed in 2024



Seddon Fields, near Motions Creek and Western Springs College – stream clearance.
This work was completed in 2024



Newmarket stream, Newmarket Reserve – significant stream clearance.



Cox's Creek, Cox's Bay Reserve, Herne Bay – clearance following slips into the stream.



7 hotspots, 8 high leaf fall areas, 4 leafy roads
Westmere, Grey Lynn, Herne Bay, Freemans Bay, Parnell and Ponsonby.



Increased maintenance

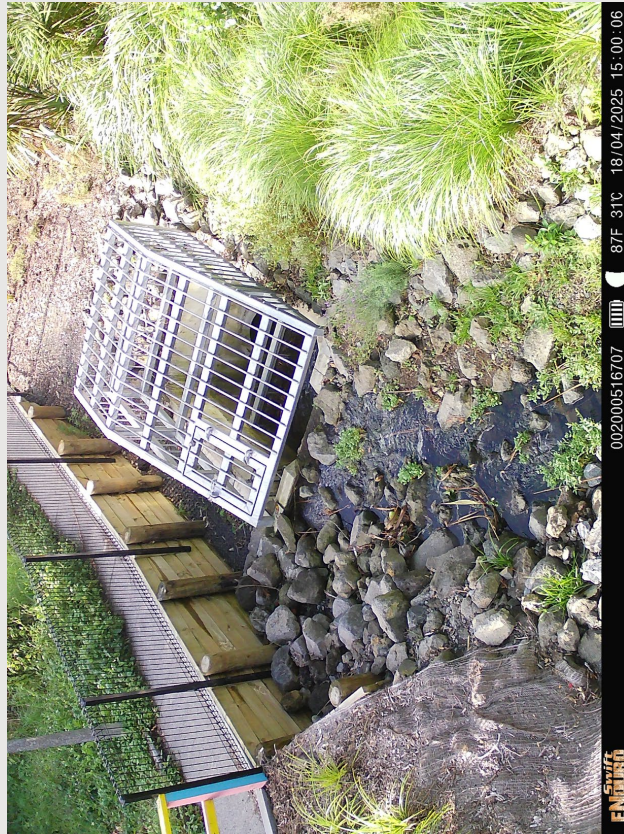
July 2024 – May 2025

Total Assets inspections	Asset work type	Frequency	Number of assets in Local Board
5,019m	Pipe inspections	Mostly reactive in response to reports of flooding or blockage	of 230,935m of stormwater pipes
3,055	Scheduled Catchpit inspections completed	Quarterly	of 5,508 catchpits
184	Inlet/Outlet inspections completed	Monthly and quarterly	of 24 key stormwater assets
168	Hotspot inspections completed	Before and/or after heavy rain response	to 8 critical stormwater assets
155	Pond inspections completed	Monthly	4
161	Reactive Catchpit inspections completed	In response	to 132 customer reports of blocked catchpits
34	Scheduled soakhole inspections completed	6-monthly	of 41 soakholes



Flood intelligence cameras Ngahere Terrace, Parnell

18 April, 3pm normal state



One of two cameras in the local board area

19 April, 3am during storm event



Flood intelligence cameras Ngahere Terrace, Parnell

19 April, 6am debris blockage remaining



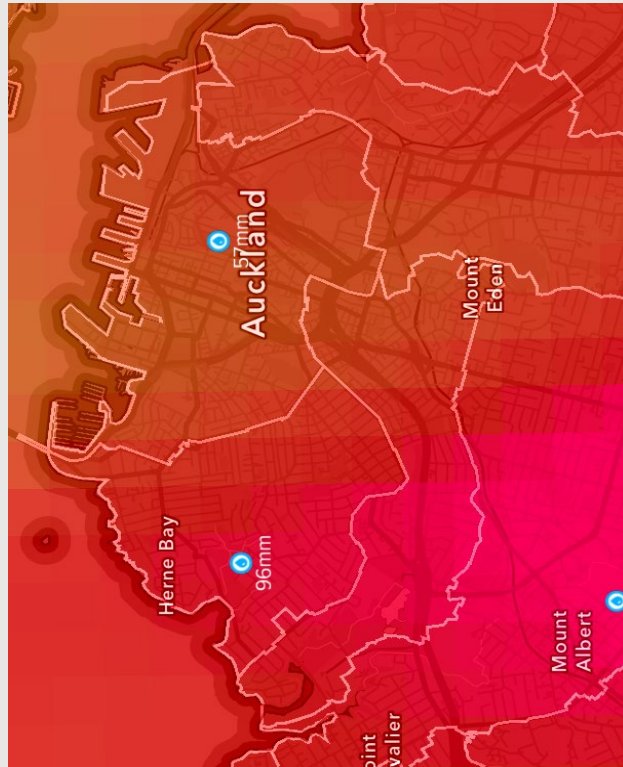
One of two cameras in the local board area

20 April, 9am blockage cleared by staff



Requests for Service 190 during Oct – May

Routine and emergency works



Total rainfall 18 April – 20 April

- Majority in Auckland Central (40) and Grey Lynn (34).

Common requests:

- Catchpit Blocked/Overflow Routine (66)
- Manhole Emergency (24)
- Catchpit Blocked/Overflow Emergency (23).

**Peak on 9/05/2025 of 14 requests,
six being catchpit overflow emergencies**





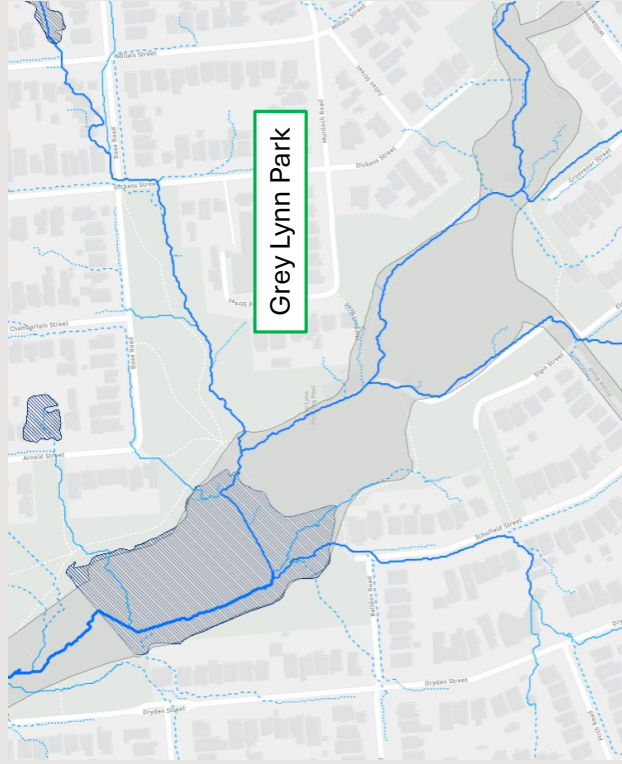
- Located in a flood plain and flood prone area
- Located in a depression area with low ground floor levels
- Overland flow path (OLFP) running close and through the properties
- Intense steepness of the site
- Recent construction restricted the OLFP.

- Storm Affected Land Use programme being managed by Recovery Office
- Removal will open the overland flow path so it works better
- Biodiversity and recreation opportunities for planting outside HWFR scope, could be delivered in partnership with community organisations (eg Urban Ark)
- No current HWFR projects scoped.

Flood resilience maintenance

Grey Lynn Park

- Infrastructure not currently required
- Grey Lynn Park has a detention dam
- The dam had limited capacity which flooded many residential and commercial buildings downstream to Richmond Road
- The area is part of the Western Isthmus Water Quality Improvement Programme, aiming to reduce wastewater overflows to the beaches, and improving stormwater pipe network capacity.



Community Flood Resilience Middleton Stream, New Market November 2024

Middleton Stream clearance diverts tonnes of debris from landfill for “new life”

Publish Date :10 Dec 2024 CLEANING UP OUR ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT



Debris blocking the flow of Middleton Stream in Newmarket.

Partnered with From the Deck

- Significant debris removal from 380 metres of stream
- 10.24 tonnes of debris and rubbish removed
- Diverting 5.5 tonnes, mostly scrap metal and firewood, from landfill
- Benefiting downstream properties
- Funded by central government through the 2024 Storm Readiness Fund.



Informing public decision making

- Current communications campaign targets people actively looking to buy or rent properties, aiming to make Flood Viewer a part of their decision making process
- Usual formats: social media, radio, website content, print, paid ads on real estate websites (OneRoof, TradeMe) and MetService.



Next steps

- Work progressing regionally
- Update quarterly to Transport, Resilience and Infrastructure Committee (8 May)
- No further MSFW workshop planned prior to election
- Other projects reported separately.



Memorandum

3 June 2025

To: Waitematā Local Board
Subject: City Centre update – workshop 10 June 2025
From: Simon Oddie – Priority Location Director – City Centre
Contact information: simon.oddie@ekepanuku.co.nz

Introduction

1. Staff from across the city centre team will attend the Waitematā Local Board workshop on 10 June.

Workshop agenda

Item 1: City centre update **2:00pm – 2:05pm**

Who: Simon Oddie – Priority Location Director – City Centre

Purpose: To provide the Waitematā Local Board with an overview of the workshop contents, the City Centre Advisory Panel forward programme, and to provide an update on key city centre initiatives or changes impacting the city centre.

Item 2: Central Wharves update **2:05pm – 2:20pm**

Who: Fiona Knox – Priority Direction Director – Major Projects

Purpose: To provide an update on Central Wharves programme.

Attachments: Central Wharves update memo and presentation

Item 3: Te Ara Tukutuku update **2:20pm – 2:40pm**

Who: Fiona Knox – Priority Direction Director – Major Projects

Purpose: To provide an update on Te Ara Tukutuku project.

Attachments: Te Ara Tukutuku Memo & Presentation

Item 3: Room to Move update **2.40pm – 3.00pm**

Who: Claire Covacich – Principal Transport Planner

Purpose: To present and discuss the outcomes of public engagement on Room to Move – City Centre parking management plan, in advance of seeking the local board's endorsement to progress and finalise the plan.

Attachment: Presentation

General updates

Enhancing the experience of students in the city centre

2. The draft 'Student City' Action Plan is now with a reference group of key partners for review including student associations, the business improvement districts and local board chair. This action plan, developed in close partnership with AUT and University of Auckland, aspires to make Auckland New Zealand's best city for students. Key areas of focus include welcoming students, celebrating graduation, strengthening collaboration between communications teams, improving understanding of the student experience, enhancing the Learning Quarter, and improving connectivity within the city centre.

Community and Visitor Safety

3. Staff are engaging with the City Centre Advisory Panel to help shape the role of the City Centre Targeted Rate in supporting safety and wellbeing outcomes. This work forms part of both the safety plan refresh and the broader review of the targeted rate.
4. Feedback from the Waitematā Local Board will be sought prior to finalising the refreshed City Centre Safety Plan.

Promoting the City Centre

5. Strong progress is being made through a collaborative approach led by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, in partnership with Heart of the City (HOTC), Karangahape Road Business Association (KBA), Eke Panuku, and Auckland Council. This working group is focused on promoting the city centre and attracting visitation. Check out the campaign on the website at this link: [It's On in Auckland](#)

Auckland by Night: Night-time action plan

6. Enhancing the after-dark experience of the city centre has emerged as a shared priority for the City Centre Advisory Panel, residents, stakeholders, and businesses. The "Auckland by Night" plan aims to take a holistic, future-focused approach, balancing cultural and social experiences with commercial opportunities to create a vibrant, safe, and compelling night-time economy.
7. A dedicated working group, including representatives from key council agencies, commercial partners and the two inner-city Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), has been established to guide the direction of the Auckland by Night plan. The first phase of the plan is currently being finalised, with early initiatives expected to focus on storytelling, highlighting a series of "Night-time Champions" and their unique perspectives of the city centre after dark. These 'Late-Night Locals' will help showcase the vibrancy and diversity of Auckland's nightlife, brought to life in a way that makes people want to experience it for themselves.

Progress Update: Blue-Green Network and Urban Ngahere Implementation Strategy

8. Work is progressing on the development of a Blue-Green Network Implementation Strategy for the city centre, focused on enhancing climate resilience, improving stormwater management, and expanding urban ngahere to increase biodiversity.
9. Internal engagement across the Council group has commenced, building on the work of the Urban Greening Network to ensure alignment across agencies. Engagement with mana whenua partners is also underway to ensure that Te Ao Māori values and aspirations are embedded in the strategy's development.
10. The strategy will consolidate and build on previous work undertaken by Auckland Council and Auckland Transport, and will be used to inform future precinct planning, project pipelines, and project briefs. This integrated approach aims to identify opportunities to strengthen green and blue infrastructure throughout the city centre, with a focus on delivering local benefits such as improved amenity, urban cooling, and increased resilience to extreme weather events.

City Centre Advisory Panel

The City Centre Advisory Panel will next meet on 30 June 2025. The following items have been scheduled:

- City Centre Targeted Review
- City Centre Safety Plan
- High Street Improvements update
- Room to Move
- Vincent Street proposed changes

Memorandum

3 June 2025

To: Waitematā Local Board
Subject: Central Wharves programme update
From: Fiona Knox, Priority Location Director – Major Projects
Contact information: Fiona.knox@ekepanuku.co.nz

Purpose

1. To provide an update on the Central Wharves programme of work, following our April update and our early public engagement.

Summary

2. In June 2024 as part of the Long-term Plan decisions, the Governing Body of Auckland Council approved the Port Precinct Framework Plan. Specifically, the Governing Body provided a direction to develop a masterplan for the Central Wharves. The scope of the Central Wharves project includes Hobson Wharf extension, Queens, Captain Cook and Marsden wharves.
3. We have previously updated the Local Board at a workshop in October 2024, and via a memo update in April 2025. We have held a workshop with the City Centre Advisory Panel in February 2025.
4. We are currently in the process of testing the Central Wharves component of the Framework Plan. We have been engaging with:
 - Subject matter experts across the Auckland Council group, through sprint workshops and collecting data and evidence on key issues and high-level scenario testing
 - Iwi mana whenua through site hikoi, wānanga and one to one hui
 - The general public through on-site activations and a Have Your Say campaign
 - Key stakeholders, interest groups and adjoining landowners.
5. We have also recently appointed consultants to assist us with key areas of technical work, including design, transport assessment, technical marine and cruise expertise and business case development.
6. Over June to August, we have the following engagement planned:
 - Local Board updates
 - City Centre Advisory Panel update
 - One to one meetings with key stakeholders, mana whenua representatives and adjoining landowners as required.
7. Based on our learnings to date and our reflections of work needed, we have been evolving the work programme signed off by the Eke Panuku Board in December 2024.
8. This paper outlines an updated approach to our process to develop a draft options document for testing a prior to crafting a Draft Masterplan for more formal public consultation in 2026.
9. Critical to our work is a thorough and evidence-based business case that considers the costs & benefit of various options considered and provides a recommendation that offers the greatest strategic value and return on investment.

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Context

Testing the Port Precinct Framework Plan – Central Wharves

10. Our previous memo update that was circulated to members in April provided details on our process for engaging with council whānau kaimahi, iwi mana whenua and the City Centre Advisory Panel.
11. The first deliberate stage of the process has been to “Test the Framework Plan” and this process is now well underway. Refer *Attachment One* which provides a reminder of the background to the Framework Plan and the scope of our work.
12. There is an established core cross-council team that provides input, knowledge and momentum to the process and approaches taken.
13. This stage has been a mix of understanding in more detail the technical issues and constraints associated with this City Centre site alongside gathering up information that can help form common themes to feed into the next stage – which will be focused on developing high level spatial scenarios for testing.
14. One of our key milestones for the project was to launch early public engagement. This was for the specific purpose of raising awareness with the public regarding this future opportunity for the City Centre waterfront using the Framework Plan as a tool to prompt ideas and feedback.

Early community engagement and awareness raising

15. From 12 April to 11 May we held a series of family friendly activation days on Queens Wharf to draw people to the site and start imagining future and transitional uses. These were well received, and we estimate around 2700 people attended.
16. Information was provided on the AK Have Your Say and Eke Panuku websites. The AK Have Your Say page included a feedback form and ability to drop comment pins on an interactive map. We received 335 pieces of feedback from the public. This was all supported by a communications and social media campaign to raise awareness and attract interest. The campaign reached around 400,000 people.
17. A summary of the key themes and statistics from our public engagement is shown in Figure 1:



Figure 1: Summary of early public engagement

Emerging high-level themes

18. The City Centre Masterplan, inclusive of the Waterfront Goals, provides the foundation for our work. Our engagement has focused thinking about themes specific to the Central Wharves to build context around this unique space in the city centre.
19. The themes from discussions with partners, stakeholders, subject matter experts and the community are in the process of being collated. These can *broadly* be summarised as:
 - *Enhancing the health and mauri of Te Waitematā and the waterfront environment, including:*
 - adapting to sea-level rise and changing environmental conditions
 - greening spaces, softening edges, and increasing biodiversity through green infrastructure.
 - *Creating welcoming, safe, inclusive and democratic spaces, including:*
 - accessible, inter-generational spaces and play facilities
 - spaces that can welcome and manaaki domestic and international visitors
 - event spaces and facilities
 - opportunities to get closer to the water
 - places for respite and to feel the elements, to watch the activity on the water
 - food and beverage offerings.
 - *Creating catalyst opportunities for investment and economic growth of the City Centre, including:*
 - encourages private sector investment

- encourages commercial opportunities on the site or adjacent to the site
- leverages off tourism opportunities
- creating connections through trade, exchange and activity hubs
- providing for uses and activities that complement other parts of the City Centre rather than compete with it.
- *Celebrating our unique culture and heritage, including:*
 - recognising the special role this location has held as a place of trade, exchange, and connection to the city and Te Waitematā
 - designing a future for the site that draws from the past but is not anchored to it.
- *Encouraging connections, activity and vibrancy, including:*
 - solving conflicts between modes, specifically between cruise ships and ferry operations, pedestrians and vehicles
 - creating a long-term base for the cruise industry
 - maintaining and creating infrastructure that is resilient over the long-term.

20. These themes have a level of consistency with other projects that have occurred across the waterfront – through engagement we have had in master planning and specific projects delivered.

21. As noted, we are currently in the process of collecting all information together and creating themes specific to the Central Wharves. All information will be drawn from to feed into the different spatial scenarios that will be developed over the next few months.

Scenario development and testing

22. Scenario development and testing is the next key piece of work – this is where we can bring together the information we have gathered and test them in a spatial way. These tests help to visualise and demonstrate different ways to balance the various functions and how we might prioritise competing demands for space. It's a chance to think specifically how any changes to the Central Wharves may impact or contribute to the whole of the city centre in a strategic way.

23. The spatial scenarios will then start to inform more detailed options for testing. Options development will need to be informed by the due diligence process and the key questions necessary to inform a business case.

Asset due diligence

24. Information on the asset condition of the wharves is essential to our scenario and option development. This information is integral to understanding the current state and any investment that may be needed to change the use and or upgrade the assets identified and required by the different scenarios and further options.

Business case development

25. We have recently engaged a firm to assist us with the Business Case development. We are about to start mapping out the process for creating material to support the options development. Our focus over the next 2-3 months will be onboarding the consultant team.

26. The Business Case development process is a critical technical workstream over the next 12 months. The technical work identified above will provide key data inputs to inform the strategic case, commercial case, financial case and management case. The business case process will:

- a. Help identify and clarify stakeholder and political expectations
- b. Identify potential risks and benefits of options

- c. Identify and prioritise initiatives that offer the greatest strategic value and return on investment. This will be necessary to then inform the project development pipeline, and the capital required to deliver on the masterplan.

Next steps

27. We are in the process of documenting findings into a technical background document. This will be a live document that will continue to be updated throughout the course of the Central Wharves Programme.
28. Testing the Framework Plan has been a useful way to generate different ideas and responses from stakeholders. From June to August, we expect to be:
 - Developing spatial scenarios to test further with SME's and identify areas where further information and evidence is needed. Development of more detailed options for testing and to feed into the business case process
 - Continuing with technical workstreams, including asset due diligence and business case development
 - Continuing our engagement with the City Centre Advisory Panel, mana whenua, and key stakeholders and interest groups where needed. We are planning for further activations on site over the September school holidays.
29. Over September to December, we will collate our updated material into an options document. This document will outline the emerging options in more detail. The options document will be useful to track through the range of considerations as they relate to reflecting the CCMP and Waterfront Goals. In parallel we will be developing up the first stage of the Business Case.
30. Based on current assumptions, we would then seek to:
 - Test the short-listed options following the local body elections once elected representatives are sworn in and Committees established – in early 2026
 - Develop the content for the draft masterplan for formal public consultation – towards mid-2026.



