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Mihi

E toko ake rā e te iti, whakatata mai rā e te rahi,
kia mihi koutou ki ngā kupu whakarei
a te hunga kua tīpokotia e te ringa
o te wāhi ngaro,
engari e kaikini tonu nei i ngā mahara
i te ao, i te pō.

Nga ōha i mahue mai i tērā whakatupuranga
kia āpitihia e tātou ki ngā tūmanako o tēnei reanga,
hei mounga waihotanga ki te ira whaimuri i a tātou.

Koinā te tangi a Ngākau Māhaki,
a Wairua Hihiri me Hinengaro Tau.

Oho mai rā tātou ki te whakatairanga i ngā mahi
e ekeina ai te pae tawhiti ka tō mai ai ki te pae tata.

Tēnei au te noho atu nei i te mātārae
te titiro ki runga o Ōrewa,
ki te one e rere atu ana ki Te Whangaparāoa,
ki te kūiti o te Puarangī.

Kei waho ko Tiritiri Matangi,
tomokanga ki te moana o Te Waitematā.

Ki uta ko te Whanga o Oho Mairangi,
ūnga mai o Te Arawa waka.

Ka rere whakarunga ngā kamo ki Takapuna kāinga,
Takapuna tupuna.

Kia taka ki tua ko Maungaūika
te tū hēteri mai rā i te pūwaha o Tāmaki Makaurau,
Tāmaki herehere waka.

Ka ruruku atu tātou mā te waitai kia puta ake
ki te Awataha ki ngā mihi a te Kaipātiki
me te Te Raki Paewhenua ki te uru,
i reira ka whakatau te haere.

E koutou mā ka ea, kua ea.
Kia ora huihui mai koutou katoa.

Welcome to you all, let me greet you
with the eloquent words
of those who have long been taken by the hand
of the unknown,
but for whom we still mourn
day and night.

Let us connect the legacy they left
to the hopes of this generation
as our gift to them who will follow behind us.

That is the pledge of the humble heart,
the willing spirit and the inspired mind.

Let us rise together and seek to do what is
necessary
to draw distant aspirations closer to realisation.

Here I sit on the headland
overlooking Ōrewa
to the stretch of sand that runs to Whangaparāoa
along the Hibiscus Coast.

Off land lies Tiritiri Matangi,
gateway to the Waitematā.

On land is Mairangi Bay
landing of Te Arawa waka.

Gazing southward lies Takapuna community,
Takapuna the progenitor.

Beyond there stands Maungaūika
sentinel of Tāmaki Makaurau,
anchorage of many canoes.

Taking to the tidal waters we emerge
at Awataha to the greetings of Kaipātiki
and West Harbour,
and there our journey ends.

It is done.

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 Kaipātiki 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 Kaipātiki 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**.

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▼ Merrill Place Birkenhead community volunteers



He kōrero mai i te heamana

From the chairperson

On behalf of the Kaipātiki Local Board, I am pleased to present our annual report for 2024/2025. This report looks back on the first financial year after the adoption of the Kaipātiki Local Board Plan 2023 and the first year of Auckland Council’s 10-year Budget 2024-2034.

What we achieved

We are pleased to have renewed the partnering agreement with Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust to ensure the continued delivery of community development throughout Kaipātiki.

We are proud to have celebrated the restoration of the name Wai Manawa for Le Roys Bush Reserve and Little Shoal Bay Reserve through a whakarewatanga (launch) with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.

We are continuing to repair bush tracks devastated by Cyclone Gabrielle, with the first stage of Wai Manawa / Le Roys Bush Reserve completed recently.

Our new playground at Taurus Reserve, Beach Haven, was well received by the community and is a fantastic addition to our playground network.

We’ve been working closely with Business North Harbour to successfully connect with businesses in Wairau Valley through a series of events to better understand their concerns and ambitions.

The free-to-attend Movies in Parks event at Te Kaitaka / Greenslade Reserve, Northcote, was very well attended. The Summer and Winter Fun programme and town centre events were also positively received.

We have continued investing in our leisure centres and libraries. Our environmental groups continued to deliver fantastic outcomes in park restoration, pest reduction, sustainability, and climate resilience.

Opportunities for 2025/2026

Additional operational funding under the new Fairer Funding model provided an amazing opportunity for the local board to meet community need. We are substantially increasing funding to our valuable community organisations including Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust, Kaipātiki Project, Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society, and our community houses. We’re also increasing our community grants, investing in a sport and recreation facilities plan, increasing compliance enforcement, and trialling free swimming for seniors. We are also continuing to invest in and upgrade our local assets, including sports fields, community buildings, playgrounds, and tracks, including the next stage of the Beach Haven Coastal Walkway.

Ngā mihi,



Te Poari ā-Rohe o Kaipātiki
Kaipātiki Local Board



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(L to R) Dr Raymond Tan, Paula Gillon, Tim Spring, John Gillon (Chairperson), Melanie Kenrick, Danielle Grant (Deputy Chairperson), Dr Janet Tupou. Erica Hannam (absent).

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Ngā kaupapa me ngā whakapaipai ake

Kaipātiki projects and improvements

Key to current and planned projects

Delivered projects

- 1 ActivZone - replace main hall roof, ceiling panels and investigate ventilation
- 2 Northcote War Memorial Hall - renewal of roof
- 3 Taurus Crescent Reserve - upgrade playground and park amenities
- 4 Onepoto Domain (Football club rooms) - renew exterior walls, windows and doors
- 5 Glenfield Library - renew guttering, roof and exterior wall for weather tightness
- 6 Te Onewa Pā Stokes Point - renew fencing

Current projects

- 1 Eskdale Reserve - renew car park
- 2 Kaipātiki - remediate storm affected assets
- 3 Birkenhead Library - renew air conditioning condenser unit
- 4 Glenfield Pool and Leisure Centre - roof preparation for solar panels
- 5 Kaipātiki Project operations
- 6 Pest Free Kaipātiki operations
- 7 Witheford Scenic Reserve - renew track
- 8 Little Shoal Bay Renewals - Shoreline Adaptation Plan local park renewals

Map legend

- Local board office
- Public open space (Unitary Plan)
- Motorway
- Major road
- Minor road

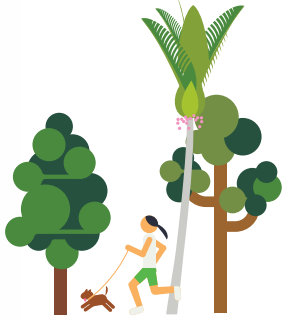


A population of **88,128** ranking it 6th in population size in Auckland's 21 local board areas



Kaipātiki includes the major town centres of **Birkenhead, Glenfield and Northcote**

Kaipātiki has one of the **largest areas of continuous urban native vegetation** remaining in Auckland's ecological region, forming part of the North-West Wildlink.



Kaipātiki boasts approximately **540ha of local parks and reserves**, including destination parks like Onepoto Domain and Chelsea Heritage Park.

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 support strong, diverse, and vibrant communities through libraries and literacy, arts and culture, parks, sport and recreation, and events delivered through a mix of council services, community group partnerships and volunteers. Our key initiatives include supporting our community houses, centres and libraries; our Manaakitanga Kaipātiki programme; and our ecological park volunteer programme. Some of the events delivered include Movies in the Park, Beach Haven Fun Run and Birkdale House 50 year celebration. We awarded nearly \$83,000 in discretionary grants to the community, and delivered several capital projects, including renewal works done for libraries and carparks.

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

The number of visits to library facilities	●●●●	Target	Result
Our libraries continue to produce excellent results, consistently reflecting high demand and satisfaction for their services, and community engagement through diverse programmes.	2025	439,000	502,669
	2024	433,200	471,447

Percentage of time physical library services are accessible to the community¹	●●●●	Target	Result
Our libraries had four closures totalling six hours this year. This was due to maintenance and staffing challenges affecting health and safety.	2025	100%	99.9%
	2024	New measure	New measure

Number of visits to Pool and Leisure Centres	●●●●	Target	Result
Birkenhead and Glenfield Pool and Leisure Centres recorded a 10 per cent increase in membership in 2024/2025 with a net gain of 402 members.	2025	683,000	771,662
	2024	New measure	New measure

Percentage of time main Pool and Leisure Centre services are accessible to the community¹	●●●●	Target	Result
The types of maintenance and renewals done this year caused minimal disruptions, allowing better access for the community. Work included preparation of the roof for solar panels and upgrading CCTV systems to improve safety across facilities.	2025	95%	99.3%
	2024	New measure	New measure

Percentage of local community facility asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition²	●●●●	Target	Result
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.	2025	79%	94.5%
	2024	New measure	New measure

Number of local community events delivered	●●●●	Target	Result
One event more than the target was scheduled for funding this year.	2025	6	7
	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 standards.³	●●●●	Target	Result
	2025	90%	96.7%
	2024	New measure	New measure

Percentage of local open space asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition²	●●●●	Target	Result
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 assets will form part of renewals planning.	2025	78%	92.9%
	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	66	75
	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 planning and development

Local planning and development includes supporting local town centres and communities to thrive by developing town centre plans and development, supporting Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), heritage plans and initiatives. Our initiatives included continuing support for the Birkenhead and Northcote BIDs; and continuing engagement with businesses in the Wairau Valley to improve engagement and communication. Support a strong local economy

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%
	2024	100%	100%

Local environmental management

We support healthy ecosystems and sustainability through board-funded initiatives such as planting, pest control, stream and water quality enhancements, healthy homes, and waste minimisation projects. We continued supporting our key community environmental groups to deliver pest reduction and other initiatives to improve the natural environment. We delivered key actions from the Kaipātiki Local Climate Action Plan. We continued supporting water quality monitoring and care programmes, and the delivery of the Para Kore Zero Waste Northcote action plan.

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

Number of planting events for biodiversity enhancement		Target	Result
	2025	10	33
	2024	New measure	New measure

The number of planting events exceeded the target due to favourable weather conditions throughout the year.

Number of trees planted for biodiversity enhancement		Target	Result
	2025	9,750	3,855
	2024	New measure	New measure

Several plantings had to be canceled due to an Auckland Council archaeology restriction, and some were delayed until later in the planting season due to the dry summer conditions.

Volunteer time undertaking animal and/or plant pest control (hours)		Target	Result
	2025	9,500	7,573
	2024	New measure	New measure

Kaipātiki Project underestimated their volunteer hours and Pest Free Kaipātiki overestimated their volunteer hours. Pest Free Kaipātiki have been refining the way they collect volunteer hours and are split between various volunteering activities. They are now able to more accurately record pest animal and pest plant volunteer hours. Some volunteers do not record their volunteer time so ways are being explored to encourage more volunteers to report.

Local governance

Activities in this group support the local board to engage with and represent our communities and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing local board agreements, 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



▲ Taurus Cresent Reserve playground renewal



▲ Fern Glen Reserve had several renewals in 2025



▲ Witheford Reserve track renewal



◀ Movies in Parks
Moana 2

Te āhuatanga ā-rohe

Local flavour

Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project turns 50

New Zealand’s first two community houses celebrated half a century of community support this March with an open day event funded by the Kaipātiki Local Board.

The celebration at Birkdale Community House marked 50 years since the Birkdale and Beach Haven community houses were combined to form the Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project (BBCP) in 1975.

Local Board Chair John Gillon says the Board’s ongoing support of the BBCP, including an allocation of over \$190,000 from Jan 2024 to June 2025, is an acknowledgement of the benefits they provide to the wellbeing of the Kaipātiki community.

“Happy anniversary to the Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project. Your continued contributions to our community build on decades of amazing work kicked off by Professor John Raeburn, former board member Ann Hartley and others when they developed the community house model in the early 70s and we’re keen to help that work continue,” Gillon says.

BBCP Project Lead Amanda Phillips explains that establishing the Birkdale Community House in 1973, “helped paved the way for many other community projects and community houses to follow.”

“There’s a community house or centre in most areas. So, I think if people can connect in with their local community house, the local community kaimahi that are working in that area, they’ll be able to find connection with other people, they’ll be able to find things that help their wairua, their health and well-being and mental health, physical health, everything like that.

“So, we’re here to really listen to what the community has to say and then help put programmes and events in place to meet those needs and to make people feel connected.” Phillips says.

Community house volunteer Karl Nebbeling has been benefiting from the Birkdale Community House’s weekly te reo Māori conversation classes.

“I started my te reo journey maybe three years ago with the kōrero Māori Mai class on Tuesday morning. Now I’m getting quite fluent and feel quite proud of myself. It’s my second home. I love it.”

▼ Birkdale Beach Haven Community Project staff, volunteers and friends at their 50th anniversary.



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		17,729	17,729	18,306
Targeted rates		339	355	340
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		309	62	974
Fees and charges		5,216	5,382	4,887
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		708	498	529
Total operating funding		24,301	24,027	25,035
Applications of operating funding:				
Payments to staff and suppliers	1	21,728	19,134	19,752
Finance costs		1,876	1,876	1,766
Internal charges and overheads applied		2,819	2,819	3,387
Other operating funding applications		0	0	0
Total applications of operating funding		26,423	23,829	24,905
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		(2,122)	198	131
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	7,011	6,682	7,477
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		7,011	6,682	7,477
Application of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:	3			
- to meet additional demand		94	611	260
- to improve the level of service		1,570	405	580
- to replace existing assets		3,225	5,864	6,767
Increase (decrease) in reserves		0	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments		0	0	0
Total applications of capital funding		4,889	6,880	7,607
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		2,122	(198)	(131)
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 utilities. This was mainly because of wage increases to support the living wage and higher costs for things like electricity, gas, and water due to rising market prices.

2. Although we spent less than planned on some capital projects, the over-spend on staff and suppliers was higher, which required an increase in borrowings. These increases to staff and suppliers and borrowings have been offset by reductions in other local boards and Group of Activities.

3. We spent less than planned on capital projects because some planned work was completed in previous years. These were risk-adjusted projects, which means they were brought forward to avoid delays or issues. The budget figures in the current Long-term Plan 2024-2034 do not reflect this. Budgets will be updated in the Long-term Plan. Projects that took place early included replacing ceiling panels at ActivZone, renewing tracks and signs at Tuff Crater, shoreline upgrades at Little Shoal Bay, and renewals at Birkenhead Pool and Leisure Centre.

► Matariki at Birkdale Community House



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