

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

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Mihi

Tēnā, kia hoea e au taku waka mā ngā tai mihi
o ata e uru ake ai au mā te awa o Tāmaki
ki te ūnga o Tainui waka i Ōtāhuhu.
I reira ka toia aku mihi ki te uru ki
te Pūkaki-Tapu-a-Poutūkeka,
i reira ko te Pā i Māngere.
E hoe aku mihi mā te Mānukanuka a Hoturoa
ki te kūrae o te Kūiti o Āwhitu.
I kona ka rere taku haere mā te ākau ki te
puaha o Waikato, te awa tukukiri o ngā tūpuna,
Waikato Taniwharau, he piko he taniwha.
Ka hīkoī anō aku mihi mā te taha whakararo mā
Maioara ki Waiuku ki Mātukureira
kei kona ko ngā Pā o Tahuna me Reretewhioi.
Ka aro whakarunga au kia tau atu ki Pukekohe.
Ka tahuri te haere a taku reo ki te ao
o te tonga e whāriki atu rā mā runga i ngā hiwi,
kia taka atu au ki Te Paina,
ki te Pou o Mangatāwhiri.
Ka titiro whakarunga ki te tāhuhu
o Hūnua kei reira ko Kohukohunui,
me tōna toronga, a Te Wairoa.
Mātika tonu aku mihi ki a koe Kaiaua te whākana
atu rā ō whatu mā
Tīkapa Moana ki te maunga tapu o Moehau.
Ka kauhoetia e aku kōrero te moana ki Maraetai kia
hoki ake au ki uta ki Ōhūiarangi,
heteri mō Pakuranga.
I reira ka hoki whakaroto ake anō au
i te awa o Tāmaki ma te taha
whakarunga ki te Puke o Taramainuku,
kei kona ko Ōtara.
Katahi au ka toro atu ki te Manurewa a Tamapohore,
kia whakatau aku mihi mutunga
ki runga o Pukekiwiriki
kei raro ko Papakura ki kona au ka whakatau

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

◀ On the cover: Rangatahi Social Media workshop.

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 Franklin 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 Franklin 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**.

▼ Pump track in Beachlands was funded and delivered through a partnership with the Franklin Local Board and local businesses.



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He kōrero mai i te heamana

From the chairperson

This year was the first year of delivery on the Franklin Local Board Plan 2023. The board is pleased to have started to address the challenges and opportunities identified, including climate action, delivery on commitments to Māori, focussing on our youth, and making changes to our asset portfolio with long term cost-benefit in mind.

We have progressed several park and public amenity improvements with a focus on areas that are experiencing growth and change and are also deprived through their isolation from larger metropolitan areas. This includes a new playground, skatepark and basketball court at Clarks Beach to address the growth and change enabled by Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas Act of 2013. We continue to advocate for more regional and developer investment in growth areas enabled by the Unitary Plan, and advanced through private plan changes and fast-tracking legislation so our new and future residents are not disadvantaged.

We continued to restore our natural environment in partnership with mana whenua and community organisations through programmes such as Ngaati Te Ata-led Te Korowai o Papatuaanuku, Te Ara Hikoi and Finding Franklin Bats. We also began the targeted rate-funded Franklin Paths Programme which aims to deliver a network of paths and trails so that our people can travel safely around their neighbourhoods on foot or by bike, leaving cars at home.

We continue to promote Franklin’s economic development story to attract local investment and talent, enable local business, and facilitate local opportunity.

Looking ahead to 2025/2026, we are applying our funding to activities that address the challenges we face, and in services that are a priority for our people. I feel assured that the plans and programmes we have in place for 2025/2026 are a strong foundation that the next local board can build upon.

Ngā mihi,



Angela Fulljames
Chairperson,
Franklin Local Board



Te Poari ā-Rohe o Franklin

Franklin Local Board



▲
(L to R) Amanda Hopkins,
Logan Soole, Alan Cole (Deputy
Chairperson), Angela Fulljames
(Chairperson), Malcolm Bell, Amanda
Kinzett, Andrew Kay, Sharlene Druyven,
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Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

Franklin projects and improvements

Key to current and planned projects

✓
Delivered projects

- 1 Ngahere Ki Uta - Clarks Beach Recreation Reserve and Golf Club - upgrade skate park, playground and land fixtures
- 2 Karaka War Memorial Hall - renew carpark
- 3 McNicol Homestead Museum - refurbish building
- 4 Ray Faussett Reserve - develop new neighbourhood park (Stage 1)

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Current projects

- 1 Pukekohe War Memorial Town Hall - renew heritage assets
- 2 Clevedon Village Heart - improve public open space and amenities
- 3 Karioitahi Reserve - renew park assets, accessways and beach entrance
- 4 Franklin Pool and Leisure Centre - renew assets (Stage 2)
- 5 Kahawairahi Drive Reserve - install open space assets
- 6 Colin Lawrie Reserve - renew playground
- 7 Te Pae Mahara / Roulston War Memorial Park refurbishment
- 8 Constellation Park, Beachlands - install pump track
- 9 Ngaati Puaki - Centennial Park - refurbish amenity block
- 10 FTTR - Clarks Beach to Waiau Pa path
- 11 FTTR - Waiuku Trails Southern Loop - Business Park to Town Connection
- 12 FTTR - Waiuku Trails- Cemetery through to Ernest Shackleton Place / Brook smith Place.
- 13 FTTR - Ararimu Village path connection

Map legend

 Local board office

 Public open space (Unitary Plan)

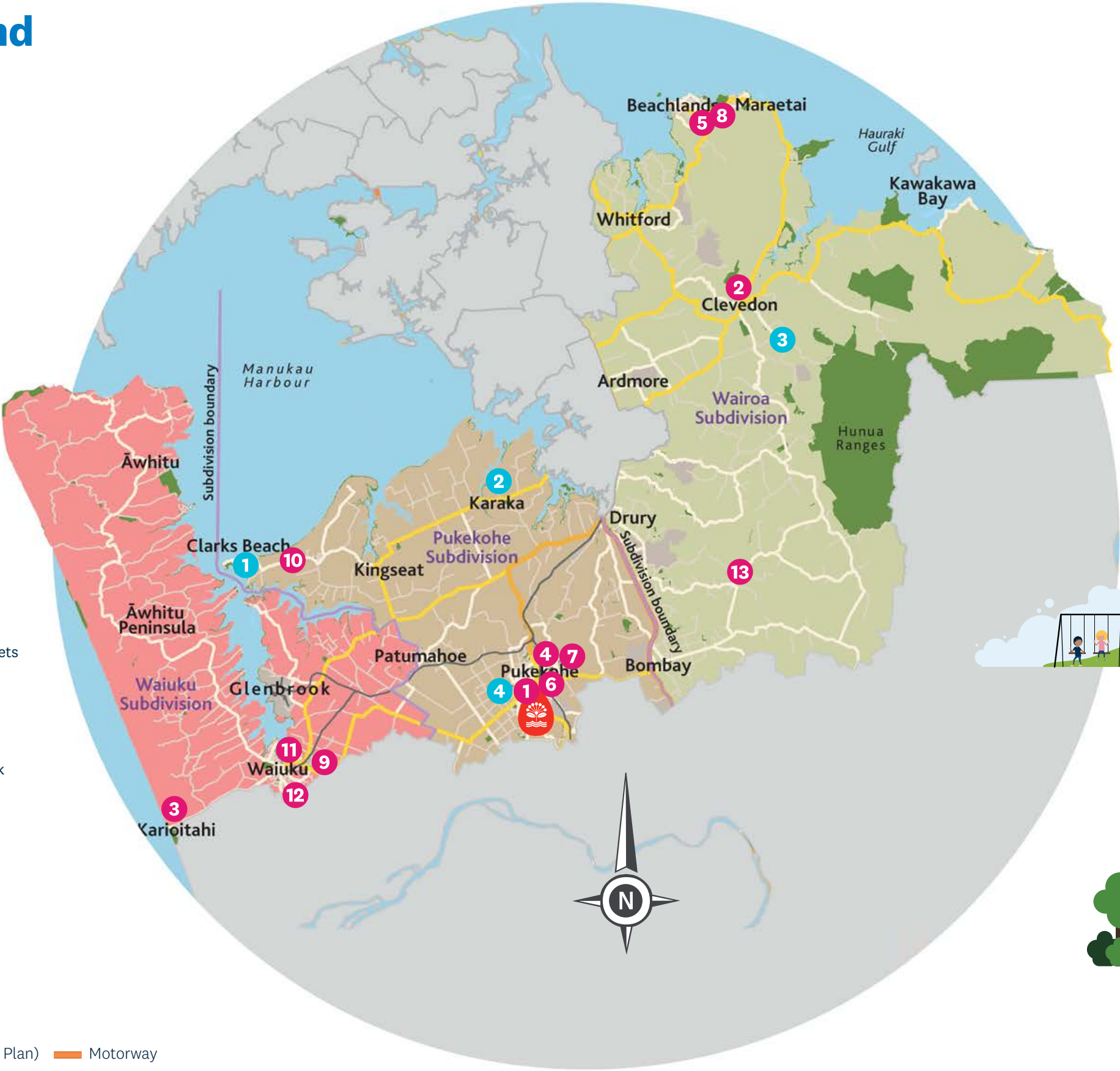
 Motorway

 Major road

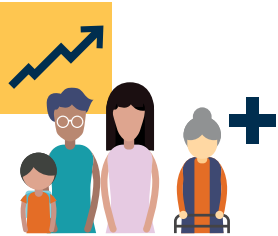
 Arterial road

 Medium road

 Minor road



We are home to more than **190** local parks and sportsfields, **2** libraries and **1** recreation centre and **3** pools



A population of **84,357** expected to increase to **168,685** by 2050



Franklin has just under **20,000ha** of parkland, ranging from small urban parks to large regional parks on the coast



Home to **32** community halls

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

We supported and funded strong, diverse, and vibrant communities through libraries, arts and culture, parks, sport and recreation, and events delivered through a mix of council services, community group partnerships and volunteers. Our key initiatives this year included youth participation and advisory programmes, continuation of the Franklin Arts Broker role to deliver local arts initiatives and events, and investments in year one of three-year strategic community partnerships.

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

The number of visits to library facilities

For most of the year, Franklin Libraries’ visits performed as expected, staying on target. However, in Q3 there was a significant overperformance, with visits 39 per cent above target. This exceptional result ensured that the annual target was comfortably exceeded, reflecting the consistently high customer satisfaction with our services.

	Target	Result
2025	213,000	238,613
2024	226,000	231,426

Percentage of time physical library services are accessible to the community¹

Franklin libraries had three closures this financial year, totalling 12.5 hours, or just 0.2 per cent of the total planned hours. These closures were related to staffing challenges and a burst water main. In all other situations, Franklin libraries were open and fully committed to serving their communities.

	Target	Result
2025	100%	99.1%
2024	New measure	New measure

Number of visits to Pool and Leisure Centres

Visitor numbers for the year were below target, influenced primarily by the extended aquatics shutdown at Franklin Pool and Leisure Centre from January to March, as well as a quieter-than-usual March at the seasonal pools (Jubilee and Whiteside) prior to their seasonal closure.

	Target	Result
2025	241,000	197,264
2024	New measure	New measure

Percentage of time main Pool and Leisure Centre services are accessible to the community¹

Availability to customers exceeded the target for the year.

	Target	Result
2025	95%	99.8%
2024	New measure	New measure

Percentage of local community facility asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition²

	Target	Result
2025	82%	91.5%
2024	New measure	New measure

Within the building portfolio, a significant proportion of roof system assets, including roof panels, gutters, fascias, and downpipes, are currently in average condition, and expected to deteriorate further as part of standard asset lifecycle. These components are anticipated to require renewal over the coming years and will be incorporated into our renewals planning process.

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	13	51
2024	New measure	New measure

Targets were set conservatively as this is a new measure; however, outcomes surpassed expectations, supported by local board funding and reflecting strong community interest.

Number of partner organisations and groups funded to deliver placemaking activities

	Target	Result
2025	10	43
2024	New measure	New measure

Targets were set conservatively as this is a new measure; however, outcomes surpassed expectations, supported by local board funding and reflecting strong community interest.

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%	96.3%
2024	New measure	New measure

Percentage of local open space asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition²

	Target	Result
2025	95%	90.4%
2024	New measure	New measure

6.1 per cent of assets are currently rated as poor, and 3.4 per cent as very poor. While most poor-condition assets have been renewed, a significant proportion of land fixture assets - such as bins, fitness equipment, drinking fountains and seating - have deteriorated from average to poor or very poor condition. These will form part of our renewals planning.

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.

Local planning and development

We fund a local economic development programme to attract local investment and talent, enable local business, and facilitate local opportunity. We partnered with community organisations such as Clevedon Community and Business Association, Waiuku Museum, Waiuku Business Development Association, and Pukekohe Business Association to deliver visitor attractions, including the Hūnua Traverse as a Heartland Ride within the NZ Cycle Trail network.

Support a strong local economy

Percentage of Business Associations meeting their Business Improvement District (BID) targeted rate grant agreement obligations	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	100%	100.0%
	2024	100%	100%

Local environmental management

We began the 10-year targeted rate-funded Franklin Paths Programme to accelerate pathway and trail projects throughout our area to enable the community to adopt walking and cycling for short journeys. We continued restoring our natural environment in partnership with mana whenua and community organisations through programmes such as Ngaati Te Ata-led Te Korowai o Papatūānuku, Te Ara Hikoi and Finding Franklin Bats. We funded healthy ecosystems and sustainability initiatives such as planting, pest control, and waste minimisation projects including support for the Waiuku Zero Waste recycling hub and outreach programme. Predator Free Franklin continues to thrive under local community leadership with a greater degree of interest and demand for information and resources.

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

Number of planting events for biodiversity enhancement	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	4	51
	2024	New measure	New measure

Targets were set prior to contract sign-off with providers and community groups in July 2024. The finalised contract details differed from the details used to set targets.

Number of animal or plant pest management events	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	8	12
	2024	New measure	New measure

Targets were set prior to contract sign-off with providers and community groups in July 2024. The finalised contract details differed from the details used to set targets.

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	16
	2024	New measure	New measure



▲ Community volunteers treat kauri dieback as part of the Awhitu Landcare project.

► Franklin Paths Programme is building safer, better-connected walking and cycling paths that link important places like schools, parks, town centres, and public transport hubs.



▼ The newly refurbished McNicol Homestead



Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour

Much needed community space delivered in Clarks Beach

In January 2025, Franklin Local Board celebrated the completion of a major upgrade to the Ngahere Ki Uta / Clarks Beach Recreational Reserve, delivering on its commitment to provide quality recreation spaces in response to the community's growth and the social needs in the area.

With funding allocated by Franklin Local Board, the playground and skatepark upgrade have transformed the reserve into a vibrant, multi-use space for all ages.

Playground works began in April 2024 and were completed in October. The upgraded space reflects the area's coastal identity and close connection to the Manukau Harbour.

Marine themed surfacing features stingray, crab, and killer whale images embedded in the rubber matting.

The range of inclusive play equipment includes a wheelchair-accessible spinner, four-person pendulum swing and basket, junior rocker, two trampolines, and a climbing wall with stunning views of the golf course and harbour.

Skatepark works ran from June to December 2024. Designed and built by a specialist skate designer using public feedback, the park features a skate bowl and a range of ramps for scooters, bikes and boards.

Three basketball half-courts provide ample space for shooting hoops. If there are enough players, two half-courts can be combined to form a full court.

Barbecue areas, toilets, shade and improved accessibility round out the open space.

Mary Medricky from Clarks Beach Waiau Pa Community and Business Association says it was lovely to see a great turn out at the parks opening.

"It's great to see children, young and old, racing around the skatepark on their skateboards, scooters and bikes - and shooting hoops with the Franklin Bulls basketball team."

Delivery of the upgrade reflects strong collaboration between council teams, contractors, local iwi and the community.

Ngahere Ki Uta - Clarks Beach Recreational Reserve is now a popular destination for locals and visitors alike, with facilities that support the local board's commitment to play, sport and social connection for all ages.

► Ngahere Ki Uta / Clarks Beach Recreational Reserve playground and skatepark has transformed the reserve into a vibrant, multi-use space for all ages



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		17,637	17,620	18,426
Targeted rates		2,318	2,347	647
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		50	12	11
Fees and charges		349	352	357
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		86	82	81
Total operating funding		20,440	20,413	19,522
Applications of operating funding:				
Payments to staff and suppliers	1	17,454	15,978	15,734
Finance costs		2,078	2,078	857
Internal charges and overheads applied		2,338	2,338	2,603
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding		21,870	20,394	19,195
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		(1,431)	18	327
Sources of capital funding:				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		0	0	0
Development and financial contributions		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	2	16,983	7,668	9,430
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		16,983	7,668	9,430
Application of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:	3			
- to meet additional demand		385	632	481
- to improve the level of service		1,325	477	266
- to replace existing assets		13,842	6,578	9,010
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding		15,552	7,686	9,757
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		1,431	(18)	(327)
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. We spent more than expected on staff and suppliers because we extended short-term contracts for some pools and leisure centres to keep services running smoothly. This was done while waiting for a decision on how these facilities will be managed in the future and to allow time for new contracts to be worked out. The affected sites included Franklin Pool and Leisure Centre, Jubilee Pool, and Whiteside Pool. Higher utility costs also added to the extra spending due to rising market prices.
2. We spent more than expected on capital projects and payments to staff and suppliers, which required an increase in borrowings in this local board. These increases have been offset by reductions in other local boards and Group of Activities.
3. We spent more than planned on capital projects. Different capital projects were delivered as a result of adapting to new information and circumstances throughout the year. This was managed within the council budgets as a whole, so the impact on borrowings is mitigated in other local boards and Group of Activities.

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