

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O HOWICK 2017

Howick Local Board Plan 2017



Mihi

Tēnā kia hoea e au taku waka mā ngā tai mihi o ata
 e uru ake ai au mā te awa o Tāmaki
 ki te ūnga o Tainui waka i Ōtāhuhu.
 I reira ka tōia aku mihi
 ki te uru ki te Pūkaki Tapu o Poutūkeka,
 i reira ko te Pā i Māngere.
 E hoe aku mihi mā te Mānukanuka o Hoturoa
 ki te kūrae o Te Kūiti o Āwhitu.
 I konā, ka rere taku haere mā te ākau
 ki te pūaha o Waikato, te awa tukukiri o ngā tūpuna,
 Waikato Taniwharau, he piko he taniwha.
 Ka hīkoi anō aku mihi mā te taha whakaranga
 mā Maioro ki Waiuku ki Mātukutūreia,
 kei konā, ko ngā Pā o Tāhuna me Reretewhioi.
 Ka aro whakarunga au kia tau atu ki Pukekohe.
 Ka tahuri te haere a taku reo ki te ao o te tonga
 e whāriki atu rā mā runga i ngā hiwi,
 kia taka atu au ki Te Paina,
 ki te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.
 Mātika tonu aku mihi ki a koe Kaiaua
 te whākana atu rā ō whatu mā Tikapa Moana
 ki te maunga tapu o Moehau.
 Ka kauhoetia e aku kōrero te moana ki Maraetai
 kia hoki ake au ki uta ki Ōhūiarangi,
 heteri mō Pakuranga.
 I reira ka hoki whakaroto ake anō au
 i te awa o Tāmaki
 mā te taha whakarunga ki te Puke o Taramainuku,
 kei konā ko Ōtara.
 Kātahi au ka toro atu ki te Manurewa a Tamapohore,
 kia whakatau aku mihi mutunga
 ki runga o Pukekiwiriki
 kei raro ko Papakura – ki konā au ka whakatau.

Let this vessel that carries my greetings
 travel by way of the Tāmaki River
 to the landing place of Tainui canoe at Ōtāhuhu.
 There, let my salutations be borne across the
 isthmus to the Pūkaki lagoon
 and the community of Māngere.
 Paddling the Manukau Harbour
 we follow the Āwhitu Peninsula to the headland.
 From there we fly down the coast
 to the Waikato river mouth,
 sacred waters of our forebears.
 Coming ashore on the Northern side
 at Maioro we head inland to Waiuku and Mātukutūreia,
 there too is the Pā at Tāhuna and Reretewhioi.
 Heading southward I come to Pukekohe.
 My words turn to follow
 the ancient ridgelines along the southern boundary,
 dropping down into Mercer
 and Te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.
 My greetings reach you at Kaiaua
 who gaze across Tikapa Moana
 to the sacred mountain, Moehau.
 Taking to the sea, my remarks travel to Maraetai
 and then to Ōhūiarangi,
 sentinel to Pakuranga.
 There we follow again
 the Tāmaki River
 to Te Puke o Taramainuku,
 Ōtara resides there.
 From here I reach for Manurewa
 until my greetings come to rest
 on Pukekiwiriki
 below lies Papakura - and there I rest.

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On the cover: The snakes and ladders playground at Farm Cove.

He kōrero mai i te Heamana **From the Chair**



I am delighted to present the Howick Local Board Plan 2017. This plan sets out the outcomes, objectives and key initiatives we think we should focus on.

Many of the ideas in this plan have come from your feedback.

Howick is a great place to live. Eighty per cent of respondents to the 2016 Quality of Life Survey told us so. We want to ensure you continue to live in a place where our communities are involved and connected, we are effectively managing growth, we value our cultural diversity, our environment is treasured, our people are active and healthy, and our local economy is prosperous.

Howick is the fifth largest urban area in New Zealand and our population is predicted to increase to 176,350 by 2033¹. Our parks, beaches, sports grounds and transport networks will be used more and subject to ever increasing demand. Services like water, wastewater, health and education also need to be in place to support expanding and new communities.

Improvements to our public transport network have been made in the last

three years, including a new bus network connecting to the new transport centres at Ōtāhuhu and Panmure, and the new Half Moon Bay ferry pier. We will focus on supporting improvements to achieve a well-integrated, well-designed and efficient transportation system. We will continue to advocate for better transport connections, such as the delivery of the Auckland Manukau Eastern Transport Initiative (AMETI), to ease the congestion that will increase with growth.

We want to do more with what we've got – ensure our sports grounds, parks and community facilities are fully used, accessible to all, and our open spaces are well connected and meet the needs of our communities. In addition, we are planning for new facilities, such as the Flat Bush multi-use community facility and library, and development of the former Greenmount Landfill site into parkland.

You have told us that being active and healthy is important to you and we want our facilities to be accessible. We sought feedback regarding a targeted rate for our swimming pools and your submissions did not support this – therefore, we will not be

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progressing the investigation of a targeted rate. We will continue to focus on making our facilities accessible and affordable in other ways.

We acknowledge the challenges the region faces in maintaining service levels and accommodating the level of investment in infrastructure to meet growing population needs, while keeping rates affordable.

To help with our efforts, we will enable community-led action wherever possible. We already have some successful community partnerships in place and know

that there is great work being done by volunteers. We will build on this to involve more people and collaborate with our communities on projects that shape and develop local areas.

We want to work with you to meet the challenges coming our way and get the best outcomes that we can.

David Collings

Chair, Howick Local Board

¹Statistics New Zealand

He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere **Our plan at a glance**

We will focus on six outcomes to guide our work and make Howick a better community for all. Our aspirations are outlined below.

Outcome 1: Involved and connected communities

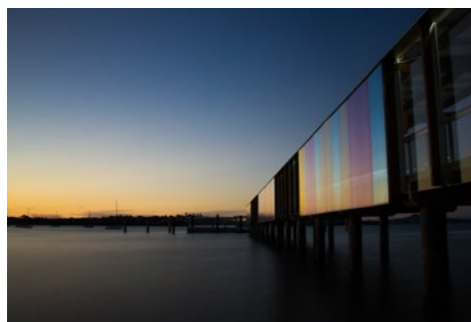
We are proud of our area and participate in our community to make Howick a great place to live, work and play.



At Botany Community Day.

Outcome 2: Our future growth is managed effectively

We want to ensure future growth is well planned with good quality design and transport connections that enable people to move easily around our area.



Half Moon Bay ferry pier.

Outcome 3: Valuing our cultural diversity

We are culturally diverse and have great facilities for creative activities including music and dance, theatre and visual arts.



Performer at cultural event.



Mangemangeroa Valley.

Outcome 4: A treasured environment

We will keep our wonderful environment and admired coastline clean and safe for all to use.



Artist's impression of playground on the former Greenmount Landfill site.

Outcome 5: Our people are active and healthy

Our extensive network of public places, and recreation and leisure facilities will be looked after so people of all ages and abilities can use them to remain healthy and active.



Highbrook Business Park.

Outcome 6: A prosperous local economy

We will attract new businesses to support our economy and provide opportunities for training and skills development. We will also continue to attract tourism to our area.

Te Rohe ā-Poari o Howick

Howick Local Board area



Howick has 4 town centres –
Howick, Pakuranga, Flat Bush and Botany, along with commercial and industrial areas in East Tamaki and Highbrook.



We have a population of
142,700
or 9 per cent of Auckland's total population.

5th
largest urban area in New Zealand.



We are home to:

- 266 local parks
- 14 sports parks
- four libraries
- four recreation centres
- seven community halls and houses.



Data sources: Statistics New Zealand Population Estimates (2015).



Stockade Hill.

He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe me ā mātou mahere

About local boards and our plans

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, made up of the Governing Body (the mayor and 20 Governing Body members) and 21 local boards. The Governing Body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards are responsible for decision-making on local issues, activities and services and providing input into regional strategies, policies and plans.

These local issues, activities and services include:

- supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining and upgrading town centres and facilities including parks, libraries and halls
- caring for the environment and preserving heritage.

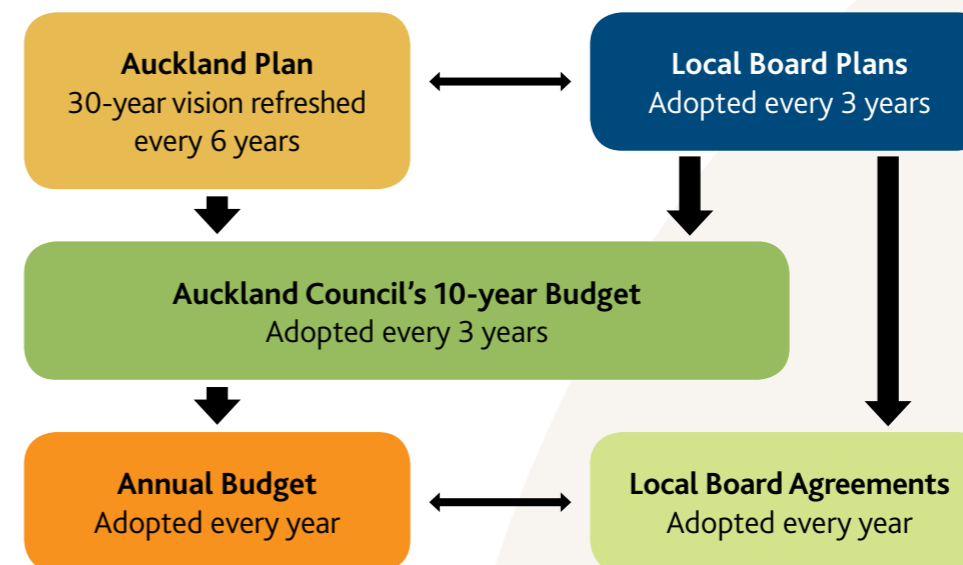
Local boards also have a role in representing the views of their communities on issues of local importance.

About local board plans

Local board plans are strategic documents that are developed every three years to set a direction for local boards. Reflecting community priorities and preferences, the plans guide local board activity, funding and investment decisions. They also influence local board input into regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan (the 30-year vision for Auckland), the council's 10-year Budget (Long-term Plan) and annual budgets.

Local board agreements

A key role of local board plans is to provide a basis for developing annual local board agreements. Agreed between the council's Governing Body and local boards, these are part of Auckland Council's budget setting process and they set out local funding priorities, budgets, levels of service, performance measures and targets by activity for each financial year. Each local board develops annual work programmes alongside adoption of their local board agreement.





Fo Guang Shan Temple in Flat Bush.

Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere **Developing our plan**

Our plan comprises aspirational outcomes, objectives we want to achieve and some of the key initiatives we will carry out to achieve them. To make this happen will take the efforts of many working together.

During May and June 2017 we consulted on a draft of this plan for feedback. The draft was developed by considering what we know about our community, having worked closely with you over the last six years and heard your views on a wide range of things.

You have given us new ideas and feedback on many issues including transport, local parks, heritage, cultural events, coastal erosion, walkways/cycle ways and the health of our waterways. We have quoted some of this feedback throughout the plan.

We have had conversations with you at local events such as the Botany Community Day and the Tāmaki River Festival. We meet regularly with local associations and groups where we hear about things that are important to you.

With transport being top of mind for a significant percentage of our residents, and in considering current and future growth, we are looking to partner with Auckland Transport and the NZ Transport Agency to enhance public transport connectivity and reduce road congestion.

Regional and local plans, such as the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2012, the Draft Coastal Management Strategy 2015, the Howick Sport and Recreation Plan, and the Howick Heritage Plan, have also provided direction.



Connecting with locals at the Botany Community Day.

Whakaotinga 1: He hapori whaipānga, tūhonohono

Outcome 1: Involved and connected communities

We are proud of our area and participate in our community to make Howick a great place to live, work and play.

Our local board area has many different communities. They can be defined by bricks and mortar, geographical boundaries or neighbourhoods, ethnicity, age, or leisure interests, to name a few. Some areas, such as Howick Village, have a long and rich history while others such as Botany have developed more recently. We are still developing a whole new town in Flat Bush.

Seventy-three per cent of respondents in the 2016 Quality of Life Survey told us they have a sense of pride in the area. The key issues for most centred on community safety. Seventy per cent thought that feeling a sense of community was important, however only 46 per cent felt a sense of community.

Strong, connected and safer communities develop when people know each other, have a sense of belonging and wellbeing, can influence what happens in their community, and feel their voice is heard. You told us you want to get to know your neighbours and have a say in how your community grows and develops. We will provide places and ways for our communities to connect with the board and with each other to support the growth of healthy, and vibrant communities across Howick.

We will build on the number of active community organisations and volunteers who are doing great work. We will support more community involvement in shaping places such as the development of Ormiston, revitalising the Pakuranga town centre, the future look and feel of Howick Village, and development of the park on the former Greenmount Landfill site.

We will continue to support the Howick Youth Council and the development of a youth facility to provide opportunities for young people to become more involved in the community, take on leadership roles, and participate in local decision-making.

Opportunities

- Communities doing more for themselves.
- Bringing more volunteers together and supporting their work.
- Find new ways to partner with community groups and businesses.

Challenges

- Our area’s ethnic diversity and growth in population can make communication a challenge.
- Some of our communities find our processes for community grants difficult to engage with.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- “It is important to feel a sense of community with others in my neighbourhood.”
- “Involve communities in determining what plans are to be made.”
- “I am very motivated to help in any way possible so my children and others can enjoy the Tāmaki River as I did.”

Outcome 1: Involved and connected communities

Objective	Key initiatives
People are supported to actively contribute to their community.	Continue to investigate developing a youth facility and/or more programmes for youth within existing facilities. Support community-led initiatives that build potential for social innovation and enterprise.
People feel safe.	Explore opportunities to improve community safety in partnership with internal and external agencies.
All communities have a sense of belonging and feel valued.	Continue to develop the Pride of Place projects – signage, public art and significant events to promote local pride.



The Tāmaki River Festival is a popular local event.



Half Moon Bay ferry pier.
Photo: Auckland Transport / Reuben Somerford.

Whakaotinga 2: Te tiaki
tōtika anga atu i tō mātou
tupu tonu

Outcome 2: Our future growth is managed effectively

We want to ensure future growth is well planned with good quality design and transport connections that enable people to move easily around our area.

Our area continues to grow. Our population was estimated at 142,700 in June 2015 and predictions suggest we could reach 176,350 by 2033 – a 30.6 per cent increase on the 2013 Census. This means we must continue planning for how our area grows and ensure we have the right things in place, such as transport connections, buildings, local services, infrastructure and facilities.

Transport continues to be a major issue for us, particularly congestion on major roads, and we will be advocating to Auckland Transport (AT) to fund improvements such as the Chapel Road realignment and the Reeves Road flyover.

A lot of development has gone into public transport options over the last three years, with increases in both bus and ferry services, and we want to continue advocating to AT for improvements. A priority for the board is to continue advocating to AT for the acceleration of AMETI to improve safety for cyclists, linkages to the public transport network, and provision of separate bus lanes. The Auckland Plan outlines the need for good design in all developments and provides for more intensification to accommodate growth, supported through the Unitary Plan. We need to continue developing integrated planning solutions and involve you in shaping our future environment.

We want to work towards optimal use of existing facilities and open space, including non-council owned, before building new. However, with significant growth in Flat Bush, we will continue to plan for, and develop, a multi-use community facility/library, and an aquatic/leisure centre within the town centre.

Water and wastewater services must keep pace with development to ensure growth continues while protecting public health and minimising negative effects on the environment. While we cannot put these in place ourselves, we can work with the key agency, Watercare, to ensure they understand our needs.

Opportunities

- Partnering with AT, Watercare and government agencies.
- Use the foundations set in place through existing plans and strategies, e.g. Pakuranga Town Centre Masterplan.
- More use of better public transport.

Challenges

- Growth is already happening in a number of areas and it is more difficult to retrospectively plan and ensure appropriate infrastructure.
- Increased growth creates congestion on our roads.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- "Roading is the big issue - more buildings = more cars."
- "Future growth must be managed to ensure the quality of life enjoyed by residents is not compromised."
- "More cycleways around Howick in general."

Outcome 2 : Our future growth is managed effectively

Objective	Key initiatives
A well-integrated, well-designed and efficient public transportation system.	Advocate to AT to maintain and upgrade existing transportation systems, including improving safety at congestion hot spots.
Local services and infrastructure in place to meet growth.	Advocate to Watercare to align stormwater and wastewater infrastructure with growth. Progress development of the arts-focussed multi-use community facility and library in Flat Bush. Advocate to the Governing Body to bring funding for the Flat Bush aquatic and leisure centre forward.
Well-designed and quality development in the Howick Local Board area.	Continue to partner with AT to develop the Half Moon Bay area as a transport hub. Continue to develop integrated planning solutions which co-ordinate the planning, design and management of public spaces.
Better used facilities and open space to meet existing and future growth needs.	Provide a quality network of parks and open spaces, including local pathways and cycleways that accommodate a variety of needs. Investigate options for enabling greater community use of existing local community facilities, including non-council owned.



We need an integrated and well-designed public transport system.

Whakaotinga 3: Uara nui ki ā tātou tikanga a iwi kē

Outcome 3: Valuing our cultural diversity

We are culturally diverse and have great facilities for creative activities including music and dance, theatre and visual arts.

Our population is ethnically diverse. The 2013 Census identifies European (55 per cent) and Asian (39 per cent) as the two largest groups, with Chinese the largest and Indian the second largest in the Asian sub-group. We want to find more ways to engage with and support our diverse communities.

Arts, culture and music enable us to see the world through the eyes of others and we want to promote this through an exciting array of events and programmes including exhibitions, art classes, concerts and theatre.

We now have the redeveloped Uxbridge Creative Arts Centre in Howick Village and the inaugural Chinese New Year festival at Pakuranga Plaza in 2017, which will be developed over the next three years.

We will continue to develop our community facilities and libraries, focusing on Flat Bush.

We want our diverse communities to be actively involved in developing and implementing activities across the area. We already have several active organisations and partners doing great work and we will build on this and look for further opportunities.

“ We will continue to develop our community facilities and libraries, focusing on Flat Bush. ”

Sharing and celebrating our diverse cultures through arts and events.



Opportunities

- Finding new ways to partner with community groups to deliver activities.
- Making it easier for community groups to connect with and deliver on behalf of the board.

Challenges

- Understanding and communicating with the broad range of ethnic communities across our area.
- Widening engagement to new groups and communities we have yet to connect with.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- “Promote more culture in Howick – music, stage performances, art expositions, etc.”
- “More opportunities for exchange of cultures and communities to mix.”
- “Celebrating helps to hold onto the culture.”

Outcome 3: Valuing our cultural diversity

Objective	Key initiatives
Share and celebrate our cultures.	Support multi-cultural, inter-generational events and activities throughout the area using seed funding.
Grow our arts, culture and music.	Maintain and upgrade existing arts and library facilities to meet changing needs.
	Continue to support our arts, culture and musical events.



Uxbridge Creative Arts Centre in Howick.



The stunning Mangemangeroa Valley.

Whakaotinga 4: He taiao puiaki

Outcome 4: A treasured environment

We will keep our wonderful environment and admired coastline clean and safe for all to use.

Howick has a wide variety of natural features including beaches, volcanic cones, reserves, parks and open spaces and waterways. We want to continue safeguarding and using these treasures for the enjoyment of everyone now and in the future. Our community plays an important role in this, as you are the eyes and ears for the protection of these taonga.

We will continue to increase opportunities to partner with schools, community groups and businesses to carry out planting and restoration programmes, clean up our waterways and surrounds, reduce pests and weeds, and educate our community. A good example of this is the proposed environmental education centre at Mangemangeroa Reserve.

“ We will continue encouraging zero waste initiatives in our area, especially at board-funded events, and in parks and open spaces. ”

Coastal erosion is an issue across the Auckland region with some local areas of concern. We will advocate for a regional programme and increased funding for coastal erosion management and will continue to investigate local issues and opportunities.

The Howick Heritage Plan has been adopted and we will continue implementing the recommendations which involve identifying, preserving and protecting natural features, historic places, property and relics (including cultural, written, oral and visual traditions). This will include working with local iwi to preserve taonga and enable kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of important historic sites.

We will continue encouraging Zero Waste initiatives in our area, especially at board-funded events, and in parks and open spaces. We will also support our community to deliver waste minimisation initiatives that are in line with the council's Waste Minimisation Plan.

Opportunities

- Seed funding to empower more communities to undertake more environmental initiatives to achieve a well-cared for natural environment.

Challenges

- Coastline management requires a regional coordinated approach to make the biggest possible difference.
- Raise awareness and provide more community education around sustainable practises, e.g. water butts, additional permeable surfaces, compost bins.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- “Encourage wildlife to return to the reserve, there are a lot of pūkeko, ducks and other larger birds around us which would be great to see them drawn to areas in the reserve comfortably.”
- “Historic tours and walks for people and our community.”
- “Introduce a widespread native tree planting programme.”

Outcome 4 : A treasured environment

Objective	Key initiatives
Our coastal environment is well managed and maintained.	<p>Advocate to the Governing Body for a regional approach and increase in funding to manage coastal erosion.</p> <p>Continue to investigate measures to manage coastal erosion/beach replenishment in our area.</p>
Our natural and built environment is well-managed.	<p>Support ongoing control and management of weeds and pests, including public education programmes.</p> <p>Support prevention of pollution at the source through a proactive educational programme, e.g.the Industry Prevention Pollution Programme, in association with other local boards.</p> <p>Advocate to Watercare to ensure there is sufficient capacity and resilience in the wastewater network to manage future planned growth and services.</p>
Identify, preserve and protect natural features, historic places, property and relics (including cultural, written, oral and visual traditions).	Continue to implement the Howick Heritage Plan.
Reduce waste through recovery, reuse and recycling.	Provide more opportunities to recover, reuse and/or recycle waste.



We will advocate for regional investment to tackle coastal erosion.

Whakaotinga 5: He iwi hihiri, whaiora tonu tātou

Outcome 5: Our people are active and healthy

Our extensive network of public places and recreation and leisure facilities will be looked after so people of all ages and abilities can use them to remain healthy and active.

We will continue to maintain and develop our parks, sports and recreation facilities to enable more community participation in these activities. These places must have adequate equipment, and we must also create events and activities that encourage more people to be physically active.

We will continue to focus on making our facilities accessible and affordable.

The Howick Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan will help optimise the use of new and existing facilities. It will also identify opportunities for amalgamating sports clubs and venues to maximise use of our facilities.

Continuing to connect our walkways to open up the coastline for everyone to use is a priority for the board. As an example, planning has started to link the Mangemangeroa Reserve walkway with Point View Reserve, Barry Curtis Park and Murphy's Bush. We will continue to develop a plan linking our greenways with walkways and cycleways.

Over the next three years, we will start creating the new urban forest park on the former Greenmount Landfill site. We have already asked you for some ideas and will ensure you have further opportunity to provide input into its development.

We will also continue to support the council's smokefree policy initiatives.



We want to transform the former Greenmount Landfill site in to a park and urban forest. Artist's impression.

“ The Howick Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan will help optimise the use of new and existing facilities. It will also identify opportunities for amalgamating sports clubs and venues to maximise use of our facilities. ”

Opportunities

- Develop a range of facilities and activities for all people, from high performance to low impact.

Challenges

- Timing of development of sports parks to align with neighbourhood development.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- “Consult with communities about future recreational and sporting needs.”
- “Parks facilities need to be well maintained.”
- “If money is available, upgrade more sports fields.”

Outcome 5: Our people are active and healthy

Objective	Key initiatives
Sport and recreational opportunities respond to the needs of our growing communities.	Deliver more sports and leisure opportunities for all ages and abilities. Continue to develop sports fields and install artificial turf on key sports parks.
Parks and open spaces allow for a wide variety of recreational activities.	Continue planning and developing the proposed park and urban forest on the former Greenmount Landfill site. Continue to extend existing walkways and cycleways, including informative signage. Progress the development of the Flat Bush green fingers, Murphy’s Park and Tāmaki Inlet walkway.



Half Moon Bay Walkway.



The Highbrook area is a major economic and employment driver for Howick.

Whakaotinga 6: He ohanga ā-rohe tōnui

Outcome 6: A prosperous local economy

We will attract new businesses to support our economy and provide opportunities for training and skills development. We will also continue to attract tourism to our area.

A prosperous local economy is important because it provides a better quality of life for residents, and more jobs and successful businesses in our area. In 2015, GDP in Howick grew 5.7 per cent, well above the region's growth of 3.4 per cent. From 2005 to 2015, employment growth increased by 2.1 per cent on average, compared to the regional average of 1.5 per cent.

The Highbrook and East Tāmaki industrial areas are the current major economic and employment drivers for Howick. Manufacturing contributed 20 per cent of our economy in 2015 and accounted for 20 per cent of employment. We are also well represented by technology sectors that compete internationally, particularly in health and niche manufacturing.

We will continue partnering with stakeholders. Auckland Tourism Events and Economic Development (ATEED) has a role in delivering business capability and working directly with businesses to develop growth programmes. We provide support to the Greater East Tāmaki and Howick Village business associations in addition to their business targeted rate.

Some improvements have been made in public transport connections in the last three years and we will continue advocating to Auckland Transport to enhance public transport and provide better road connections. This is key to the success of our business precincts.

A skilled workforce is essential for our economy. We will continue partnering with businesses, schools, Manukau Institute of Technology, Auckland University of Technology and The Southern Initiative to facilitate training, skills and mentoring opportunities, so skills being developed will match the local job market, and help to transition youth into training and employment.

The Howick Ward Tourism Plan has been developed and we will be partnering with Howick Tourism Inc. to implement this over the next two to three years. This plan will promote Howick as a visitor and tourist destination.

“ We will continue partnering with stakeholders. Auckland Tourism Events and Economic Development has a role in delivering business capability and working directly with businesses to develop growth programmes. ”

Opportunities

- Continue to support ATEED in furthering economic and business development.

Challenges

- Ensuring we connect with all business partners whether large or small.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- “Need to work more with business groups.”
- “Access to Highbrook and East Tāmaki needs to be better for workers.”
- “Scope the Howick niche for the tourism market.”

Outcome 6: A prosperous local economy

Objective	Key initiatives
Growth in local business activity which will provide increased employment.	Work with businesses, Business Improvement Districts, ATEED and others to coordinate the approach to our economic development. Support projects that will facilitate young people into work.
A popular place to do business.	Promote our area as a popular place to do business.
Our area is an attractive tourist destination.	Continue to implement the Howick Ward Tourism Plan and monitor its effectiveness.



Markets are great for local residents, but also attract visitors.

Te whakatutuki i tā mātou mahere

Carrying out our plan

To deliver against the outcomes of our plan we will:

- prioritise our budget to focus on the initiatives in the plan
- make the best use of our assets such as our community centres and parks
- set direction for council staff who are responsible for delivering our annual work programme
- work with others, including community organisations and partners, to deliver projects and services
- represent your views on matters of local importance.

In some instances, our role is limited to representing your views on matters of local importance because we do not have the decision-making authority and/or funding to carry it out. When this is the case, we will use our time and energy to influence the relevant decision-maker. We do this by advocating on your behalf or making formal submissions, ensuring decision-makers are aware of your views and our support for them.

Funding information can be found on page 40.

Empowering communities

We seek to empower and enable our communities. This means listening to what you want to achieve, directing council resources towards community aspirations, and supporting diverse communities to have an input into the things they care about and which matter uniquely to them.

We will prioritise activities led by the community, encourage and support people from all walks of life to actively participate in their community, and fully use their diverse talents, insights and contributions. We will work with others to enable our communities to achieve their goals.

Working with Māori

Delivering on Auckland Council's commitment to Māori at a local level is a priority for local boards. The council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi and its broader statutory obligations to Māori.

As part of this commitment, we will continue to develop a close working relationship with mana whenua with interests in the area and mataawaka.

This plan will help set the framework for engaging ki te rangitira (chief to chief) to share information and work together. Our plan describes some of the ways we will work with our community to support kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of our environment and special places.

Howick boasts some great beaches, such as Cockle Bay.



He kōrero pūtea tahua

Funding information

The purpose of this section is to provide information on local board funding.

How local boards are funded

Funding is allocated to local boards through the council's budget setting process. This involves the council's Governing Body adopting a 10-year Budget (long-term plan) every three years and an annual budget every year. Local board agreements, briefly described in page 11, make up part of the annual budget.

A financial overview for the Howick Local Board for the 2017/2018 financial year is included in Appendix 1 on page 42.

The council's budget setting process involves allocating funding gathered through revenue sources such as rates and user charges. It also involves setting levels of service for council activities and corresponding performance targets.

Details on levels of service for local activities are included in Appendix 2 on page 44.

Auckland Council's 2018-2028 10-year Budget

In June 2018, the council's Governing Body will adopt the 2018-2028 10-year Budget informed by local board plans. The 10-year Budget will need to consider all funding needs for Auckland and balance these with the need to keep rates and other council charges affordable. This balancing act may impact local boards' ability to carry out all the key initiatives in their local board plans.

Auckland Transport's Local Board Transport Capital Fund

Local boards can also access funding from Auckland Transport's Local Board Transport Capital Fund which is allocated to deliver small transport related projects.

The fund allocated to the Howick Local Board for the current electoral term is approximately \$1 million per annum.

How local boards spend their budget

Much of the budget available to local boards is required to keep our services going and maintain our local assets including parks, community centres, libraries and halls.

Local boards also have additional, discretionary funding they can spend on local projects or programmes that are important to their communities.

More information about local board budgets can be found in Auckland Council's Local Board Funding Policy on the council website: aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

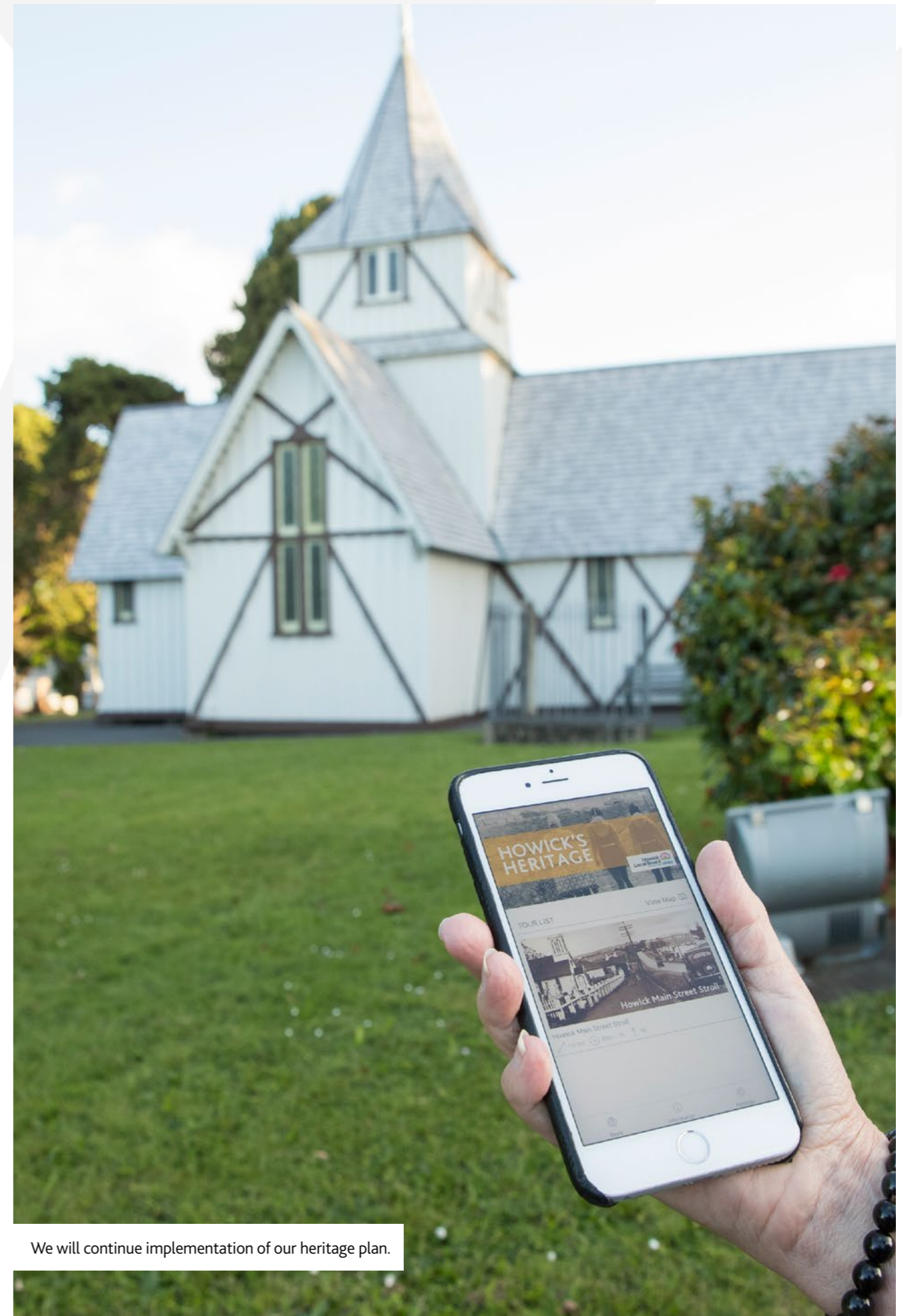
The council is currently looking at ways to provide local boards with more flexibility over their budgets.

Āpitihangā 1: Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

Appendix 1: Financial overview

Income, expenditure and capital investment by local activities for Howick Local Board for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

Annual Plan Financials	2017/18 (\$000s)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	267
Local parks, sport and recreation	4,717
Local planning and development	–
Local environmental management	–
Total operating revenue	4,984
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	8,110
Local governance	1,155
Local parks, sport and recreation	11,950
Local planning and development	1,189
Local environmental management	103
Total operating expenditure	22,507
Net operating expenditure	17,523
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	592
Local governance	–
Local parks, sport and recreation	10,730
Local planning and development	3,760
Local environmental management	–
Total capital expenditure	15,082



We will continue implementation of our heritage plan.

Āpitihianga 2: Kaupapa ā-rohe me ngā paerewa ā-mahi

Appendix 2: Local activities and levels of service

Local board responsibilities, provided for directly in legislation or allocated to boards, are summarised into local activities. These are described in the table below, along with levels of service statements.

More information regarding of levels of services, including performance measures and performance targets, can be found in the Howick Local Board Agreement 2017/2018. This is available on the council website: aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Local activities

Levels of service statements

Local parks, sport and recreation

This group of activities covers management and provision of local parks and open space and recreation activities for both passive and active recreation.

Provide a range of recreational opportunities catering for community needs on local parks, reserves and beaches.

Provide sports fields that are fit for purpose and cater for community needs.

Provide programmes and facilities that ensure more Aucklanders are more active more often.

Local community services

This group of activities contributes to improved community outcomes by providing places and spaces for the community to learn and recreate and by integrating arts and culture into the everyday lives of Aucklanders. Key activities include locally delivered Libraries and Information (Libraries) and Arts, Community and Events services.

Provide safe, accessible, welcoming library facilities that support the delivery of quality learning programmes and services relevant to local communities.

Enable Aucklanders and communities to express themselves and improve their wellbeing through customer centric advice, funding, facilitation and permitting.

Deliver a variety of events, programmes and projects that improve safety, connect Aucklanders and engage them in their city and communities.

Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities.

Local planning and development

This group of activities covers local business area planning, local street environment and town centres and local environment and heritage protection.

Develop local business precincts and town centres as great places to do business.

Local activities

Levels of service statements

Local environmental management

Local environmental management activities work in partnership with locally-based communities and iwi to deliver enhanced environmental outcomes (with a focus on indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living) that contribute to Māori, community wellbeing and economy.

Provide leadership and support to protect and conserve the region's natural environment, historic heritage and Māori cultural heritage.

Local governance

Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities, and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing the local board agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.

The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2015-2025 where the survey measures determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making. There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2017/2018.



Barry Curtis Park in Flat Bush.

Howick Village is a bustling local shopping centre.



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