

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Puketāpapa Te Rīpoata ā-Tau 2024/2025

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Mihi

Tēnei au te noho atu nei
i te kāhiwi o Waikōwhai ki te uru.
Ka mihi iho au ki raro
ki te ākau o Manukau moana,
he taunga kawau tiketike,
te eke ki te tāhuna tōrea.
Ka huri whakateraki aku kamo,
ka kite atu au i te ara hou e kokoti mai rā
i taku manawa me te Ahikāroa o Rakataura,
kia tae au ki Te Tāpapakanga a Hape
ka hoki mai anō taku hā,
kei reira nei hoki kō Pukewīwī.
Ka kite kau atu au i te remu o Ōwairaka,
ka hoki whakararo ano ōku whakaaro
ki Te Tātua o Riu ki Uta
e tu ārai mai rā mōku i te whitinga
mai o te rā.
Kei tua ki te raki, ko te Puku o te Tīpua
nei o Tāmaki Makaurau,
kei raro ko te Onehunga.
Kātahi au ka hoki mā te Kāhiwi Pūpuke
kia ū atu anō au ki a koe Waikōwhai.
I kona ka tau aku mihi,
ka eke, kua eke, hui e, taiki e!

Here I sit
on the western ridge overlooking Waikōwhai.
I send my greetings below to the shores of
the Manukau Harbour,
landing place of visiting cormorant
on the domain of the oystercatcher.
My gaze turns northward,
along the new path that cuts through the heart
of the ancient fire-line of Rakataura,
that takes me to Hape’s repose,
to Pukewīwī
where I can catch my breath.
Hemmed in by Ōwairaka to the north,
my thoughts turn south
to Te Tātua o Riu ki Uta – Three Kings,
my boundary to the east.
Beyond lies the Central Business District
and to the south, Onehunga.
From here I follow the ridgeline that is Hillsborough
till I am back at Waikōwhai.
And, there my greetings rest,
we are bound, it is done!

◀ On the cover: Taurangi in Three Kings

He kōrero mō tēnei rīpoata

About this report

This annual report tells the story of how Auckland Council has performed in delivering services in the Puketāpapa Local Board area from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

You can read about our progress, expenditure, service performance and challenges faced in 2024/2025. It’s part of the wider annual reporting package for the Auckland Council Group and meets our Local Government Act 2002 obligations to report on our performance against agreed measures. It reports against the council’s Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and the Puketāpapa Local Board Agreement 2024/2025.

This report also reflects the local flavour of your area by profiling its population, people and council facilities. It features a story about a council or community activity that adds special value to the area and demonstrates how **together we’re delivering for Auckland**.

▼ Welcome to Puketāpapa Day, held at the Wesley Community Centre



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He kōrero mai i te heamana

From the chairperson

Achievements

An important milestone this year was the opening of three new parks in the Three Kings Quarry development. Their names were gifted by mana whenua, and we gratefully accepted that these spaces will be called Taurangi, Omahu and Te Toka a Whenua.

We continue to plan for our future places and communities. Two significant pieces of work are the Puketāpapa Play Plan, and the Puketāpapa Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan which will help us build support for active communities.

We have repaired the tracks damaged in Cyclone Gabrielle in 2023 and have also reopened the Waikōwhai Boardwalk. Unfortunately, we had more extreme weather events in 2024/25 year, and the Easter 2025 floods affected many parts of our area. We continue to work with our communities and council staff to find ways to minimise or avoid the effects of these.

In the face of these challenges, our communities are so important. The Wesley Community Centre continues to strengthen ties with community organisations, celebrating their contributions at an end-of-year event with over 2,500 attendees. The first Welcome to Puketāpapa Day event was held in February at the Wesley centre. This one-day event brought together local community champions, groups and networks that make the area special.

These are just a few of the many achievements that we celebrate, and we acknowledge the community’s support in progressing this work.

Upcoming opportunities

We have already been looking ahead to 2025/26, when our budgets will increase. This will give us more opportunity to invest in our communities, for example with an Arts and Events broker and the Welcoming Puketāpapa programme.

We have been able to increase funding to climate resilience and to some exciting waterways projects.

We continue to advocate to the Governing Body for investment in our area to respond to growth, improved provision of open space and recreational opportunities, flood mitigation and investment in local economic development.

Ngā mihi nui,



Ella Kumar
Chairperson,
Puketāpapa
Local Board



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Puketāpapa Local Board



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Ella Kumar (Chairperson), Roseanne Hay,
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Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

Puketāpapa projects and improvements

Key to current and planned projects

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Delivered projects

- 1 Mt Roskill Library - renew - interior and exterior including addition of roof solar panels
- 2 Lynfield Recreation Centre - renew - interior and exterior
- 3 Wairaki / Lynfield Reserve - slip remediation
- 4 Waikōwhai Park - renewal of tracks
- 5 Reopening of the Waikōwhai boardwalk
- 6 Mt Roskill War Memorial Park - addition of new seats
- 7 Manukau Domain - new footpath
- 8 Three Kings Pump house - renew - roof cladding and timber joinery
- 9 Harold Long Reserve and Fearon Park - install hard court
- 10 Turner Reserve - develop toilet facilities
- 11 Mt Roskill War Memorial Hall - renewals

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Current projects

- 1 Cameron Pools - HVAC, pool plant, equipment and systems
- 2 Wesley Community Centre - renew playground
- 3 Arthur Faulkner Reserve - renew tennis club hall
- 4 Continuation of Manukau foreshore track renewal work - 2023 storm damage
- 5 May Road Community Lease Building - renew building exterior and interior

Map legend

- 📍 Local board office
- 🌳 Public open space (Unitary Plan)
- 🛣️ Motorway
- 🛤️ Major road
- 🛤️ Arterial road
- 🛤️ Medium road
- 🛤️ Minor road



50% of our residents identify as Asian, which includes Indian, Chinese, Sri Lankan, Filipino and Korean communities



13 mana whenua have an interest in Puketāpapa



We are home to more than **100** parks, many linked by greenways, **2** recreation centres, **1** swimming pool, **1** library and numerous community centres.



A **unique landscape** including Manukau Harbour, Te Auaunga/Oakley Creek and **2** volcanic cones (Puketāpapa/Pukewīwī/ Mt Roskill and Te Tātua o Rīu-kī-uta/Big King)



Data sources: Council Growth Scenario AGS23v1 (Feb 2024), StatsNZ Census 2023 (initial release May 2024)

Tā mātou pūrongo whakahaere mahi

Our performance report

KEY

●●●● Achieved ●●●● Substantially achieved (+/-2% slim margin) ●●●● Not achieved ●●●● Not measured

For more information on our service performance judgements and assumptions please refer to pages 122-123 of Volume 1 of this Annual Report.

Local Community Services

The Puketāpapa board focused on strengthening community connections through inclusive initiatives. Highlights included supporting a bilingual Te Tiriti o Waitangi workshop. Successful events ranged from Movies in Parks to CultureFest and ANZAC commemorations. The board provided grants to strategic partners and community projects, empowered local youth through the Puketāpapa Youth Foundation, and funded Roskill Together to run a Global Friends programme promoting cross-cultural engagement.

Enable a range of choices to access community services and recreation opportunities

The number of visits to library facilities	●●●●	Target	Result
Visitor numbers at Mt Roskill Library exceeded target this year. This reflects consistently high customer satisfaction and ongoing demand for our services.	2025	191,000	240,167
	2024	200,806	197,568

Percentage of time physical library services are accessible to the community¹	●●●●	Target	Result
There was one closure this year, for one hour and less than 0.1 per cent of total planned hours, due to a power cut. In all other situations, Mt Roskill Library was open and serving their community.	2025	100%	99.95%
	2024	New measure	New measure

Number of visits to Pool and Leisure Centres	●●●●	Target	Result
Visitor numbers at Cameron Pool and Leisure Centre exceeded the target this year, reflecting reduced concern around COVID-19 and a strong return to regular fitness and recreation routines.	2025	337,000	389,125
	2024	New measure	New measure

Percentage of time main Pool and Leisure Centre services are accessible to the community¹	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	95%	100%
	2024	New measure	New measure

Percentage of local community facility asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition²	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	90%	97.0%
	2024	New measure	New measure

Number of activities and events delivered which support local communities to be physically active	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	20	18
Local board direction and feedback on the final activities schedule meant we didn't meet target but were within the allocated budget.	2024	New measure	New measure

Provide opportunities for communities to lead and deliver their own initiatives

Number of partner organisations supported to sustain their governance capacity and capability	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	20	6
The result was below target as the target was based on assumptions made in the absence of available historical data.	2024	New measure	New measure

Provide urban green spaces (local parks, paths and ngahere) and access to the coast

Percentage of local parks, facilities and spaces meeting maintenance quality standards³	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	90%	98%
	2024	New measure	New measure

Percentage of local open space asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition	●●●●	Target	Result
6.9 per cent of assets are currently rated as poor and 2 per cent as very poor. While most poor-condition assets have been renewed, a notable portion previously rated as average have now deteriorated into the poor category. These will form part of our renewals planning.	2025	94%	91%
	2024	New measure	New measure

Number of trees planted in the Urban Ngahere programme⁴	●●●●	Target	Result
When setting targets, we use average market rates for tree stock and labour costs. During actual delivery, however, we focus on achieving the best value for money, both in tree costs and labour. This approach allows us to plant more trees within the same budget. The overall budget doesn't change; rather, we find ways to optimise costs and achieve higher planting numbers.	2025	29	31
	2024	New measure	New measure

1. This measure compares actual opening hours to advertised opening hours to achieve a result.

2. For definitions of "Community Facilities" and "Local open space assets" please refer to the Glossary in Volume 1 of this Annual Report, pages 124-126

3. Maintenance quality standards are defined through SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) and asset maintenance contracts. These standards are monitored by staff who have received specialised training and are audited through a quality process to ensure consistent scoring.

4. Urban Ngahere delivers specimen trees intended to be over 3m tall. Additional plantings occur outside this programme.

Local environmental management

We supported healthy ecosystems and sustainability through funding initiatives such as community planting days, pest control efforts, and the work of our Climate Action Activator. A highlight this year was the involvement of EcoNeighbourhoods groups in a range of impactful projects. These included contributions from the Ethnic Women’s Trust Community Garden, Wesley Primary School, Wesley Community EcoNeighbours, and the Molley Green EcoNeighbourhood group, all playing key roles in the Puketāpapa Kai Resilience Roadmap project which focuses on strengthening local food systems and sustainability practices.

We continued to support a strong local economy by backing initiatives that foster community enterprise, environmental innovation, and resilience within our neighbourhoods.

Protect, improve and minimise risks to the natural environments and cultural heritage

Number of community groups supported in sustainable initiative programmes

	Target	Result
2025	23	24
2024	New measure	New measure

Number of properties visited for pest plant control

The number of pest control rounds delivered exceeded target due to increased demand.

	Target	Result
2025	60	85
2024	New measure	New measure

Local governance

Activities in this group supported the board in engaging with and representing its communities, and making decisions on local activities. This included strategic advice; local board plans, agreements and work programmes; community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities; and democracy and administrative support.

Respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua and Māori communities

Number of local activities that deliver moderate to high outcomes for Māori as outlined in ‘Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau’ (Council’s Māori outcomes framework).

	Target	Result
2025	Set baseline	8
2024	New measure	New measure



▲ Puketāpapa Manu Aute Kite Day



▲ Welcome to Puketāpapa Day, held at the Wesley Community Centre



◀ The new walking tracks at Manukau Domain



◀ New tracks as part of the Waikōwhai Coastal track upgrades



◀ Plastic picnic tables at Taylor’s Bay Road Reserve in Hillsborough

Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour

New community garden grows connection and climate action in Wesley

A vibrant new community garden has taken root in Puketāpapa, unlocking faith, food, and fellowship in the heart of Wesley.

Launched in May 2025, the ‘Uta Garden Project’ is the latest initiative supported by the Puketāpapa Local Board’s Eco Neighbourhoods programme. The garden is located at 84 O’Donnell Avenue on Kāinga Ora land, where a flood-damaged house was removed following the devastating Anniversary Weekend weather event in 2023.

Led by the House of Grace Tongan Family Church, the garden has transformed the vacant lot into a thriving hub for growing produce and nurturing community ties.

“This is more than just a source of food,” says Pastor Penitani Manoa.

“It’s a space for fellowship and to build community. Our men’s ministry now has a place to gather, talk about life, and reconnect with our culture. This is how we are in Tonga — the land brings us together.”

Eco Neighbourhoods facilitator Heather Lyall played a key role in supporting the group, helping broker a relationship with Kāinga Ora and working alongside the team to shape the vision and promote the launch.

“A common barrier for community garden groups is access to land,” Heather says.

“Being able to provide that connection and support has been crucial to getting this project off the ground. We love to partner and work alongside the local Kāinga Ora team who have worked hard to support community”

Looking ahead, the group has ambitions to build a *pātaka kai* — a community pantry — where fresh produce from the garden can be shared with neighbours and whānau across the area.

The ‘Uta Garden Project’ is a shining example of what’s possible when community spirit meets local support — cultivating not just food, but connection, purpose and pride.



Te tahua pūtea

Funding impact statement

Financial year ending 30 June 2025

\$000s	Notes	Actual 2024/2025	Annual Plan 2024/2025*	Annual Plan 2023/2024
Sources of operating funding:				
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties		11,879	11,879	11,540
Targeted rates		0	0	0
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		49	19	19
Fees and charges	1	696	533	466
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	2	291	12	12
Total operating funding		12,914	12,443	12,037
Applications of operating funding:				
Payments to staff and suppliers	3	10,336	9,824	9,847
Finance costs		1,129	1,129	388
Internal charges and overheads applied		1,479	1,479	1,684
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding		12,944	12,432	11,918
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		(30)	11	119
Sources of capital funding:				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		0	0	0
Development and financial contributions		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt		3,353	3,223	2,556
Gross proceeds from sale of assets		0	0	0
Lump sum contributions		0	0	0
Other dedicated capital funding		0	0	0
Total sources of capital funding		3,353	3,223	2,556
Application of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:				
- to meet additional demand		308	1,130	240
- to improve the level of service		1,555	903	172
- to replace existing assets		1,460	1,200	2,263
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding		3,323	3,234	2,675
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		30	(11)	(119)
Funding balance		0	0	0

*Same target as the Year 1 of the Long-term Plan 2024-2034

Variance explanation Actual 2024/2025 to Annual Plan 2024/2025

1. Fees and charges were higher than planned, mainly because of increased demand for venue hire—especially at the Fickling Convention Centre.

2. Income from local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts was higher than planned, mainly due to unexpected insurance recoveries related to storm damage and general insurance claims.

3. We spent more than expected on staff and suppliers mainly because we extended short-term contracts for some pools and leisure centres to keep services running smoothly. This was necessary while waiting for a decision on how these facilities will be managed in the future and to allow time for new contracts to be finalised. Facilities affected were Cameron Pool and Lynfield Leisure Centres.

► Taurangi in Three Kings



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