

MANUKAU CITY ARCHIVES

This list provides guidance to the location of local body archives of historical interest relating to Manukau City Council and its predecessor and associated bodies.

Manukau City was formed by the amalgamation of Manukau County and Manurewa Borough in 1965. Howick Borough and Papatoetoe City were incorporated in the city in 1989. Manukau City archives therefore include the surviving records of Howick Borough, Manukau City, Manurewa Borough and Papatoetoe City and their predecessor and successor bodies. For background information, see: [‘The Manukau tradition: a brief history of local government in the area covered by Manukau City’](#).

The list includes some ad hoc or special purpose local bodies that have existed within the area, including domain boards and drainage boards, where known (this part of the list may not be complete). Hall committees, cemetery boards, patriotic and welfare committees, etc. are not included.

The list is arranged by type of local authority within the following categories: [Howick](#); [Manukau](#); [Manurewa](#); [Papatoetoe](#); [special purpose local bodies](#). An [alphabetical list](#) by name of local authority is also available.

This list was compiled by Bruce Ringer, Manager Research Services, Manukau Libraries, and is current to December 2009. For more details about the local authorities listed, see [Manukau's Journey](#). For more details about archival holdings and to arrange access to these archives, please contact [Auckland Council Archives](#).

HOWICK		
Local authority and dates of existence	Surviving records held by Auckland Council Archives unless otherwise indicated [= partial holdings]	Notes
Howick Township Highway Board, 1865-1882; Howick Township Road Board, 1883-1921	1882-1921	Howick Township Highway District formed 1865; became Howick Township Road District, 1883; merged in Manukau County, 1921.
Paparoa Highway Board, 1864-1882; Paparoa Road Board, 1883-1921	[1886-1921]	Paparoa Highway District formed 1864; sometimes known as ‘Paparoa (near Pakuranga)’; became Paparoa Road District, 1883; merged in Manukau County, 1921.
Howick Town Board, 1922-1952	1922-1952. Copy of minute book 1932-1942 also held at Howick Historical Village	Howick Town District formed from the areas of the former Howick Township and Paparoa road districts, 1922; succeeded by Howick Borough, 1952.

Howick Borough Council, 1952-1989	1952-1989	Howick Borough succeeded Howick Town District, 1952; absorbed into Manukau City, 1989.
MANUKAU		
Local authority and dates of existence	Surviving records held at Auckland Council Archives unless otherwise indicated [= partial holdings]	Notes
(1) Highway districts formed under the Public Roads and Works Ordinance 1845		
Mangere Highway Board, 1859-1862	No surviving records	Usually known as 'Mangare'.
East Tamaki Highway Board, 1859-1862	No surviving records	
Papakura Valley Highway Board, 1861-1862	No surviving records	Covered what are now the Alfriston and Brookby areas.
Wairoa Highway Board, 1860-1862	No surviving records	Covered what is now the Clevedon area.
(2) Highway boards formed under the Auckland Provincial Council Highways Act 1862, Highways Act 1871, or Highways Act 1874		On 1 January 1883 all highway boards became road boards under the Road Boards Act 1882
East Tamaki Highway Board, 1862-1882; East Tamaki Road Board, 1883-1921	1862-1921	East Tamaki Highway District formed 1862; became East Tamaki Road District, 1883; merged in Manukau County, 1921.
Mangere Highway Board, 1862-1882; Mangere Road Board, 1883-1919	1890-1919	Mangere Highway District formed 1862; usually known as 'Mangarei', sometimes as 'Mangare'; became Mangere Road District, 1883; merged in Manukau County, 1919.
Maraetai Highway Board, [1867-1882]; Maraetai Road Board, 1883-1914	[1875-1914]. Copies of minute books 1875-1914 also held at Papakura Museum	Maraetai Highway District formed 1867; abolished 1871; re-formed 1875; became Maraetai Road District, 1883; merged in Manukau County, 1914.
Pakuranga Highway Board, 1863-1882; Pakuranga Road Board, 1883-1921	1883-1921	Pakuranga Highway District formed 1863; usually known as Pakeranga Highway District; became Pakuranga Road District, 1883; merged in Manukau County, 1921.

Papakura Valley Highway Board, 1862-1882; Papakura Road Board, 1883-1918	1862-1918. Copies of selected records 1862-1918 also held at Papakura Museum	Papakura Valley Highway District formed 1862; sometimes known simply as Papakura Highway District; despite the name covered not Papakura but the Alfriston and Brookby areas; became Papakura Road District, 1883; merged in Manukau County, 1918.
Turanga Highway Board, 1865-1882; Turanga Road Board, 1883-1917	1874-1917	Turanga Highway District formed 1874; covered the Whitford area; became Turanga Road District, 1883; merged in Manukau County, 1917.
Wairoa Highway Board, 1862-1882; Wairoa Road Board, 1883-1919	[1862-1919]. Copies of minute books 1872-1918 also held by Clevedon Historical Society; copies of minute books and other records 1872-1897 held at Papakura Museum	Wairoa Highway District formed 1862; covered the wider Clevedon area; became Wairoa Road District, 1883; merged in Manukau County, 1919.
Manukau County formed under the Counties Act 1876		
Manukau County Council, [1877]	No records survive	The first Manukau County as defined in the Counties Act 1876 stretched from Otahuhu to the Waikato River. The County Council met twice only, in 1877, and no county administration was ever formed.
Manukau County formed under the Franklin and Manukau Counties Act 1911		
Manukau County Council, 1912-1965	1912-1965	New Manukau County formed from the northern part of the old Manukau County, 1912; eastern boundary with Franklin County adjusted, 1915; amalgamated with Manurewa Borough to form Manukau City, 1965.
County towns formed under the Counties Amendment Act 1949		
Beachlands County Town Committee	1954-1965	
Bucklands and Eastern Beaches County Town Committee	1954-1965	
Mangere Bridge County Town Committee	1954-1965	
Mangere East County Town Committee	1955-1965	
Maraetai County Town Committee	1961-1965	
Otara County Town Committee	1964-1965	

Pakuranga County Town Committee	1956-1965	
Manukau City		
Manukau City Council, 1965-2010	1965-2010	Manukau City formed by amalgamation of Manukau County and Manurewa Borough, 1965; absorbed Howick Borough and Papatoetoe City, 1989.
MANUREWA		
Local authority and dates of existence	Surviving records held by Auckland Council Archives unless otherwise indicated [= partial holdings]	Notes
Manurewa Highway Board, 1867-1882; Manurewa Road Board, 1883-1917	[1912-1917]	Manurewa Highway District formed 1867; became Manurewa Road District, 1883; Manurewa Town District formed from central part of road district, 1916; remainder merged in Manukau County, 1917.
Manurewa Town Board, 1916-1937	1916-1937	Manurewa Town District formed 1916; became independent town district, 1917; succeeded by Manurewa Borough, 1937.
Manurewa Borough Council, 1937-1965	1937-1965	Manurewa Borough succeeded Manurewa Town District, 1937; amalgamated with Manukau County to form Manukau City, 1965.
PAPATOETOE		
Local authority and dates of existence	Surviving records held by Auckland Council Archives unless otherwise indicated [= partial holdings]	Notes
Papatoetoe Highway Board, 1865-1882; Papatoetoe Road Board, 1883-1919	1915-1919	Papatoetoe Highway District formed 1865; usually known as 'Papatoitoe Highway District'; became Papatoetoe Road District, 1883; Papatoetoe Town District formed from central part of road district March 1919; remainder merged in Manukau County, July 1919.
Papatoetoe Town Board, 1919-1946	1919-1946	Papatoetoe Town District formed 1919; succeeded by Papatoetoe Borough, 1946.
Papatoetoe Borough Council, 1946-1965	1946-1965	Papatoetoe Borough succeeded by Papatoetoe City, 1965.

Papatoetoe City Council, 1965-1989	1965-1989	Papatoetoe City absorbed into Manukau City, 1989.
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL AUTHORITIES		
Local authority and dates of existence	Surviving records held by Auckland Council Archives unless otherwise indicated [= partial holdings]	Notes
Domain Boards		
Mangere Domain Board, 1890-1966	1890-1966	Administered the domain on Mangere Mountain; Manukau City Council appointed as the domain board, 1966.
Pakuranga Domain Board, 1881-1981	1881-1907	Administered the Pakuranga Domain on Pigeon Mountain; dissolved in 1981 when Manukau City Council appointed to administer the reserve.
Takanini Domain Board, 1938-1946	[1938-1946]	Manukau County Council appointed as the domain board, 1946.
Weymouth Domain Board, 1951-1962	[1956-1959]	Manukau County Council appointed as the domain board, 1962.
Drainage boards		
Wiri Drainage Board, 1927-1965	1927-1965	Wiri Drainage District formed 1927; administered part of the Puhinui Stream catchment; abolished on the formation of Manukau City, 1965.