



RODNEY

TE MAHERE A TE POARI Ā-ROHE

LOCAL BOARD
PLAN
2014

MIHI

Tēnā ngā mihi te tukuna atu nei ki a koutou e ngā manawhenua
e kapekape tonu nei i ngā ahikā roa e horapa mai nā
ki te taha whakararo o te tipua tāone nei o Tāmaki Makaurau.
Kia pāorooro tēnei karere mā runga i ō maunga whakahī.
Kia tīmata ake au i te Kumeū, ka rere whakawaho ki te one tapu o Muriwai.
Kia hoki ake ki uta, ko Tauwhare ki te rāwhiti,
a Tarawera ki te raki,
ko Tuhirangi rāua ko te Atuanui ki te taha whakaroto.
Kia kauhoe ngā mihi mā te moana ki te Araparera
ko koe tēnā e Taranaki, ka kapi ngā pou tauawhi i a te Kaipara
i hua ai te kōrero
"E tupu i wīwī, i wāwā, tūria i te wera,
piri ki te rito o te rengarenga, waiho me whakapakari ki te hua o te kawariki."
Ināiane me māwhiti aku kupu ki Kaiwaka, ki Pukekaroro ki te raraunga o te tini i mate,
te aroha tonutia i muri nei.
Kia tahuri iho rā ia ki Matakana, ko Tamahunga tērā e tū mai rā i te pae.
Ka hīkoi aku mihi mā ngā kāhiwi kia heke iho ki te awa o Pūhoi
kia rere aku mihi ki te tuawhenua i nohoa e te iti me te rahi.
Kia ū mai anō taku haere ki Huapai ā-tangata, ā-whenua.
Nō rātou te whiwhi, nō mātou te whiwhi,
kia kī ake ai tātou katoa, he rohenga tangata, he iwi tōpuni, mōwai tonu te whenua e takoto nei e.

*Our greetings and salutations to manawhenua
who tend the historical fires that encompass this great city of Auckland.
May this message echo across your noble mountains.
Let me begin at Kumeū and turn outwards to the sacred sands of Muriwai.
To the east is Tauwhare,
with Tarawera to the north,
inland stands Tuhirangi and and Atuanui.
Let this greeting travel the inland sea to Araparera
where Taranaki completes the guardians of the Kaipara,
who inspired the proclamation
"The people will grow here and there, upright in the heat,
hiding like the shoots of the rengarenga and maturing like the fruit of the kawariki."
Now let my words cross to Kaiwaka and Pukekaroro, the scene of past losses
that are still mourned today.
Turning then to Matakana, where stands Tamahunga on the horizon.
Let this greeting follow the ridgeline down to the Pūhoi river
where it can return inland to the valleys where the original settlers came.
Our journey ends at Huapai, of people and land.
Their good fortune is our shared providence,
so, the axiom the community are people in communion, and a calm lies over the land.*



COVER IMAGE

Māori Bay (also known as Maukatia) is situated on the south side of Muriwai Beach and is famous for its gannet colony and great surf.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



We are pleased to present the 2014 Rodney Local Board Plan. This is your plan. We realise that prioritising projects will always be a balancing act, but we have listened to you and drafted a plan to reflect what we heard. We recognise the financial limitations and will ensure that we deliver "best bang for your buck" on your behalf.

We have focused on what you told us was the priority, this has meant that we have had to cut some projects from the plan. We know that we need to support and work collaboratively with those local communities who are progressing initiatives themselves.

If you take one thing away from this plan, I hope it is that we want to support and help communities to help themselves. We know there is great work going on as community groups drive sports and arts projects, volunteers support our libraries, reserves and halls, and environmental groups work in our natural areas. These groups are the heart of Rodney and we want to 'keep the door open' and work in partnership with them.

Growth pressure is upon us as some of our green areas become housing. The seven outcomes in this plan were developed with this in mind. Three years ago we hadn't heard of Special Housing Areas and we didn't know where our new urban boundaries would fall. Now we need the infrastructure to support this growth.

Transport remains a top priority in Rodney as we strive to have key projects progressed. We have heard that walkways, footpaths and cycleways are also a priority to many of you. Sport and recreation facilities, like a swimming pool and multisport centre, have now gained some traction and are being progressed as a priority through community partnerships. Businesses are now taking the lead in the economic space by establishing Business Improvement Districts which links with our focus of progressing mainstreet and toilet upgrades.

Now that we have a clear direction and vision, we look forward to delivering this combined vision with the community over the coming years and seeing progress on the ground.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda Steele". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brenda Steele

Chairperson, Rodney Local Board



WE WANT TO SUPPORT
AND HELP COMMUNITIES
TO HELP THEMSELVES

OUR VISION: CREATING THE WORLD'S MOST LIVEABLE CITY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

In Rodney we treasure what we have. We are proud of our small close-knit communities who are willing to get out there and help themselves. We love our stunning beaches, sparkling harbours, rolling country hills and the rivers that form the backbone of our rural areas.

Our beautiful land is vast. With almost half of the land mass of the Auckland region within our boundaries it is important that we are well connected. We need to be able to get around easily using roads, paths and public transport. For the safety and health of Aucklanders, our roads must be sealed and motorway extensions completed.

We love the lifestyle and relaxed country feel that we have in Rodney; small towns and villages encircled by native bush and farmland on the gentle east and wild west coasts. This creates a treasured lifestyle and communities that are culturally rich and creative.

Warkworth and Kumeū/Huapai will be growing in population and these communities need to be able to plan for their own futures. We need clarity about what new facilities are wanted and needed and when infrastructure will be provided.

Rodney people have time and again shown they have the determination to just roll up their sleeves and get things done. This drive to carve their destiny by working together

to plan or volunteer is a part of who we are. Volunteers make our places special by running community events like Christmas parades that put smiles on the faces of our children. By helping out in libraries or on hall or reserves advisory groups, we make these facilities familiar, valued and well-used community spaces. Together through Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) local businesses help our economies to be strong and grow, and contribute to an Auckland of prosperity.

Community groups are keen to fundraise for key local assets so that parks and sports facilities are easy to access and arts facilities enhance community relationships and express who we are. Be it a multisport centre, an arts centre upgrade or a swimming pool, these projects can be realised together in partnership, with support and seed funding. We want to create a healthy and creative Auckland by providing locally some of the facilities the rest of Auckland enjoys.

As we work together for ourselves, our families and future generations, we do so instinctively in partnership with iwi and with our natural environment in the forefront of our minds. We are a green Auckland and will continue to ensure our environment is healthy, cared for and enjoyed by all. We acknowledge mana whenua as kaitiaki and know that our communities are enriched through the six marae in our area.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR SMALL
CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITIES



OUR OUTCOMES

The Rodney Local Board Plan works towards creating the world's most liveable city at the local level. Creating the world's most liveable city is the vision of the Auckland Plan. Our local board plan takes into account the outcomes in the 30-year Auckland Plan to help deliver this vision.

RODNEY LOCAL BOARD PLAN OUTCOMES

- 
Roads, paths and public transport enable us to get around easily and safely
 Our communities will be well connected by transport links and have a range of transport options available to them.
- 
Parks and sports facilities are easy to access and enjoy
 Our communities, young and old, will have increased access to a wide range of recreation opportunities for health, wellbeing and enjoyment.
- 
Communities are empowered and plan for their own futures
 Our communities know what they want for their futures. Local people will plan for their own areas and determine what is important.
- 
Our environment is healthy, cared for and enjoyed by all
 Local community groups take ownership in the quality of their environment. River and stream water quality will be improving, pest species reduced and waste minimised. Our wastewater servicing will be reliable and environmentally friendly.
- 
Local halls and libraries are familiar, valued and well-used community spaces
 Our halls and libraries meet the needs of local communities. They are highly valued, welcoming friendly spaces in which local residents take pride and have a sense of ownership.
- 
Local economies are strong and growing
 Our local economy will strengthen and businesses will thrive through working together. A growing economy will provide more jobs for local people.
- 
Arts, culture and events enhance our communities and express who we are
 Our communities will celebrate, learn and grow through arts, culture, events and a variety of community-led initiatives. These activities will strengthen communities, provide opportunities for people to connect with each other and build a sense of pride.

THE AUCKLAND PLAN

VISION

To become the world's most liveable city.

OUTCOMES



A fair, safe and healthy Auckland



A green Auckland



An Auckland of prosperity and opportunity



A well-connected and accessible Auckland



A beautiful Auckland that is loved by its people



A culturally rich and creative Auckland

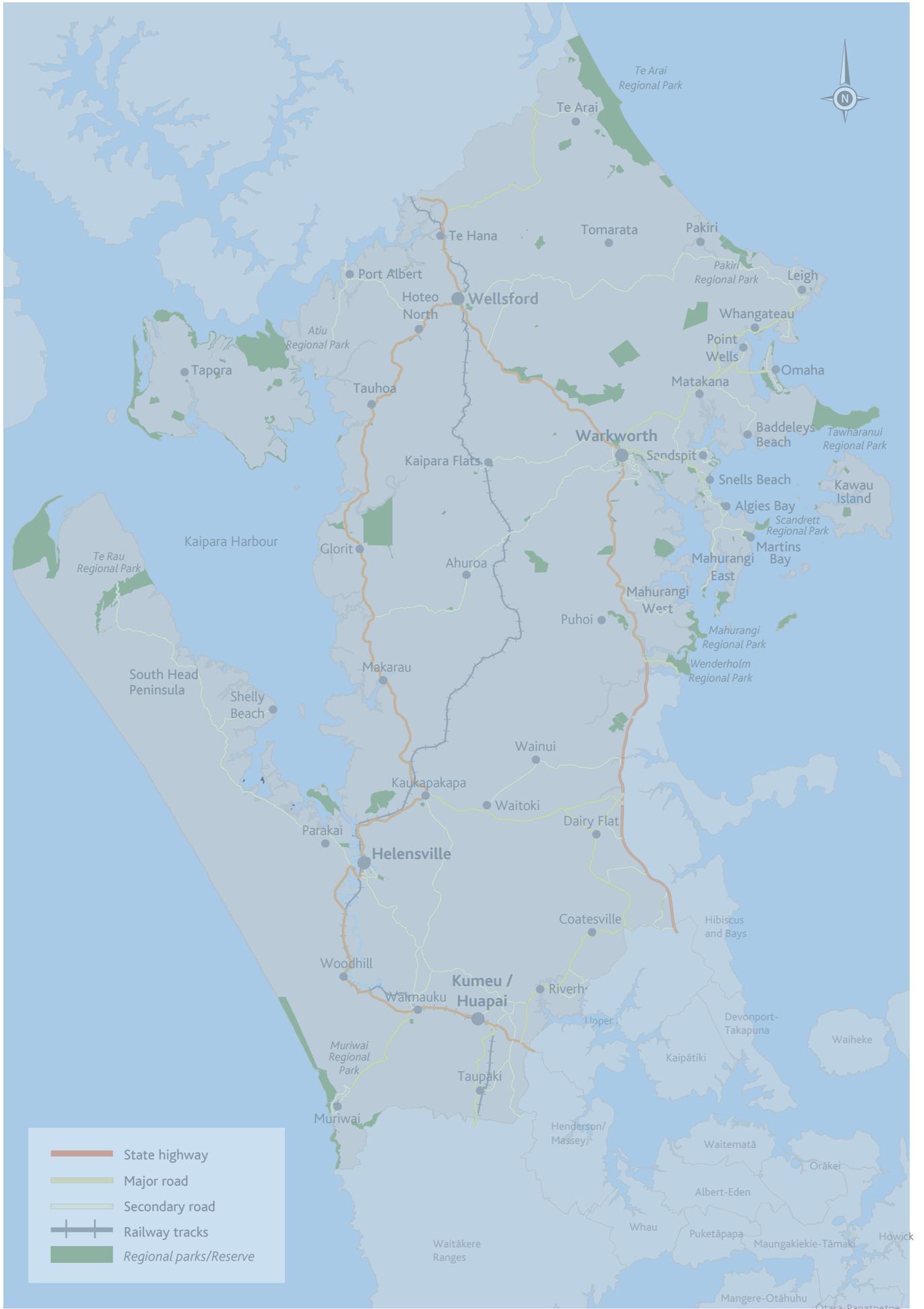


A Māori identity that is Auckland's point of difference in the world

RODNEY LOCAL BOARD AREA

The Rodney Local Board area makes up 46 per cent of the Auckland region and includes over 30 communities. The larger towns on the east coast are Wellsford and Warkworth, and on the west include Kumeu/Huapai and Helensville.





ABOUT LOCAL BOARDS

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, comprising the governing body (made up of the mayor and 20 ward councillors) and 21 local boards. The governing body focuses on the big picture and on Auckland-wide issues and decisions.

Local boards provide local leadership and make decisions on local issues, activities and facilities, such as local parks, libraries and community halls. Local boards can also fund other organisations through community grants and other funding arrangements, for activities such as events and community programmes.

Local boards engage with and represent their communities, provide important local input into Auckland-wide strategies and plans and work with others to build strong communities. Many council activities that are important to local communities are the responsibility of the governing body and council-controlled organisations (including Auckland Transport). Local boards act as champions and advocates for their communities when others have the decision-making role.

Local boards also play an important role in delivering at the local level on Auckland Council's commitment to Māori.

Working with Māori

Auckland 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 the council is working towards an agreed understanding with local iwi Ngāti Manuhiri, Te Uri O Hau, Te Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara and Ngāti Wai in the first instance, acknowledging that there are 14 iwi with an interest in Rodney.

This agreement will set the framework for engaging rangatira ki te rangatira or chief to chief, to share information and work together. Our local board plan describes some of the ways we will work with Māori in our local area.

LOCAL BOARDS PROVIDE
LOCAL LEADERSHIP AND MAKE
DECISIONS ON LOCAL ISSUES,
ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES





ABOUT LOCAL BOARD PLANS

This plan is about the Rodney Local Board area. It expresses what we have heard from you.

The plan sets the framework that will guide our decision-making and actions for the next three years. It informs the board's decisions on local activities, and enables us to represent your interests and preferences on regional strategies and plans. It also provides the flexibility to cope with changes that will happen during the next three years. During this time we will continue to work closely with all sectors of our community to understand your ongoing needs, issues and priorities.

About local board funding

The local boards funding policy in the long-term plan (LTP) sets out how local boards are funded.

Some local board funding relates to local assets and facilities. The governing body makes the initial investment decisions and then local boards oversee the budgets and operations. Local boards are also allocated funding to deliver local programmes and initiatives.

The actual budget for each year is agreed with the governing body as part of discussion on the annual local board agreement.

This local board plan contains indicative budget tables for the next three years. This budget is based on the LTP 2012-2022, with adjustments to reflect annual plans and other budget changes since then.

The actual budgets for the next three years will be different. This is because they will reflect recent amendments to the local boards funding policy, and because the council is preparing the draft LTP 2015-2025. This preparation includes a review of funding for all projects, which may affect some local board plan projects that are currently funded.

Our draft local board plan showed the funding status of key initiatives to deliver each plan outcome. This funding status is not included in this final local board plan, because it could change as the LTP 2015-2025 is developed.



HOW WE GOT YOUR FEEDBACK

Engaging with our communities has been an important part of developing this plan. You have told us your views on many issues over the past three years as part of the development of a wide range of council plans.

As well, we undertook further specific engagement in developing this plan. We listened to your views at meetings and gathered information informally through other means. Formal consultation then followed, where you made written submissions. We held hearings, considered all submissions fully and made changes to our plan based on your feedback.

During the development of this plan we held community expos in Kumeū and Warkworth. We asked community groups to come along and show everyone what they were working on. We also asked the council and CCO (Council-Controlled Organisation) staff who work in our area to showcase what we have been doing. These were great events with fun activities, presentations and workshops. The opportunity to chat and share ideas about our future was extremely valuable. We sincerely thank all those involved and look forward to continuing to work alongside our community groups to make Rodney even more special.



OUTCOME: ROADS, PATHS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ENABLE US TO GET AROUND EASILY AND SAFELY

Our communities will be well connected by transport links and have a range of transport options available to them.

Rodney has a land mass totalling 46 per cent of Auckland, 37 towns and villages and two state highways travelling the length of each coast. Connecting our area is both a challenge and an opportunity. The focus is on completing the major projects on our roads, sealing roads and providing alternatives to private vehicles so that we can get around easily and safely.

Most transport projects are funded by the governing body and central government. Projects are then delivered by Auckland Transport and NZTA. Other than a small local fund of about \$370,000 annually, the local board doesn't make decisions on transport matters. It is important that we speak out loud and clear about the transport areas that need attention.

Quality roads

Rodney has 1476km of roads, of which 674.8km are unsealed. We need a funding commitment of ten million dollars per year over the next ten years to get more Rodney roads sealed. This is in addition to the small fund for road sealing that is also available as a result of the Araparera Forestry Joint Venture. Reducing dust will improve our health and quality of life. Sealed roads also increase safety and make it easier to get around. There will also be an economic benefit if our roads are safe, particularly to businesses transporting goods and those relying on tourists. Our roads must be well maintained for public safety.

Public transport

In 2013, 69 per cent of Rodney residents owned two or more vehicles, compared with an Auckland-wide average of 58 per cent. We have never had a choice in Rodney, but our aging population needs transport and our youth want to access education in the city.

Regular public transport services must extend into Rodney. We want to be part of Auckland and have access to the same opportunities as other Aucklanders. In the east of Rodney we need new connecting services between towns and to the city. In the west we need to increase the frequency of our services and again consider using rail.

Walkways and cycleways

Our rural areas are beautiful and productive areas between our towns and villages, but without a car they can be a barrier for residents to go about their daily business. Walkways and cycleways are a healthy alternative to vehicles. They provide safety for cyclists and students travelling to school. They are also fitness trails and a low-cost way for people to connect with each other without having to get into a car.

Many of our rural villages have incomplete networks of footpaths that we need to complete. Footpaths are not a luxury but a basic need that will make a huge difference to our daily lives and that is why this is a key focus of this plan.



FOCUS IS ON COMPLETING THE MAJOR PROJECTS ON OUR ROADS, SEALING ROADS AND PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES TO PRIVATE VEHICLES

Connections through Auckland

The Puhoi to Wellsford motorway will provide a direct connection to and through Auckland. It will make travelling through Rodney safer and more efficient. This road with off ramps at Puhoi is a priority for Rodney residents, businesses and visitors. We also need to maintain the existing rail network and enhance the northern rail corridor.

Safe local networks

State highways weave their way up both the east and west coasts of Rodney, in and out of many towns and villages. As traffic volumes have increased these roads struggle to accommodate the traffic, often dividing small villages in two. Road safety issues and congestion are the result.

Our communities want to see a number of key projects completed on our roads, so that traffic flows safely around local networks with ease. We know that some of the key projects are:

- Complete projects on Warkworth roads, including Hill Street intersection, the western collector from McKinney Road and Mansel Drive Bridge
- Investigate building a link road from State Highway 1 to Matakana Road
- Upgrade the Centennial Park Road and SH1, Wellsford intersection including safe pedestrian access to Centennial Park Road
- Upgrade the SH16, Muriwai Road, Waimauku intersection by constructing a roundabout
- Undertake transport planning to accommodate growth in the Kumeū/Huapai/Riverhead area

- Provide transport infrastructure to serve the future industrial/business zone at Silverdale West
- Undertake safety improvements to Coatesville Riverhead Highway.

Car parking

Many of us will always need to drive a private car to get around. This is unavoidable for those of us who live in rural areas and many of our towns due to the lack of public transport. When we come into town we don't want to fight to get a parking space and we also don't want to pay. It is not what Rodney is about. We want parking close to shops, which is why we need the next level of the car park building in Warkworth to be constructed.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- "SH1 Puhoi to Wellsford needs to go through. Traffic on weekends and holidays is horrific in Warkworth." (Warkworth resident)
- "More regular public transport to Albany especially to the University." (Anon)
- "The single most neglected aspect is THE HILL STREET intersection." (Sandspit resident)
- "The rural roads are a disgrace and a health hazard. Sealing needs to be a priority." (Kaipara Flats resident)
- "It's one of the main issues of our time! Rodney could support kids cycling safely to school!" (Waimauku resident)



Creating the world's most liveable city locally

Being well connected through safe well maintained roads and paths, with the option of using accessible public transport to get us places will help us the world's most liveable city.

ROADS, PATHS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ENABLE US TO GET AROUND EASILY AND SAFELY

Our communities will be well connected by transport links and have a range of transport options available to them.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE	KEY INITIATIVES	LOCAL BOARD ROLE	OTHER KEY AGENCIES	POTENTIAL COST; FUNDING STATUS
Walkways and cycleways are a healthy and safe alternative	Build footpath and cycleway extensions in and between towns and villages to provide connectivity	Advocacy and decision maker	NZTA, Auckland Transport and community groups	\$2 million (over three years) local board funding in addition to Auckland Transport Funding
	Progress walkway/cycleway connections between Warkworth and both Snells Beach and Matakana within five years	Advocacy	Auckland Transport and Matakana Coast Trail Trust	Project not costed and requires community funding



OUTCOME: PARKS AND SPORTS FACILITIES ARE EASY TO ACCESS AND ENJOY

Our communities, young and old, will have increased access to a wide range of recreation opportunities for health, well-being and enjoyment.

We want to make the most of what we have. We have 202 local parks and two holiday parks covering 1021 hectares and nine regional parks covering 3748 hectares. We have stunning esplanade reserves next to sparkling coastal waters. We have arguably the best rugby fields in Auckland in one of our sports grounds. What we need now is to focus on improving and creating facilities for all. We have no public swimming pool and a lack of multisport facilities. We have opportunities galore and community groups ready to lead the charge. So we will partner with communities on key projects requiring community funding, such as the Warkworth Showgrounds multisport centre and the swimming pool facility.

All-season sports facilities

Rodney people love sports. Rugby, netball, hockey, soccer, equestrian, touch, athletics, swimming – you name it, we do it. Our population is growing, along with the pressure on facilities. We want to improve fields so they don't have to close in winter and install floodlights on fields so we can train later. We need to work together to upgrade hard courts and we need indoor sports facilities and shared clubrooms so that we can continue with sports all year round. It will take time to undertake some projects like the Atlas site development in Warkworth, but we would like to make some progress. All of these things strengthen communities and bring us one step closer to having the same facilities as the rest of Auckland.

Swimming pool access

Rodney is the only local board area without access to a public swimming pool, except for Great Barrier and Waiheke! Free swimming access for under-16s is a great idea, but is currently no good to us. We want our children to learn to swim and they also want somewhere to go and have fun. Our older people need pool access for health reasons.

Swimming facilities are important and a facility must be provided in Warkworth.

Walkways, cycleways and bridleways

We have kilometres of reserves next to beaches and rivers, and hundreds of parks. What we need to do is make sure that we can get to them. We need walkways to picnic spots or from school to home. With a bit of planning we can link reserves together better and link existing walkways, providing fitness and bridle trails and access to areas many communities don't know are public land.

Valued rivers and coastal areas

Our beaches and rural areas make our area the best place to live in the world! Access to these areas is a priority, be it boat ramps, car parking or by navigational dredging of key rivers. Aucklanders love to tow their boats up to Rodney to use our boat ramps and beaches. We are looking at the 'pinch points' and listening to communities to find the best way



IMPROVE FIELDS SO THEY DON'T
HAVE TO CLOSE IN WINTER

to improve launching access. Keeping what we have is also important as coastal erosion makes seawalls all the more important.

Family-friendly parks

Parks are for everyone. We all want to use and enjoy our parks. We need to engage with youth on playgrounds and support community initiatives like projects in parks. We also support smokefree environments in our parks and facilities; it's especially important for our children.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- "Parks are a big draw-card to this area. They need to be fun (not ridiculously safe)." (Snells Beach resident)
- "More challenging playgrounds." (Anon)
- "We NEED a swimming pool." (Anon)
- "We need a big indoor facility." (Anon)
- "Walking and cycling trails would be great... a means of getting out and doing exercise." (Kaukapakapa resident).



Creating the world's most liveable city locally

Improving opportunities to get involved in sport and recreation will accelerate the prospects of our young people and help us become the world's most liveable city. We will work together to provide access to future indoor recreation facilities close to home and link our walkways to increase opportunities for families to get out and about easily.

PARKS AND SPORTS FACILITIES ARE EASY TO ACCESS AND ENJOY

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WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE	KEY INITIATIVES	LOCAL BOARD ROLE	OTHER KEY AGENCIES	POTENTIAL COST; FUNDING STATUS
Our people have the use of all-season facilities for sports activities	Implement the Warkworth Showgrounds development plan	Decision maker	Mahurangi Community Sport and Recreation Collective Inc	\$3.1 million
	Partner with the community to design and build a multisport facility at the Warkworth Showgrounds	Advocacy	Mahurangi Community Sport and Recreation Collective Inc	\$8-10 million External funding will be required
	Design and plan for the upgrade and expansion of indoor sports facilities at Centennial Park, Wellsford in partnership with the community	Decision maker and partnership	Wellsford Districts Sport and Recreation Collective	\$20,000

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE	KEY INITIATIVES	LOCAL BOARD ROLE	OTHER KEY AGENCIES	POTENTIAL COST; FUNDING STATUS
Our people have the use of all-season facilities for sports activities	Consult with the community to understand their needs for an indoor sports facility in the Kumeū/Huapai/Helensville/Riverhead area and investigate options	Decision maker and partnership	Community groups	\$15,000
	Improve our sportsfields through sand field construction and floodlighting provision	Decision maker	Sports groups	\$900,000 (over three years)
	Work with neighbouring local boards to progress a reserve management plan for the future recreation reserve at Green Road, Dairy Flat	Advocacy	Governing body and other local boards	\$150,000 Regional funding required
	Upgrade local community hard courts	Decision maker	Community groups	\$600,000 (over three years)
	Undertake consultation to assess open space needs in Matakana to determine the future use of Matakana Jubilee Park	Decision maker	Community groups	\$10,000



PARKS AND SPORTS FACILITIES ARE EASY TO ACCESS AND ENJOY

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE	KEY INITIATIVES	LOCAL BOARD ROLE	OTHER KEY AGENCIES	POTENTIAL COST; FUNDING STATUS
Everyone has access to a local swimming pool	Undertake a feasibility study, planning and design for a swimming pool/aquatic facility in Warkworth and advocate for its construction	Advocacy	Mahurangi Community Sport and Recreation Collective Inc	\$30,000
Walkways, cycleways and bridleways are used for leisure, health and well-being	Construct recreational walkways, fitness trails and bike trails and undertake plans to identify key linkages to determine areas of priority*	Decision maker and partnership	Community groups	\$450,000 (over three years)
Rivers and coastal areas are valued and able to be enjoyed and accessed with ease	Support community efforts to dredge the Mahurangi River for navigational access by providing assistance with technical and consenting matters	Advocacy	Mahurangi River Restoration Trust	Project not costed and requires community funding
	Build and maintain coastal seawalls, initially Algies Bay and Shelly Beach	Decision maker		Project not costed
	Enhance coastal access by implementing actions from the boat ramp, launching and mooring facilities study	Decision maker		Project not costed
	Create challenging playgrounds by enhancing the existing ones and developing new ones	Decision maker	Rodney youth	\$440,000 (over three years)
Our parks are family friendly and enjoyed by all	Partner with community groups to facilitate the design and build of new playgrounds in Kumeū/Huapai and Warkworth based on population growth	Decision maker and partnership	Youth in Kumeū/Huapai and Warkworth	\$200,000

* Initiative of particular interest to mana whenua.



WE NEED WALKWAYS



OUTCOME: COMMUNITIES ARE EMPOWERED AND PLAN FOR THEIR OWN FUTURES

Our communities know what they want for their futures. Communities are empowered by council to work together to make projects happen. Local people will plan for their own areas and determine what is important.

We know that the populations of Kumeū/Huapai and Warkworth are going to increase faster than we ever thought a few years ago. Kumeū/Huapai/Riverhead is already growing fast with an additional 3000 houses going into this area in the next few years. The Auckland Plan indicates that Warkworth is set to grow to 20,000 people by 2040. We have issues of remoteness and we have an aging population. There was 49 per cent growth in the number of residents aged 65 plus in Rodney between 2006 and 2013.

Our area also has a lot of smaller towns and villages under growth pressure. We have a local board area the equivalent size of 19 urban local board areas. Local people need the chance to plan for their local areas and decide what they need to make their areas more liveable.

Communities lead the planning

Rodney communities will play their part in implementing the Auckland Plan and Unitary Plan by accommodating growth. We must ensure that this is supported through more detailed planning such as structure planning, whilst acknowledging the existing structure plans. We need to have a say in what social, transport or servicing infrastructure we think is needed. It is important we all work together when we plan for towns. Communities should lead the planning process in partnership with the council, rather than the other way around.

Some towns and villages that are not growth areas, such as Opahi Bay, are ready to create a shared vision for their areas. Providing tools and skills will assist communities to develop visions themselves. These vision statements can be owned by communities and will be clear expressions of what they want for the future of their areas.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- "We need to be proud of our town centres... keeping them clean, tidy and looking pretty, makes for a proud community spirit." (Helensville resident)
- "Please support the completion of the Warkworth streetscape rejuvenation." (Warkworth resident)
- "Bring all sectors of the community together to have an input and coordinate - be the facilitators not the managers!" (Snells Beach resident)
- "There needs to be a welcoming gateway entrance into Kumeu... instil a sense of pride in our towns." (Waimauku resident).





THE POPULATIONS OF KUMEŪ/HUAPAI AND WARKWORTH ARE GOING TO INCREASE FASTER THAN WE EVER THOUGHT

Empowering Communities

Community groups often have access to resources that council doesn't and can make projects happen quickly with volunteer support. Communities need support to undertake projects they consider important, from playgrounds in Waimauku or Kaukapakapa to sports facilities in Matakana. Council can help in the planning and land provision and communities take the lead in funding and implementing projects.

Main streets are focal points

Our main streets are focal points for community events and economic activities. To make sure our township's main streets were looking good, we had a programme of upgrades. These plans were created some time ago for many areas, but works have slowed and funding has not been available. We want to reactivate these plans so we can be proud of these areas once again.

We are prepared

Local civil defence emergency management volunteer groups need support to be able to help us. Together we can be aware of, and prepared for, the worst, just in case.

Youth voice

Youth are our future and they need to be heard. The Rodney Youth Advisory Panel is keen to get involved and be the voice of youth in Rodney. We need to support them and include them in planning and projects.

Iwi relationship

The local board would like to have an enduring, positive relationship with our treaty partners. We acknowledge mana whenua as kaitiaki. A memorandum of understanding between iwi and Auckland Council is being drafted. The local board will also continue to have hui with local iwi.



Creating the world's most liveable city locally

We will be the world's most liveable city when we are all empowered to make things happen and have ownership in our futures. Communities leading projects raises the quality of urban living and enhances wellbeing.

COMMUNITIES ARE EMPOWERED AND PLAN FOR THEIR OWN FUTURES

Our communities know what they want for their futures. Communities are empowered by council to work together to make projects happen. Local people will plan for their own areas and determine what is important.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE	KEY INITIATIVES	LOCAL BOARD ROLE	OTHER KEY AGENCIES	POTENTIAL COST; FUNDING STATUS
Communities lead the planning for their own futures	Undertake consultation in Kumeu/Huapai to understand community values and perceptions prior to developing a comprehensive plan	Decision maker and partnership	Local communities and mana whenua	\$60,000
	Develop a comprehensive plan (similar to a structure plan) for the Kumeu/Huapai area within the next two years.	Advocacy	Local communities and mana whenua	Project not costed
	Develop a comprehensive plan for Warkworth within three years	Advocacy	Local communities and mana whenua	Project not costed

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE	KEY INITIATIVES	LOCAL BOARD ROLE	OTHER KEY AGENCIES	POTENTIAL COST; FUNDING STATUS
	Assist communities to implement a community visioning toolkit and template for their areas**	Decision maker	Local communities and mana whenua	\$45,000 (\$15,000 per year)
	Support communities to undertake gateway enhancement projects at town entrances *	Decision maker	Local communities and mana whenua	\$60,000 (\$20,000 per year)
	Provide local cemeteries close to towns and villages	Advocacy	Local communities	Project not costed
We are proud of our main streets and they act as focal points for community events and economic activities	Partnering on main street upgrades at Warkworth, Wellsford, Kumeū/Huapai Helensville and Te Hana	Advocacy	Local businesses, BIDS, Auckland Transport and New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)	\$1m (over three years)

* Initiative of particular interest to mana whenua.

** This tool does not apply to the growth areas of Kumeu/Huapai and Warkworth as these are being dealt with under separate initiatives.



OUTCOME: OUR ENVIRONMENT IS HEALTHY, CARED FOR AND ENJOYED

Local community groups take ownership of the quality of their environment. River and stream water quality will be improving, pest species reduced and waste minimised. Our wastewater servicing will be reliable and environmentally friendly.

Our rolling green hills, bush-clad slopes, wild west coast surf beaches, gentle east coast white sand bays and pristine harbours make Rodney special to us all. We love our piece of paradise and the lifestyle it offers. This is why we are so passionate about looking after what we have.

Care for our environment

With more than 1,000km of coastline in Rodney, a vast land area of more than 2,246km², three harbours (Mahurangi, Kaipara and Whangateau) and nine regional parks, it is no small task to care for our environment.

Protecting our native birds, animals, insects and plants is a good first step. We can work together on projects like the North West Wildlink and implementing the Mahurangi Action Plan to make a difference to our environment. We need to empower and encourage community stewardship, and keep up the momentum, on eradicating pest species. We also need to be involved in the Kaipara Harbour and Hauraki Gulf marine spatial plans.

Water quality

We want to improve water quality in our waterways and harbours, and we know how to do it. Planting stream banks and fencing off waterways helps reduce the sediment going into our waterways. Through grants and funding initiatives, such as the sustainable catchments programme, we can help landowners and community groups get involved.

Community success in environmental initiatives

Communities are valued as key to the success of environmental and sustainability initiatives.

Many community groups have recently received support and resources from the local board to undertake environment projects. We all benefit from leaving a light footprint on the earth, and working together we can do a lot with a little. Sustainable living initiatives, such as energy efficiency, water conservation and waste reduction, will help us learn with our neighbours.



Creating the world's most liveable city locally

The world's most liveable city is a green Auckland with a strong commitment to the environment. This means that we all have the opportunity to get involved in looking after our harbours, rivers, coasts and native bush areas.



WORKING TOGETHER
WE CAN DO A LOT
WITH A LITTLE

Working together

The Joint Kaipara Harbour Political Committee brings together a number of councils and iwi to ensure a consistent approach to governing and managing the harbour. This committee should be involved in the early stages of the Kaipara Harbour Marine Spatial Plan and any future plans for the harbour.

Wastewater services

We provide wastewater servicing in all sorts of ways. Whether people provide their own service on site or are serviced by a council system, we need to ensure wastewater services are reliable and environmentally friendly. Some septic tanks in our rural and coastal areas are polluting our environment. We need to find a solution, and also plan and fund key infrastructure upgrades to cater for population growth.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- "Any threat to the natural environment is a threat to the value of this area." (Anon)
- "Noxious weed clearance needs to be a high on-going priority." (Warkworth resident)
- "Coastal and river erosion is destroying the harbours." (Warkworth resident)
- "Need for better partnership models between council and landowners for protection and conservation." (Anon)
- "More back up for local groups who are doing sterling voluntary work eradicating pest plants from the berms and parks." (Sandspit resident)

Waste management

We generate waste everywhere, but communities including schools, volunteer groups and recycling depots are doing something about it and sharing the message. We will support these groups to undertake waste minimisation practices and initiatives through regional grants. We will also support the upgrade of the community recycling centre in Helensville to form part of the regional resource recovery network and cater for the roll-out of the new inorganic collection in Rodney.

Water supply

We can't survive without clean drinking water, it's a basic need. The quality of water in our townships is improving as we move from river to bore supply in some areas and improve treatment plants in other areas. This improvement must continue.



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WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE	KEY INITIATIVES	LOCAL BOARD ROLE	OTHER KEY AGENCIES	POTENTIAL COST; FUNDING STATUS
We care for our environment	Support biosecurity and biodiversity initiatives	Advocacy	Community groups	Projects not costed
	Implement actions identified in the completed ecological survey to protect and enhance biodiversity*	Advocacy	Auckland Transport	Projects not costed
	Prioritise the Kumeū, Helensville and Kaukapakapa river flood protection projects	Advocacy	Local communities	Projects not costed
Water quality in our streams, rivers and harbours is improving	Support communities to get involved in improving water quality in our rivers and harbours*	Advocacy	Community groups	Projects not costed
Communities are valued as key to the success of environmental and sustainability initiatives	Support community groups to undertake environmental restoration and preservation*	Decision maker	Community groups and mana whenua	\$150,000 (over three years)
	Support sustainable living initiatives in the community	Decision maker	Community groups	\$30,000 (over three years)
We work together to achieve environmental outcomes	Joint Kaipara Harbour Political Committee*	Advocacy	Mana whenua, neighbouring councils and the Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group	Project not costed
	Support community-led projects to improve septic tank systems and community education on best practice	Advocacy	Community groups and local residents	Projects not costed

* Initiative of particular interest to mana whenua.

OUTCOME: LOCAL HALLS AND LIBRARIES ARE FAMILIAR, VALUED AND WELL USED COMMUNITY SPACES

Our halls and libraries meet the needs of local communities. They are highly valued, welcoming, friendly spaces in which local residents take pride and have a sense of ownership.

We are proud of our halls and libraries. All 23 council-owned halls, numerous privately owned halls, five libraries and four volunteer libraries are well loved by their users. People make these places special, not bricks and mortar, although that helps!

Libraries

Wellsford has an impressive new library and with a growing population in Rodney, we must focus on the next area of need. The size of the Warkworth library is inadequate for the current population, let alone catering for future growth, so we want to plan now for its expansion.

Community facilities

Throughout history our halls have been the central meeting point for communities. They have hosted weddings, dances, fundraisers, markets, karate classes, and even welcomed people back from war. One thing we did right was make sure most of our communities had a place to gather. These halls and the people who support them continue to have a central role in community life. As part of this we recognise the role that self-sustaining community owned halls play.

But as we shiver in winter in halls without heating and squeeze into buildings too small for the rising population, we know they need more than 'a lick of paint'. This goes for our town centre toilets as well. They looked great

when they went in, but we now wonder whether tourists would really detour to use our facilities. They need some love and attention. We all want our community facilities to be fit for purpose and responsive to local needs and interests. Upgrades are under way with the Warkworth Town Hall and Helensville War Memorial Hall. Now is the time to consider what we will need in the future and improve what we have.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- "Warkworth Town Hall is desperately needed and local board support to assist the community in the fundraising necessary." (Warkworth resident)
- "Maintain them properly and ensure that they are available for the community at minimal cost - they should not be a profit-making exercise." (Algies Bay resident)
- "Our libraries are important meeting points and they serve the community well with their holiday programmes etc." (Kawau Island resident)
- "Warkworth library is not fit for purpose ...take over whole council building to provide adequate children's area, computer area and staff offices." (Anon).





WE ALL WANT OUR COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO BE FIT FOR PURPOSE AND RESPONSIVE TO LOCAL NEEDS AND INTERESTS

Advisory groups and library volunteers

People on our advisory groups, will tell you that things have been a bit up in the air with the new Auckland Council. Our library volunteers might also say that they can't do some of the things they used to. What we

all know without a doubt is that these roles and the people who do them are absolutely essential. We need some clarity about where to from here, and we need to listen to the locals who know their areas.



Creating the world's most liveable city locally

The world's most liveable city locally means looking after our local libraries and community halls and supporting the volunteers who give their time to make them special places with a local flavour.



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WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE	KEY INITIATIVES	LOCAL BOARD ROLE	OTHER KEY AGENCIES	POTENTIAL COST; FUNDING STATUS
Libraries meet community needs	Expand the Warkworth Library within 10 years	Advocacy	Local communities	Project not costed
Community facilities are fit for purpose and responsive to local needs and interests	Provide community facilities in Helensville	Decision maker	Community groups	\$660,000
	Re-open the former Wellsford Library building for community uses under an economically sustainable model*	Advocacy	Wellsford community	\$45,000 (over two years)
	Complete stage one of the Warkworth Town Hall upgrade	Advocacy	Warkworth Town Hall Advisory Group	\$3.037 million
	Support community to raise \$1million for stage two of the Warkworth Town Hall upgrade within two years	Advocacy	Warkworth Town Hall Advisory Group and Warkworth Town Hall Restoration Trust	Project not costed
	Upgrade of town centre toilets in Wellsford, Kumeu and Warkworth	Advocacy	Business associations, BIDS and Community groups	\$350,000 (over three years)
Volunteers are valued as key to the success of community facilities and services	Determine and implement an appropriate structure for Rodney halls and reserves advisory groups	Decision maker and partnership	Halls and reserves advisory groups	Project not costed
	Support volunteer libraries	Decision maker and partnership	Communities running volunteer libraries in Leigh, Point Wells and Tapora	\$21,000 (over three years)
	Support and encourage volunteers in our libraries	Decision maker and partnership	Library volunteers	\$9,000 (over three years)

* Initiative of particular interest to mana whenua.



OUTCOME: LOCAL ECONOMIES ARE STRONG AND GROWING

Our local economy will strengthen and businesses will thrive through working together.

A growing economy will provide more jobs for local people.

Rodney's economic base is diverse. We have a strong rural production sector, a growing tourism market, a thriving construction industry and emerging research and technology businesses. Retail, service and industry activities in our towns and villages are also expanding. Rodney needs a local economy with focus and direction to support the initiatives of local business groups.

Businesses work together to grow our economy

As mentioned by one resident, "Local businesses give jobs, wealth, and vibrancy to us". Growing our economy is more than businesses getting bigger. We all benefit from a growing economy. Rodney towns will be some of the fastest-growing areas in Auckland. This suggests a rapid expansion of economic potential.

Huge possibilities exist in the rural sector to add value to the economy. Our strengths also include niche manufacturing such as wine making and boat building. To consider all this and provide clear direction, we will complete a Local Economic Development Action Plan. In partnership with business groups, we will then implement actions that result in a growing economy.

Business associations work tirelessly to promote their areas and drum up business. If we all work together as Business

Improvement Districts (BIDs) and visitor strategy groups, we can do even more great work. We know Rodney's growing population expands demand for local services. Now is the time to work together to strengthen and grow our local economy, as seven areas have done in the west of Rodney by combining forces to create one BID. Those areas being Helensville, Parakai, Kumeū, Huapai, Riverhead, Kaukapakapa and Waimauku.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- "If businesses do well, the whole community prospers." (Matakana resident)
- "More jobs for the young people." (Helensville resident)
- "Help promote Rodney as a tourist destination." (Anon)
- "Local jobs, if people in our community are not working they can't participate or afford petrol to travel – isolated." (Waimauku resident)
- "Assisting local business communities to work together to build business is important." (Kaukapakapa resident)





BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS WORK TIRELESSLY TO PROMOTE THEIR AREAS AND DRUM UP BUSINESS

Greater visitor numbers

Employment in the tourism sector has increased by 32 per cent in the 10 years to 2012. Tourists have flocked to shop and eat in our pretty villages and splash in the water at our beautiful beaches. To build on this, we will support the community to deliver projects that contribute to growth in the Rodney tourism market through support for BIDs. It also means providing facilities and amenities (like toilets) and making our towns more attractive to enhance the visitor experience. Upgrading our mainstreets not only makes us proud of our home towns, but increases tourism and strengthens our economies.

Export business thriving

Rodney has an increasingly productive agriculture, forestry and fisheries base, with particular strength in dairy production, forestry, horticulture and viticulture. We also have strong regional, national and international supply chains. Opportunities exist to scale up activities in internationally competitive sectors and increase export potential within businesses. We also need the government's rural broadband initiative delivered to be connected nationally and internationally.

Work-ready labour force

The Rodney economy is characterised by small-scale operations, with a high number of small businesses and self-employed people. For businesses to grow, we need a labour force that is work ready. Through the Youth Connections programme we can understand the staffing needs of businesses, improve access to training opportunities and assist in the transition of people (often youth) from education to the workforce.

Business land

We need to be ready with a supply of business land for development before opportunities arise, not after they are lost. Additional land zoned for business purposes is needed in Warkworth, Wellsford and Silverdale West, which lies west of the motorway in the Rodney local board area. We will continue to advocate on this point so that we are ready and waiting, ahead of the game.



Creating the world's most liveable city locally

The world's most liveable city is one where businesses can work collectively to create prosperity and opportunity through business improvement districts focusing on what is needed locally. We can raise living standards for everyone and accelerate the prospects of our young people by working together on an economic development plan for Rodney.



LOCAL ECONOMIES ARE STRONG AND GROWING

Our local economy will strengthen and businesses will thrive through working together.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE	KEY INITIATIVES	LOCAL BOARD ROLE	OTHER KEY AGENCIES	POTENTIAL COST; FUNDING STATUS
Businesses work together to strengthen and grow our local economy	Complete and implement the Rodney Local Economic Development Action Plan*	Decision maker and partnership	Local businesses and associations, Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) and mana whenua	\$27,000
	Support Warkworth and Wellsford/Te Hana to establish BIDs	Decision maker	Local businesses and business associations	\$85,000 (over three years)
Businesses are thriving	Advocate for ATEED to work collaboratively with business associations, BIDs on tourism and export initiatives	Advocacy	ATEED	Project not costed and requires ATEED resourcing
We have a work-ready labour force	Implement actions identified in the Rodney Local Economic Development Action Plan*	Decision maker and partnership	BIDs, business associations and ATEED	\$30,000 (over three years)

* Initiative of particular interest to mana whenua.



OUTCOME: ARTS, CULTURE AND EVENTS ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITIES AND EXPRESS WHO WE ARE

Our communities will celebrate, learn and grow through arts, culture, events and a variety of community-led initiatives. These activities will strengthen communities, provide opportunities for people to connect with each other and build a sense of pride.

In Rodney we like to help ourselves; we don't wait for handouts. We knuckle down with like-minded people and get things happening. Be it creating art centres, running community events, providing healthy homes or creating community gardens, it all begins with an idea and a bit of passion.

There is limited funding available to support the initiatives in this outcome. The emphasis is on providing seed funding, limited grants funding and a small amount of operational funding. This will be a starting point for communities to raise further funds.

Events

When it comes to events you name it, we do it. Our communities know how to run great events. We love events like the Kōwhai Festival, the Helensville A&P Show, kids triathlons, the Matakana Fruitloop and the Mahurangi Regatta. They reflect who we are and celebrate our identity.

But event organisers are finding it hard to meet the compliance costs and regulations. We need to work together to create a streamlined process that saves us all time and money. We also have huge potential to create a regional event that attracts thousands of people to Rodney. But we need to make a little funding go a long way. Last year we shared \$52,000 in grants between 22 events and had requests from 36 groups.

Arts

Access to arts and culture activities and facilities needs to be Rodney wide. We have the potential to create arts hubs in our main centres, but we need to prioritise funding to fix up what we have first. The Kumeū Arts Centre building needs a lot of work and the Helensville Community Arts Centre is moving into a new space in the Helensville War Memorial Hall. These centres are run by the community for the community. With professional displays, education, classes and sales, they can support themselves in time and become a real attraction to the area. It is recognised that there is a need and indeed a passion for a community arts space in Warkworth. This will be largely dependent on the community to drive and fund this project.



WHAT YOU TOLD US :

- "Arts and culture can add depth and meaning to local communities." (Anon)
- "The west traditionally attracts artists, writers and creators. Let's build the longest sculpture gallery in the world up Highway 16." (Kaukapakapa resident)
- "Support local communities to help them with local initiatives thus reducing overall costs of projects." (Whangateau resident)



OUR COMMUNITIES KNOW HOW TO RUN GREAT EVENTS



Volunteers

We rely on people who are willing to give their free time to make our communities better, safer, cleaner and friendlier. Volunteers are valued as key to the success of community facilities and services. None of the seven outcomes in this plan would be possible to achieve without community backing and drive.

Let's say thanks to halls and reserves advisory groups, volunteers in libraries, environmental groups, resident and ratepayer groups, business associations, volunteer fire fighters, civil defence volunteers and other volunteer groups. Let's celebrate the good work we do.



Creating the world's most liveable city locally

The world's most liveable city is where we can express who we are what is important to us through events and the arts. Our lives are enhanced and the quality of urban and rural living is raised when it is easy to run and take part in events that celebrate life. We can give our time together for a common good.

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Events reflect who we are and celebrate our identity	Support community events in Rodney through grants	Decision maker	Local community groups and mana whenua	\$180,000 (over three years)
Everyone can take part in arts and culture activities from local arts hubs	Work with the Kumeū Arts community to expand the Kumeū Arts Centre facility	Advocacy	Kumeū Arts Centre	\$290,000
	Provide ongoing operational support for Rodney arts facilities	Decision maker	Kumeū Arts Centre, Helensville Community Arts Centre	\$180,000 (over three years)
Community-led initiatives strengthen our communities	Celebrate and acknowledge volunteers in Rodney	Decision maker and partnership	Community volunteers and organisations	\$4,000

VALUING OUR LOCAL MĀORI IDENTITY

Working together

As part of its Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi commitment, the Rodney Local Board will uphold the principles of the former memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the legacy Rodney District Council in a new MoU with Auckland Council.

Regular hui will take place with iwi (Ngāti Manuhiri, Te Uri O Hau, Te Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara and Ngāti Wai). These hui will be engaging rangatira ki te rangatira or chief to chief, to share information and work together.

Working in partnership on papakāinga housing, economic development, the creation of local jobs and the improvement of the health of our waterways is important to all. Enabling and supporting mana whenua and Māori residents' aspirations and providing opportunities for them to contribute to the future well-being of the area are key priorities in the Auckland Plan.

Reflecting our Māori heritage

Our rich cultural history and vibrant local communities make us all proud. We will work with mana whenua in the naming of new local roads, parks and council-owned facilities, as we did with the Wellsford War Memorial Library, Te Whare Pukapuka o Wakapirau He Tohu Whakamaharatanga Ki Ngā Pakanga. This will go some way to ensuring that our cultural heritage is reflected locally. We also support council assistance in identifying sites of significance to iwi throughout Rodney.

Māori social well-being

Social well-being has been raised as an area that requires us to work together. We acknowledge the six marae in Rodney and their important place in maintaining community connections and traditions. We can partner strategically with iwi for the long-term retention of land within mana whenua rohe for the benefit of the wider community.

(Definition of mana whenua rohe: the meaning reflects identified tribal boundaries of the tribe who has total power/authority; no recognition of this status is given to any other external group or organisation).

Papakāinga

Providing safe, warm, healthy houses for Rodney will directly achieve the Auckland Plan transformational shift. This will significantly lift social and economic well-being, accelerate the prospects of Auckland's children and substantially raise living standards. The local board has supported, through seed funding, the Ngāti Whātua Ngā Rima o Kaipara housing initiative to re-fit houses for local iwi using youth interested in skill development and training.

Affordable housing and home ownership are priorities in Rodney, but we have multiple shared owners of Māori land unable to put housing on their land due to planning rules. We need to work with iwi to resolve these issues and progress the housing initiative.

Māori economic well-being

Mana whenua wish to play a key role in the Rodney Local Economic Development Action Plan. This is timely as iwi are considering their economic strategies following recent treaty settlements. We can work together in many ways towards our economic well-being. We also continue to advocate for local people

getting council contracts in our local areas and wish to formalise this in council tender criteria.

Youth employment continues to be an area of partnership and the local board supports the Youth Connections model and local skill development initiatives.



OUR RICH CULTURAL HISTORY AND
VIBRANT LOCAL COMMUNITIES
MAKE US ALL PROUD

Environment

We recognise and will continue to support our local iwi and hapū in their customary kaitiaki role. We will work with mana whenua on projects that align with environmental priorities for protecting and restoring our sites of significance and cultural value, waterways and harbours. Ensuring the mauri of our reserves, waterways and harbour is in optimal health respects the cultural and spiritual values of iwi/hapū. Enhancing biodiversity and improving water quality in our streams, rivers and harbours is a particular priority for all Rodney communities.

Regional parks

We have nine regional parks in Rodney, many with sites of cultural significance. Mana whenua involvement in managing these parks is limited. We support investigating opportunities for co-managing aspects of these parks so that we can discuss and manage them jointly. These include issues like cattle on parks versus planting to protect pā sites.



WHAT YOU TOLD US THROUGH IWI ENGAGEMENT:

- “Interested in co-management relationship on regional parks.”
- “Purchasing back land that is in our mana whenua rohe is important and takes time.”
- “The northern rail link to Whangarei is important.”
- “A Māori economic strategy will now be completed following treaty settlements.”
- “Our people are returning to live on our land but papākainga rules are too restrictive.”
- “Coastal management plans are a priority.”

Joint Kaipara Harbour Political Committee

A joint governance group was set up in 2012 to ensure a consistent approach to managing the Kaipara Harbour for better environmental outcomes. This Rodney Local Board initiative brings together four councils and iwi including Te Uri O Hau and Te Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara to share the governance and discuss issues facing the harbour.



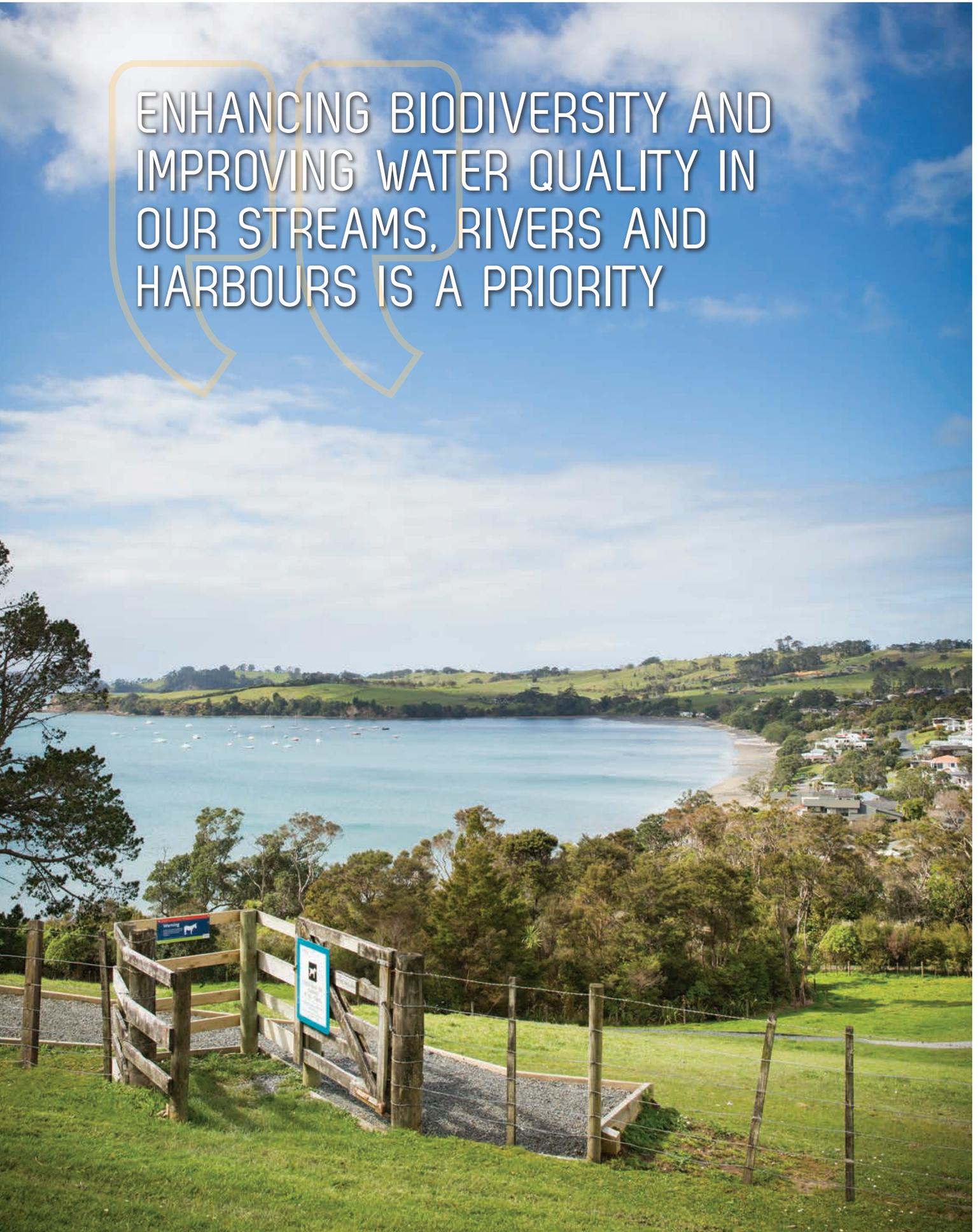
The Parakai Recreation Reserve Board was set up as a result of the Ngāti Whātua Ngā Rima o Kaipara treaty settlement. This new board makes decisions about the Parakai Recreation Reserve on behalf of the community and is a great example of a shared governance model that works. The next big project for the Parakai Recreation Reserve Board is to talk to the Parakai community and prepare a reserve management plan.

Local Māori identity:

Treaty partners have an effective and respectful relationship, Māori aspirations are realised and Rodney communities are enriched through knowledge sharing. We acknowledge mana whenua as kaitiaki. We prioritise working in partnership with iwi to build a sound and enduring relationship.

Projects and initiatives of particular interest to iwi have been woven through the plan. They are acknowledged by an *asterisk next to each initiative in the tables for each outcome.

ENHANCING BIODIVERSITY AND IMPROVING WATER QUALITY IN OUR STREAMS, RIVERS AND HARBOURS IS A PRIORITY



INDICATIVE BUDGET AND FUNDING SOURCES

In each of our local board plan outcomes we include a list of key initiatives to deliver the outcome. Some of these initiatives are funded in the council's Long-term Plan for 2012-2022 (LTP). The remaining initiatives are not currently funded.

There are a number of ways that local board activities can be funded:

- through general rate funding. The governing body decides on the share of general rate funding provided to local boards. The governing body also makes decisions on investment in new facilities and major upgrades of facilities.
- by reprioritising our budget to either delay or cut existing projects and activities.
- by the local board proposing that the governing body sets a targeted rate in the local area.
- through fees and charges paid by users of our facilities.
- by leveraging involvement of other partners such as the private sector and other public sector agencies.

We will prioritise which projects we put forward for funding in the next draft LTP, taking into account what you told us.

The indicative budget for the three years from July 2015 to June 2018 is set out on the following pages. When reading this budget it is important to note that the local board's actual budget will look quite different over the next three years for a number of reasons:

- The council is preparing the next draft LTP for 2015-2025. This includes a review of funding for all projects which may affect some local board projects that are currently funded.
- How local boards are funded has also been reviewed. This will affect local board budgets in the draft LTP.
- The budget is indicative only. It does not contain all of the detailed projects or activities that the local board may carry out over the next three years. These will be developed through the local board agreement that is part of the council's annual plan for each financial year.
- The local board's actual budget for each year, including how it is funded, is subject to agreement with the governing body as part of the discussion on the annual local board agreement.



INDICATIVE BUDGET TABLES

Expenditure for Rodney Local Board area for 2015 - 2018			
\$000 FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE	BUDGET 2015/2016	BUDGET 2016/2017	BUDGET 2017/2018
NET OPERATING EXPENDITURE			
Local arts, culture and events services	558	576	608
Local built and natural environment	167	35	36
Local community services	1,136	1,223	1,285
Local economic development	752	626	666
Local governance	1,576	1,571	1,634
Local libraries	3,276	3,379	3,532
Local parks services	13,144	14,110	14,951
Local recreation services	93	95	97
TOTAL NET OPERATING EXPENDITURE	20,703	21,615	22,810
NET CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			
Local arts, culture and events services	293	151	171
Local built and natural environment	0	0	0
Local community services	854	400	465
Local economic development	242	0	0
Local governance	0	64	0
Local libraries	200	101	128
Local parks services	8,828	4,341	2,573
Local recreation services	0	0	0
TOTAL NET CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	10,417	5,057	3,337

Financial statements are based on the Long-term Plan 2012-2022, including approved changes made during the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 financial years, annual planning processes and agreed capex deferrals from 2014/2015. Budgets are indicative only as they will be reviewed through the development of the Long-term Plan 2015-2025 (due for adoption in June 2015) and allocated in accordance with the Local Board Funding Policy.

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