



**FY2024 Achievements Report
(includes highlights FY23-22)**

Te Rohe ā-Poari o Franklin

Franklin Local Board area



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Mana whenua in the Franklin Local Board area are:

- Ngāti Whātua
- Waiohau-Tāmaki - Ngāi Tai Ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Tamaoho, Te Ākitai Waiohau, Ngāti Te Ata Waiohau
- Marutūāhu - Ngāti Paoa, Ngaati Whanaunga, Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Tamaterā, Te Patukirikiri
- Waikato - Waikato-Tainui.

The area features:

- three townships - Beachlands, Pukekohe and Waikato
- 16 villages¹ - Bombay, Clarks Beach, Clevedon, Drury², Hūnua, Karaka, Kawakawa Bay, Kingseat, Maraeata, Matakawau, Orere Point, Pollok, Paerata, Patumahoe, Waiau Pa, Whitford
- 13 settlements³ - Alfriston, Ararimu, Ardmore, Big Bay, Brookby, Buckland, Glenbrook Beach, Grahams Beach, Mauku, Paparimu, Ramarama, Runciman, Te Hihī
- 951km rural and 297km urban roads, making up 16% of the Auckland roading network.

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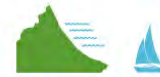
The area is a centre of environmental conservation and regeneration, with significant programmes underway to enhance water quality, regenerate bird and bat populations and protect kauri in the currently kauri die-back free Hūnua Ranges.

With 10 regional parks, 60 per cent of Auckland's water supply, and as the southern gateway between Auckland and New Zealand to the south and east, the Franklin Local Board area is home to resources that are significant at a regional and national level.

¹ Place with a small cluster of homes and businesses and that is serviced by a hall or school, a shop and often by a local sports club.
² Drury Village is within the Papakura Local Board area, however much of the community that identifies as Drury is represented by the Franklin Local Board.
³ Place that is serviced by a hall or school but without a business centre.



Population is **75,387**
 Increasing to **160,671** by 2051
23% of Auckland's total land area



15% of Auckland's coastline along the Manukau Harbour in the west and Hauraki Gulf in the east



15% of residents identify as Māori, Auckland's 6th highest Māori population

11 mana whenua iwi have interests in our area



16% of Auckland's total road network including 951km of rural roads and 297km of urban roads

- We have 1 existing and 3 proposed new train stations
- 2 state highways
- 1 ferry terminal at Pine Harbour

- We have:
- 190 local parks and sports fields
 - 2 public and 7 community/volunteer-run libraries
 - 1 arts centre
 - 1 recreation centre and 3 pools
 - 32 halls
 - 2 business improvement districts.

In 30 years Pukekohe-Paerata will be home to **33,800** new people, another **60,000** more will call Drury-Opaheke home

There will be approximately **1842** new dwellings at Kingseat, **1041** at Clevedon, **1050** at Glenbrook Beach, **1351** at Clarks Beach

and just under **20,000 hectares** of parkland, including 10 regional parks



Data sources: Statistics New Zealand Population Estimates (2018) and Population Projections (2013-base), Auckland Plan 2050: Development Strategy - Monitoring Report 2019.

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Purpose

To provide an overview of Franklin Local Board achievements between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024 (FY2024) including highlights from FY23 and 22. Achievements are taken from the work programme developed from the 2020 Franklin Local Board Plan.

Context

Local board plans are strategic three-year plans developed with the community, setting out a direction for the area that reflects community aspirations and priorities. The plans guide:

- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- input into council's regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan
- how boards work with other agencies that play key roles in the area
- funding and investment.

Adopted in November 2019, the Franklin Local Board Plan 2020 set out key priorities and advocacy and is measured through the FY2021, 2022, and 2023 work programme.



This report focuses on the final financial year of the plan while highlighting some of the achievements from 2021 and 2022.

The local board has delivered local projects, programmes and initiatives through challenging times associated with COVID-19, droughts and floods, and their social and economic consequences.

Highlights from FY2022 (2021-2022)

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

FY2019/2020 will be remembered for COVID-19, with a four-tier alert level system introduced to manage the outbreak in New Zealand. Borders and entry ports were closed to non-residents, returning citizens and residents required to isolate and use managed isolation before rejoining the community.



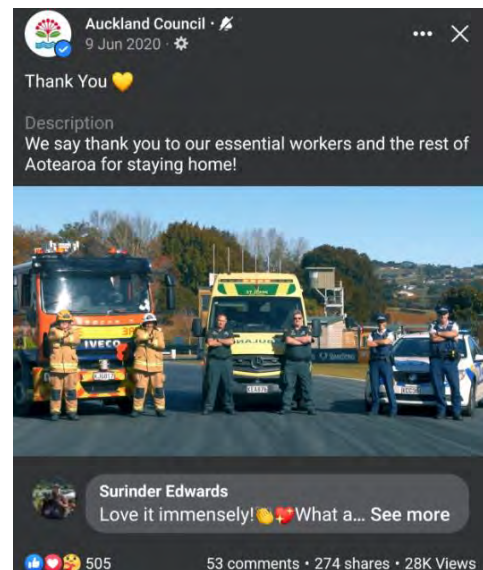
Auckland experienced three further lockdowns, the first in August 2020, later replaced by a level 2.5 that remained until September. Auckland moved down the levels and in October all New Zealand moved to alert level 1.



Acknowledging essential workers

The Board supported two post-Covid recovery “Thank You” videos dedicated to essential workers for their contributions during lockdown. A Support Local video encouraged Franklin to buy and shop locally. It was made by volunteers and featured Franklin residents, achieving more than 60,000 views.

Franklin Local Board played an advocacy role up to Cabinet level in the response, alongside Police. Issues included advocacy on checkpoints when regional borders were in place, and the location of testing sites to benefit the community. In line with the Government’s recommendations, Council closed facilities and limited public transport, with staff work remotely.



Emergency Budget

The response had a significant impact on Council revenue usually relied on to help pay for services and investment. Council consulted on the Emergency Budget and the board supported the 3.5 per cent average general rates increase, minimising cuts to the board’s discretionary funding, not reducing library hours, reinstating \$40 million of transport capital expenditure, including safety funding, maintaining a capital investment programme of more than \$2.5 billion in 2020/2021, and maintaining climate investments.

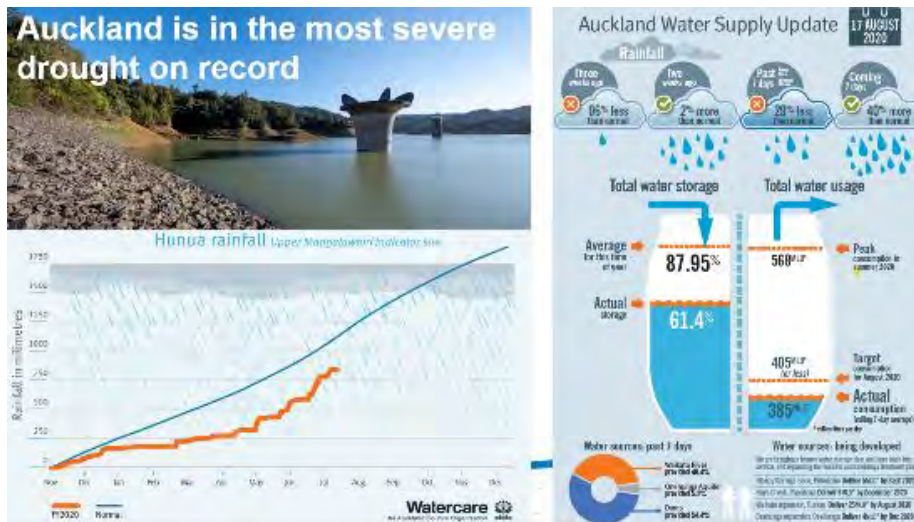
The Board continued meeting via video to remain aware of community concerns and make decisions. It also responded by supporting the community through safety messaging, advice on staying home, social distancing, face coverings, using the Tracer app, and by directing families to support services and emergency food parcels.



Water restrictions

Much of Auckland’s drinking water comes from Hūnua dams and the region had significantly less rainfall than normal. In April 2020 the amount of water stored in dams dropped below 50 per cent, causing restrictions to be applied.

In October Hickeys bore in Pukekohe and Hays Creek Dam in Papakura were brought online to support recovery. In the wake of restrictions, the Board supported conservation through community messaging, and encouraged contractors to make efforts to conserve water.



In some areas contractors were capturing rainwater and using it for their daily needs. The Board also provided feedback to Council’s submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment’s Building for Climate Change.

Franklin Tourism Promotion

The Board supported ATEED (Auckland Unlimited) to encourage events within the area, such as the Battle of Jacks Ridge in Whitford. It was staged at a purpose-built rally track on private property and was built for a stage of the 2020 WRC Rally NZ. Racing took place in front of 5,000 people, with live cover on Sky Sport and internationally on WRC.com.



Movies in halls

Efforts to enable communities to deliver movie screenings at halls were made in response to isolation caused by COVID-19, and drought-related stress. That involved engaging with hall committees and community groups to support them in putting on events.



Intersection upgrade

Helvetia Road and Princes Street was completed in August and included the construction of a central mountable roundabout island along the outer perimeter, as well as construction of pedestrian refuge islands on all legs, and the installation of tactile pavers.



Waiuku rubber roundabout

A roundabout made from recycled rubber is being trialled at the intersection of Queen Street, Victoria Ave and Court Street. It is the first of its type for Auckland Transport and is cost-effective, environmentally-friendly and quick to install.



Te Ara Haepapa

This project was developed in 2017 to address Treaty of Waitangi obligations and Māori over-representation in deaths and injury crashes. Historically, high numbers of rangatahi without licences has led to over-representation in driving-related offences. The team delivered learner licence, restricted and full licensing, restraints, and alcohol and drug programmes at Pukekohe High school, Huakina Trust, Wesley College and Te Ara Rangatahi.



Innovating streets Pukekohe

A programme aimed at creating more people-friendly spaces in towns and cities, to make it faster and easier to transition to safer and more usable spaces. The idea behind Innovating Streets is co-design by trial, a concept where the community has more say in redesigning neighbourhoods. Co-design events were held with businesses, the community, and youth.



Unlock Pukekohe

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Unitec students worked with Eke Panuku on a real-world design challenge as part of the high-level project plan Unlock Pukekohe, undertaking a simulation master-planning exercise.



The plan captures Council's desire to deliver urban future-proofing in Pukekohe, an area forecast to experience a 50,000 population increase in the next 20 years. The Board supported the students work to be showcased at Franklin: The Centre, but that could not happen because of COVID-19.

Beachlands Domain toilet

Completed in June, the project included renewing the toilet and adding locally-made recycled plastic Future Posts as fencing.



Grahams Beach playground

This renewal featured a dual slide, swing set, seesaw and sand play area. The play space was also partially fenced to enhance child safety.



Highlights from FY 2023 (2022-2023)

During FY2022 Auckland was hit by two storms, the first over Auckland Anniversary weekend 2023 causing flash floods and other impacts on lives, homes and businesses, leading to the declaration of a local state of emergency.

The second occurred over 12-14 February when Cyclone Gabrielle led to a national state of emergency as thousands of people were displaced by widespread damage

across large parts of the North Island. The region entered recovery mode in March. Some local community facilities were affected, while others were used as Civil Defence Centres.



The board acknowledged the community response, including emergency service organisations, and groups, iwi, volunteers and businesses from across Franklin working in difficult circumstances to support those affected. The support was highly valued and the board reallocated funding to support Civil Defence and emergency preparedness work, and to progress localised emergency response plans. Connected Communities staff facilitated agreements with the Waiuku Business and Development Association, Community Networks Franklin and Takutai Trust for resilience workshops on community-led planning.



Hūnua Traverse

A world-class 45-kilometre walking and cycling experience through the Hūnua Ranges links Clevedon to Kaiaua. In June a 14km length of the network from the Ness Valley entrance opened, with mana whenua leading with karakia. A preview of the Hūnua Traverse cycle trail later opened, enabling access to 28km of the new 44km Nga Haerenga Heartland trail



Year three Waiuku Trails

The Waiuku Trails Aspirational Plan was adopted in 2017, as a visionary and guiding document describing proposals for walking and cycling trails



linking the foreshore, open space, esplanade reserves, parks, and residential streets to key destinations and the heart of Waiuku. The committee has decided a boardwalk is the preferred solution to cross the marine area where reserve land is not suitable. An objective has been to use local businesses to deliver the work with Waiuku volunteers. On the western trail they built 1.4km of new aggregate trail, new concrete sections, and a 22m timber boardwalk.

East coast litter bin renewal programme

Last summer a programme of works was undertaken to renew and upgrade the style of bins along the busy east coast. The first stage, the replacement of 19 bins from Maraetai through to Waiomanu Bay, was a success, with the consistency of bin appearance improved. Several bins were shifted to better locations for users and litter crews. The new bins are bigger, so are less likely to be overloaded during peak times. Work is underway that will see bins being renewed from Waiomanu Bay through to Umupuia, with bins at Kawakawa Bay also being addressed. More work is planned, to focus on the bins along the Kawakawa Bay coastline.



Franklin Pool and Leisure – Learn to Swim pool improvements

The annual scheduled shutdown for the aquatic facility at Franklin Pool and Leisure ran from the 23 January to 5 February. During that time contractors carried out the usual maintenance on electrical, plumbing, HVAC, pool filters and



plant, and renewed the pool entry flooring in the main hall, refurbished the internal sauna walls, ceiling and door; and replaced the main electrical switchboard.

Puni Recreation Reserve Update

A clean-up of the pā site and summit area at Puni Recreation Reserve was completed, with long grass, shrubs and other woody weeds removed from the site to better present an area of cultural significance. Works to improve the amenity of Puni Pa continue and include a clean-up around the summit in the middle of the vehicle turn-around. Advice and guidance was sought from Ngaati Te Ata to ensure maintenance practices were in line with the cultural values of the area. The granite tohu placed at the summit was cleared and a grass path formed to lead park users to the point.



Waiuku Cemetery vegetation removal and new plots



After the vegetation tidy-up at Wellington Cemetery, a similar clean-up was completed at Waiuku Cemetery, where removal work needed to be conducted with extreme care to ensure no damage occurred to the privately-owned grave adornments, many of which are more than half-a-century old. Works on new plots focussed on the construction of the ash berms and pathway.

Sports lighting renewals

Sports lighting renewals were completed at Waiuku Sports Park, Clive Howe Reserve and Patumahoe Domain to ensure a consistent and minimum 100 lux level across playing platforms.

Lighting repair works were also been undertaken at Colin Lawrie Reserve, Karaka Sports Park and Beachlands Domain



Waiuku park renewal projects



Kevan Lawrence

The first stage of the renewal was completed in July, with the site opened to the public. The next stage substituted wet pour surfacing with 'play matta' tiles and changed the location of some play objects.

Centennial

A playground renewal was completed in September with small alterations since the concept plan. Concerns were raised about the water table, with the swings shifted further up the hill.

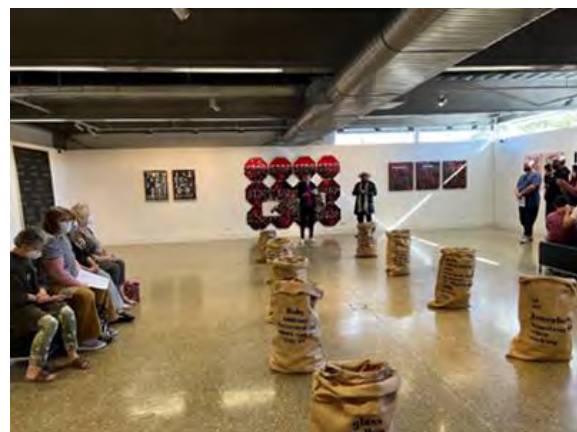
Massey

Renewed play spaces were completed, with the community invited to come and enjoy a variety of activities. However, some changes have been necessary to the fencing because of issues with basketball and playground clashes.



Franklin Arts Centre

The facility delivered many programmes, with a combined 2455 participants and attendees in just one quarter of the year. Highlights included hosting the Franklin Arts Festival, for the first time arranged in themed rooms. In the Community Gallery, viewers were able to visit three different exhibitions: Panaginip, In and Out of View and Awash with Colour. Staff delivered a felting workshop that was full within 48 hours of opening for bookings



Franklin: The Centre mural



Regan Balzer's mural on the side of Franklin: The Centre was blessed by mana whenua. It was the latest added to the Pukekohe townscape, the artist, helped by Pukekohe High

School students. The design represents the area's fertile soils, referencing our connection with meeting for shared meals, and how enriching and supportive togetherness is.

Hidden in it are playful healthy children peeping out from behind a hedge as a way of honouring the children in Pukekohe Cemetery's unmarked graves.



Handover of 16 Jonah Lomu Drive in Paerata

Parks and Community Facilities confirmed the handover of the park at 16 Jonah Lomu Drive in the Paerata Rise development. The site comes with a significant playground that includes swings, slides, tunnels, and a water feature. The site also includes an attached area of open turf adjacent to the playground, currently used as an informal mini football field.



Manukau Harbour Forum

The harbour is a taonga in the board plan. Support is delivered via the Manukau Harbour Forum. Funding in 2022/2023 contributed towards a part-time co-ordinator, a



three-day youth sustainability wānanga, and the implementation of a communications plan. The early resignation of the co-ordinator saw members allocate the remaining \$11,200 to procure plants, with 560 set for Te Ara Rata Stream. A Manukau Harbour brochure was printed.

Birdwood Garden working bee

In April the Gardens4Health facilitator joined gardeners from Kayes Rd community garden to relocate the garden boxes to create an open space for children to play. A working bee supported their efforts with local gardeners



and a team from Bluelight helping the community refill all the garden boxes with soil and fertiliser. The Beautification Trust was unable to be present because of commitments at Eco-Fest but

supported the working bee with tools from its community tool shed. A solid turnout from residents and outstanding support from the Bluelight team meant all the garden boxes were replanted.



Franklin Junior Sports Awards

The board partnered with Counties Manukau Sport in its annual junior sports awards, recognising exceptional young talent in the community. A wonderful event celebrated amazing athletes from cross country runners to powerlifters.



Highlights from FY2023/2024

Outcome 1: Our strengths generate local opportunity and prosperity

Our goal is to support our people to create and access new job opportunities, advocate for regional, national and third-party investment in infrastructure and invest in initiatives that develop, leverage from and promote our local strengths as we anticipate changes to our economy, environment and population.

Franklin Economic broker

This role champions Franklin businesses and facilitates economic opportunities and initiatives. The broker has continued with the work programme as discussed and reported to the board at workshops throughout the year. The work has focused on five pillars.



MPI workshop

Work that has been developed out of the five pillars include a regional food strategy workshop that the local board ran in conjunction with the Ministry of primary industry in August. Highly successful event with plenty of other work that come out of the workshop to ensure how we can continue to leverage a strength of the Franklin area.

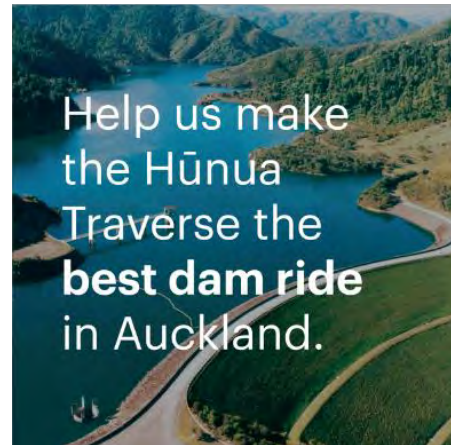
Clevedon Business Development Initiative

Funding was given to the Clevedon Community Business Association for a Hūnua Traverse marketing plan, Clevedon destination marketing, and a business programme. A resource manager role was filled, an operational budget and three-year seed funding was approved. In that time, it's expected revenue will be identified to make board support unnecessary.



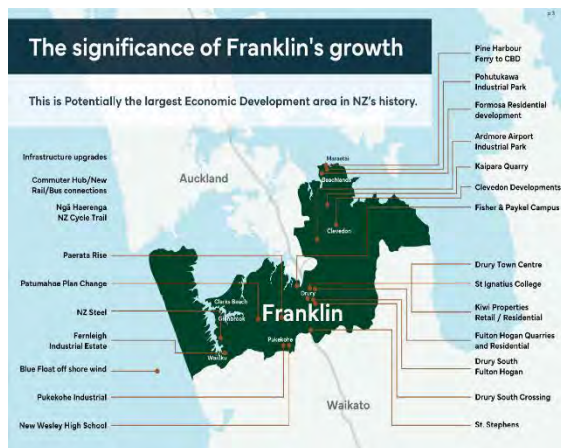
Hūnua Traverse

In December the world-class 45-kilometre walking and cycling experience through the Hūnua Ranges opened, linking Clevedon to Kaiaua. It will promote the ranges as a recreational destination. The Clevedon Community and Business Association will promote the Hūnua Traverse as a tourism product and deliver a business leverage programme to ensure local benefits.



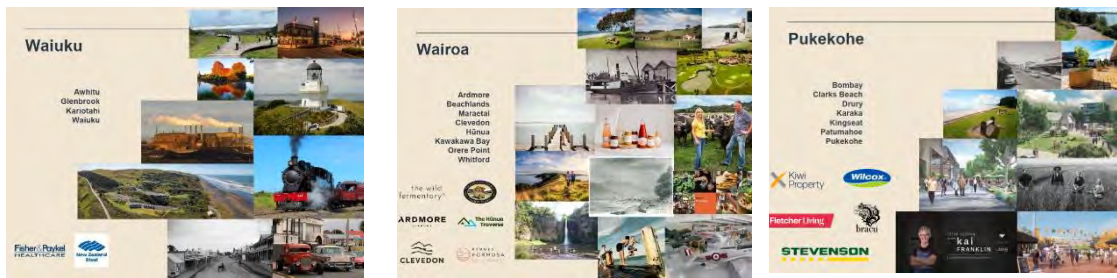
Economic broker – Franklin narrative

Under the regional development pillar, the board supported businesses by printing assets to help attract partners and portray the connectedness of projects within the region.



Regional website

This programme was developed across the pillars of regional development, visitor economy and innovation to help champion businesses by identifying and showcasing the undiscovered products and services on Auckland's doorstep. The website highlights and takes advantage of economic opportunities by advertising our sustainable ways of working, fresh produce, and being a great place to live and work!



Pop-up dining

The board has a long-standing interest in leveraging the area's reputation in horticulture to attract visitors. Pop-up dining returned to Pukekohe to showcase Franklin's role as a food producer. Leveraging off the success of the Chefs Table event, Eat Street showcased the best of Pukekohe eateries. Organised by the Kitchen Project and supported by the Pukekohe Business Association and Eke Panuku Development, the ticketed event featured unique dishes from five local eateries and a collaboration with Pukekohe High School.



Advocacy positions

- Auckland Future Development strategy
- Local Crime Fund.

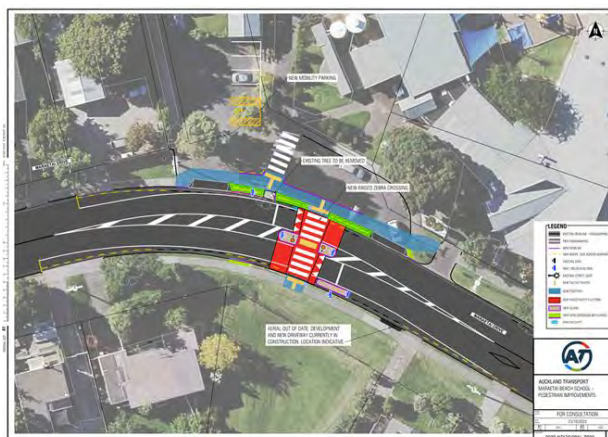
Outcome 2: Improved transport options and fit for purpose roads

We will advocate for transport improvements and services that enable our communities to be less car dependant and for design of and investment in the roading network so that it can safely accommodate current and future use.

Maraetai Coast Road pedestrian crossing

Crossing changes to improve safety provided pedestrians a place to cross.

Auckland Transport (AT) added a raised pedestrian crossing at Maraetai Drive in a bid to bolster the safety of young children after concerns from the school and community. AT consulted on improvements for the school, with most of the submissions in support of the work. After consultation various changes were made to the initial concept, with a zebra crossing on top of a speed bump raised to the height of the footpath.



Corner Edinburgh Street / Stadium Drive

This area is a problem area for sparrow droppings and constant maintenance is required to maintain a level of safety for the community.



SH1 Papakura to Drury

A \$655 million project being delivered as part of the NZ Upgrade Programme includes an additional lane in each direction, wide shoulders for future bus services, shared walking and cycling paths, interchange improvements, improved access across SH1, and improved safety, environmental and amenity features. Community information days in September gave Drury locals a way to provide feedback.

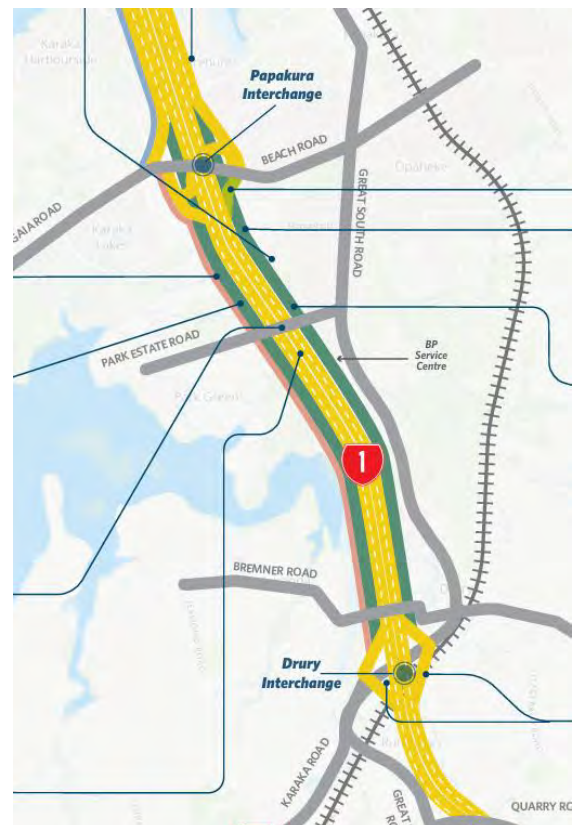
Stage 1A construction progress

Completed southbound pavement widening with asphalt laid over 20 nights, stormwater and slip form barrier works to help with a traffic switch, completion of the Papakura southbound loop on-ramp.



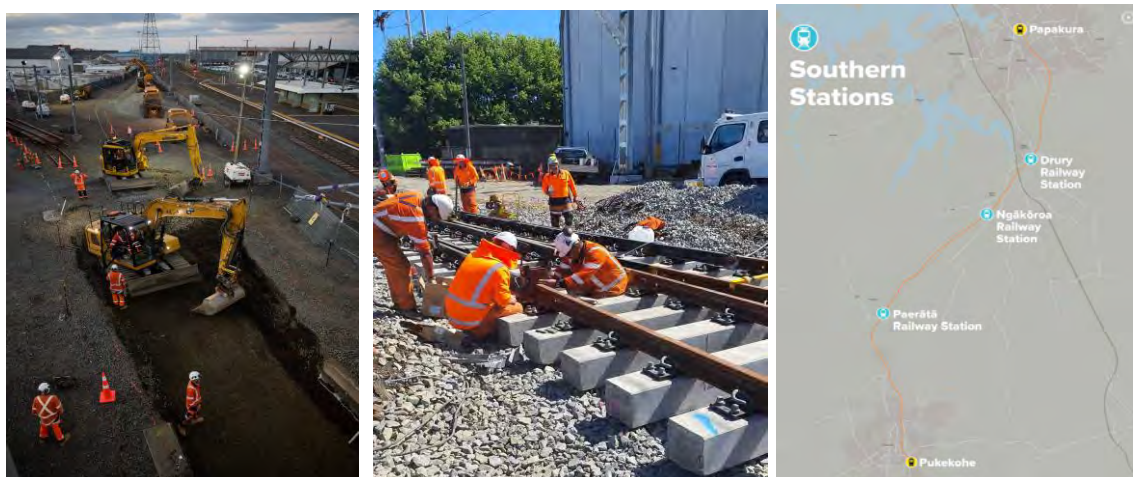
North Island Main Trunk line

Building the SH1 Papakura to Drury project to improve local access and connectivity, with planned growth of public transport featuring rail electrification. Bridges include Park Estate Road, Beach Road and Bremner Road



Auckland Rail programme business case

The Board provided feedback on the KiwiRail and AT business case over investment recognising the need for the rail network to be future-proofed. This is seen as a key freight role, with rail connections to major ports and freight terminals playing an important role in providing fast, reliable, and frequent services. KiwiRail is undertaking a major upgrade of the rail network over the next few years in preparation for the City Rail Link.\



Advocacy for safety intervention at Bombay



The board facilitated successful conversations between Waka Kotahi, AT, local businesses, and the community to find solutions to issues surrounding congestion and potential danger in the Bombay services area. The project will improve safety at Bombay interchange by installing traffic lights on the southbound off-ramp, the northbound off and on-ramp, and the nearby exit of the Bombay service centre on Mill Road.

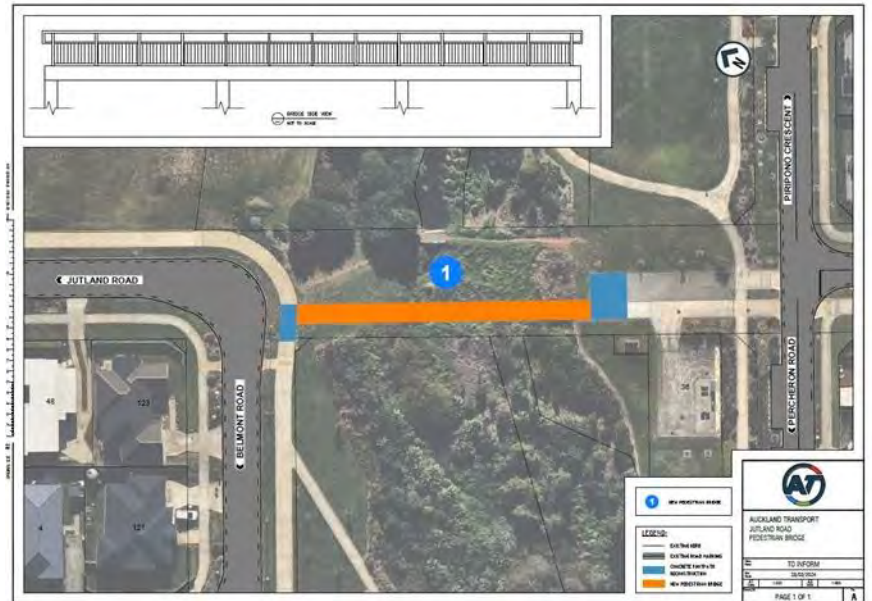
Traffic volumes on Mill Road in and around Bombay have meant motorists wanting to turn right at those three locations experience significant delays, causing queues to back up (including onto the motorway itself) and leading to motorist frustration and instances of unsafe driving behaviour.

Installing traffic lights is the most appropriate short-term solution available for the issues affecting the interchange and the adjacent Bombay service centre. In the longer term, there are plans to upgrade Bombay Interchange, including widening the Mill Road overbridge across SH1 and its approaches each side to four lanes.

Traffic lights now, in advance of that longer term upgrade, will provide immediate and significant safety benefits for motorists using the interchange and service centre and will enable NZTA to manage queue lengths on the southbound off-ramp to prevent them backing up onto the motorway.

Local Board Capital Transport Fund – Whangapouri bridge

The board asked AT to investigate five projects - Beachlands kerb and channel, Whangapouri bridge, Pukekohe Paths Plan, Clarks Beach to Waiiau pathway, and intersection improvements at Racecourse Road in Waiuku. The Board allocated funding from its Transport Capital Fund and work on the Whangapouri bridge in June, with the remaining budget targeted to Beachlands. The bridge extends the existing Jutland Road footpath about 50 metres to Belmont Road, creating a 3.5-metre-wide shared path for people walking, or riding their bikes and scooters. The new footbridge is raised 3.7 meters above the creek to connect neighbourhoods and provide access not only to kura, but also to other community facilities.



Bombay commercial vehicle services proposal



The board supported an application for the Bombay Commercial Vehicle Service Centre.

It will help Police keep roads safe by monitoring all areas of the commercial vehicle industry, including trucks, buses, taxis, couriers, mobile cranes and mobile homes.

The centre will include a weighbridge, compliance building offices for police staff, inspection sheds and bays, bypass land, an offload area, police and visitor parking, fencing and electric security gates, and outdoor lighting for night operations.



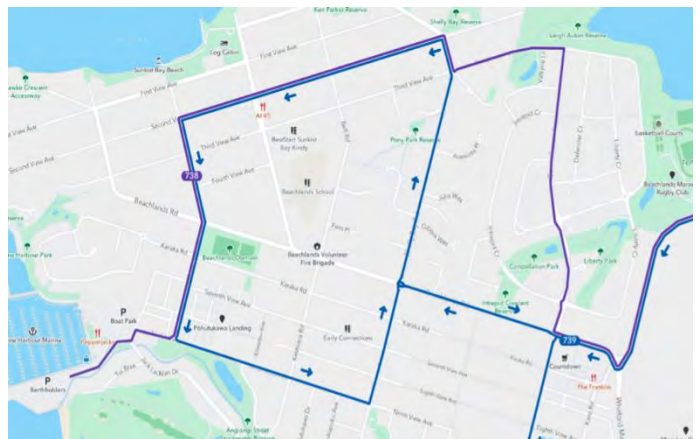
Year four Waiuku Trails

The Waiuku Trails Aspirational Plan was adopted in 2017 as a guiding document describing proposals for walking and cycling trails linking the foreshore, open space, esplanade reserves, parks, and residential streets. The project is on hold awaiting direction from the Board and iwi around the next stages. Locals have asked to

review the current draft concept plan, which will be workshopped in the next financial year

Pine Harbour bus

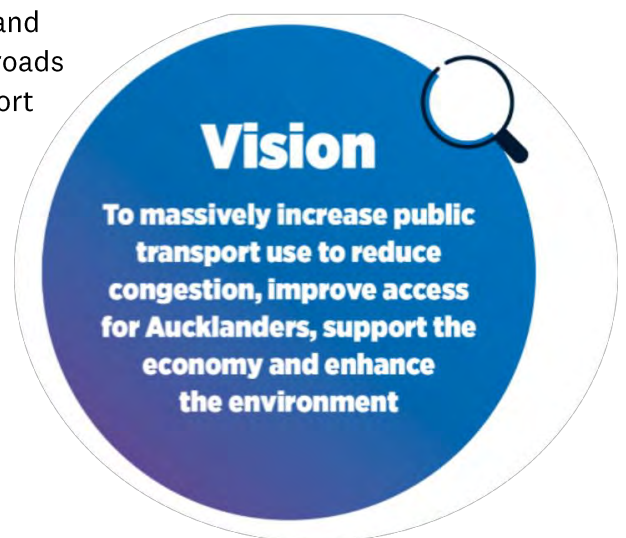
A new bus route, 738, is currently being planned to operate between Maraetai, Beachlands and Pine Harbour Marina to provide connections to the Pine Harbour ferry. Route 738 will be in addition to the current 739 which connects Maraetai and Beachlands with Botany. It will be timed for good connections with the ferry. Discussions continue with AT on the frequency and site options for the stop.



Auckland Transport Regional Public Transport Plan 2023-2031

Most residents travel large distances to access jobs and schools and their transport choices are limited. Our roads are too dangerous to walk or cycle and public transport options are infrequent or not available at all. That means our communities depend on cars, which is at odds with Auckland's Climate Action Plan. The Board provided feedback supporting the RPTP vision to increase public transport, reduce congestion, improve access for Aucklanders, support the economy and enhance the environment. It also supported the five goals of the RPTP:

- services providing an excellent customer experience
- enhancing the environment and tackling climate emergency
- safe and accessible transport
- integrating public transport into a growing city
- funding and delivering public transport transparently
- supporting proposed changes to bus services.



Pukekohe Pedestrian Project with AT Community Team



Auckland Transport (AT) proposed improvements to pedestrian safety near St Joseph's Catholic School on Seddon Street by upgrading the existing crossing to a raised zebra crossing. The proposal includes upgrading the existing zebra crossing near 105 Seddon Street to a Swedish-style raised table zebra crossing, installing a traffic island in the centre and at the sides of the road, widening the footpath on the west side of Seddon Street, painting broken yellow lines, and installing a new streetlight, new signs, and road markings. The AT team also worked with schools to help them get used to using the crossing.

Franklin Local Board Paths Targeted Rate

A targeted rate of \$52 (GST inclusive) per property - increasing with inflation, to fund investment in paths was introduced as part of the 2024-2034 Budget.

Advocacy positions

- Auckland Transport Plan
- Future Transport Networks Pukekohe / Paerata / Drury
- Land Transport 2024
- AT - Auckland Rail Programme
- Auckland Speed Management plan
- notices of requirement for Pukekohe Transport Network
- Takaanini level crossing.

Outcome 3: Fit for purpose places and facilities

We will plan for and respond to future growth and the impacts of climate change whilst protecting and celebrating what is special and unique about our communities.

Unlock Pukekohe Small T projects

A Small T project supported a Pukekohe youth concert that included kapa haka, music, food, stalls, and time for youth to activate the town centre.



Maraetai clean-up

The Community Park Rangers(South) recently organised a beach clean-up at Maraetai with help from Youth Project NZ. About 23 children and eight adults took part in an event urging our youth to get involved with providing community services. The team got together and spent the day clearing debris and removing recyclable materials from the beach.



Arboricultural maintenance

At Anselmi Ridge Road, a street lined with liquid ambers, trees were low over the road, so the crowns were lifted and pruned to meet road specifications.

At Elm Street and the Waiuku library a crew responded to a golden elm with snapped branches, a second was also seen to be low over the road, and had its crown raised.

At Tahuna Kaitoto Reserve in Waiuku low branches from an avenue of pohutukawa next to the coastal boardwalk were crown-lifted to a safe height for pedestrians, ensuring the retention of shade cover for summer.

Large logs were washed up on the helipad and foreshore at Maraetai. In the interests of practicality and speed the logs were lifted onto a truck and removed



Colin Lawrie Reserve softball fencing

Working with the Pukekohe Softball Association, staff renewed a full-size softball diamond backstop fence, and the dugouts at Colin Lawrie Reserve. The club is very happy with the work completed and the asset is now in use.



Whitford War Memorial Domain security improvements



After a series of break-ins and vandalism a programme of security improvements was initiated that involved CCTV, motion detector alarms, security lighting, strengthened doors and new entrance gates. The bulk of the work was completed in winter, however, there were delays with the installation of the gates and security doors, but all installations are now complete. Operational contacts are being updated to allow for daily opening and closing, and distribution of keys to site users.



Toilet Project update

The provision of toilets across the region is constantly monitored, with several renewal projects implemented across the region.

There were difficulties encountered in progressing the physical works for some sites, however the projects at Big Bay Reserve, Waiomanu Reserve (Magazine Bay) and a Matakawau Point have now been completed and moving through the handover process.



Franklin Pool and Leisure – Learn to Swim improvements



The annual shutdown for the aquatic facility at Franklin Pool and Leisure ran 23 January to 5 February, when contractors did maintenance on electrics, plumbing, HVAC, pool filters and plant, renewed pool entry flooring, refurbished the sauna and replaced the electrical switchboard



Whitford Hall renewal

Physical work on the Whitford Hall renewal commenced on 30 October. The building was shrink wrapped for weather-tightness, and scaffolding was installed to gain access to the roof as per health and safety requirements. Work included roof and parapet framing remediation, timber blocking and stud installation, internal guttering and waterproofing membranes and is in line for completion in December.

Dredging work at Kawakawa Bay boat ramp

Dredging at the Kawakawa Bay ramp removed 800 cubic metres of material from the basin and breakwater mouth, while the work also removed the sandbank that had formed around the eastern breakwater and deepened the basin to improve vessel manoeuvring.

Waiuku town centre tree pits

Parks and Community Facilities met with a specialist supplier to discuss the aging timber tree pit tops throughout Waiuku. Many of the pits had decayed to such an extent that gaps had formed in the tops and were beginning to pose a trip hazard and detracting from the aesthetics of the town centre. A recommendation was made to remove the timber tops altogether and top the tree pits with a resin-infused wood chip. The outcome, lower



right image, resembles mulch but with the inclusion of the resin, ensures it cannot be blown or brushed away while still allowing water and gas to pass through the surface. In total 32 pits were treated along with four trees being planted to replace some damaged titoki specimens. Two pits on Queen street near Massey Park needed to retain their tops due to a different pit design, with the trees planted below the surrounding footpath level.

Hudsons Beach seawall

The renewal of a damaged seawall section was completed. The seawall extends several hundred metres but was failing in several areas, with washouts and undermining at various points. A stretch of about 50m at the southern end of the beach was in a more serious condition after the storms and was fast tracked for renewal using funding from storm remediation budgets. A second phase of work is still being progressed to investigate the remaining section of wall to determine a suitable remediation.



Advocacy positions

- Future Development Strategy
- Auckland Council funding equity
- Ray Fausett Reserve
- Tamaki Makaurau Recovery Plan.

Outcome 4: Kaitiakitanga and protection of our environment

We will work with mana whenua, local communities and others to lead and inform environmental conservation, restoration and regeneration projects and to recover and regenerate waste.

Beautification Trust

Franklin joins the five other southern local boards that provide ongoing support to the trust, which helps keep community environments safe and healthy by running clean-ups, environmental projects, graffiti removal, and by painting murals.

What a year!



Beachlands Community Garden mural project



Orere School water tanks mural

December

July 2022



Takutai Expo



Creative Arts workshop at Hihī school



A new initiative – MCRC grand launch

Community Highlights



1408 volunteers contributed 4408 hours to community projects

71 community led projects supported

\$10,864 of funding was awarded to community self-led projects

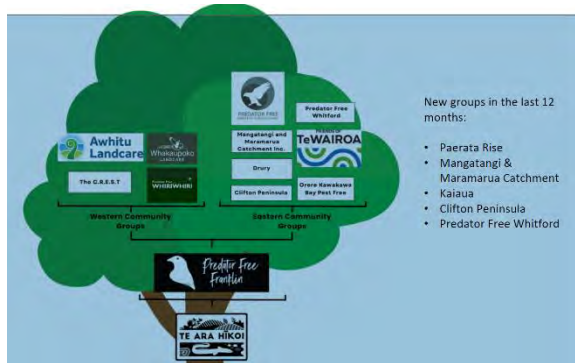
472 items were loaned from the Tool Library and 202 pest traps were provided

147 organisations, schools, artists and volunteer groups collaborated with



Te Ara Hikoi

Te Ara Hikoi delivered work 31 biodiversity focus areas, three Maaori and five QE2 land blocks. Hundreds of hours of kaimahi training were provided and Te Ara Hikoi adopted a Te Ao Maaori framework with work activities consisting of traditional Maaori knowledge (matauranga) of the Franklin area (including whakapapa of the whenua), and karakia with staff. All staff have completed the training requirements for pest control and are keen to work and educate local groups. Te Ara Hikoi has also engaged with schools - transferring learning to the next generation, and will work to create more opportunities in primary and intermediate schools within the area.



Waiuku Zero Waste

Waiuku Zero Waste continues to work with the community and iwi to increase zero waste plans. Its work includes repair cafés and Junky Monkey events, promoting a new workshop and tool library, further learning opportunities such as tours, and exploring options with mana whenua to support para kore aspirations. Funding supports the establishment of a Pukekohe outreach site and exploring opportunities for a further site in Clevedon or Beachlands. Six upcycling/education events, including visible mending, hand sewing, scrap woodcrafts and others, were delivered. Events average around 16 attendees. Waiuku Zero Waste also delivered Junk Play events, including as part of Pukekohe Business Association's 'School Holidays in the Square' event, which saw more than 200 participants. Waiuku Zero Waste attended the whanau day at the newly refurbished Ngā Hau e Whā o Pukekohe marae, where it hosted a textile reuse activity and supplied bin services. Twenty people attending the marae event participated in the reuse activity. Planning continues to occur for more events. Overall, 2023/2024 included five educational visits to the Waiuku centre by schools and enviro-groups, five repair café events and 24 upcycling/education events.



During the year about a dozen community events were hosted, with 10 educational tours for large groups coming through the Community Recycling Centre, with some of those including 30 visitors each. There were also 11 school holiday workshops, five public-place activation events, and three mini-grants (up to \$500) to local waste champions to help strengthen community initiatives. The group also played a role in the Pukekohe Sustainability Expo, Beachlands Youth Volunteering Expo, along with efforts to strengthen relationships with local marae and Māori businesses.



C.R.E.S.T Programme

A local co-ordinator provides advice and tools to private landowners to undertake pest control on their properties and in some local reserves. The co-ordinator also runs events, engages iwi and schools, monitors success, leads working bees, and carries out pest control. The project area has recently been expanded inland to Waiiau Pā and Kingseat to create a possum control area. The team facilitated bait and trap days, bat discovery nights and a tree planting event in addition to its ongoing trapping and baiting work. The group also presented to the Board using videos of dotterel nest sites and has been doing education around the importance of cat management to reduce the spread of the toxoplasmosis parasite, which is harmful to Māui dolphins. CREST has increased the size of its reach, with more landowners coming on board across the Karaka area.



Link to video of kids planting trees and learning trapping skills:

<https://app.frame.io/reviews/b3bfd184-037e-45ef-bd10-8e4731b9a084/42677967-4467-41a9-8742-dc20fc5d8edd>

Finding Franklin Bats: Te rapu nga pekapeka o Franklin

EcoQuest is working in partnership with Predator Free Franklin to find new populations of the critically endangered long-tailed bats (pekapeka tou roa), particularly in Kohukohuni (Hūnua Ranges) and Manukau lowland biodiversity focus areas. EcoQuest engages with private landowners to place bat monitoring devices to find out if bats are present. In collaboration with Franklin landowners and mana whenua, EcoQuest surveyed 26 sites around the Patumahoe and Mauku areas for bat activity. Five sites with the highest activity were shortlisted and further surveys for roost trees and pekapeka flyways were conducted. The sites will be used as catch sites. In addition, students from EcoQuest interviewed stakeholders involved in the project and identified what education resources are required to increase awareness about the project and pekapeka in the community. Because bats are not as active in winter, the focus of the project in quarter 4 was around increasing the visibility of Finding Franklin Bats and education/awareness.



Franklin local parks ecological and environmental volunteers

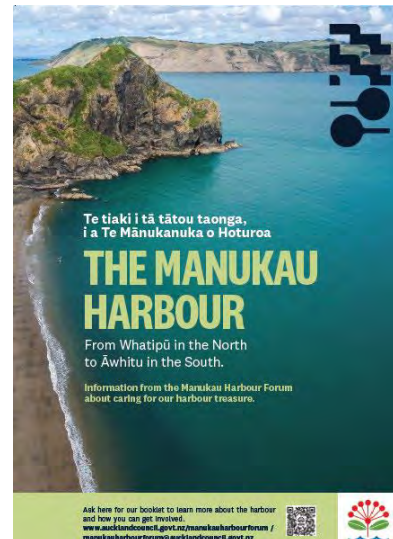
Work with community volunteers to co-ordinate an ongoing programme of ecological and environmental initiatives included community planting, annual pest plant and animal control, park and beach clean ups, and community environmental education events. Volunteers are invaluable contributors but cannot replace contractors.

Groups currently supported in Franklin

Andrew Sinclair	Āwhitu Landcare	Āwhitu Beachcare
Karioitahi Beach	Maraetai Beach	Te Ara Hiko

Manukau Harbour Forum

The Board contributed funding to support the operation of the Manukau Harbor Forum towards a part-time co-ordinator to assist with the delivery of the forum's goals, a three-day youth sustainability wānanga for up to 50 youth to develop leadership skills, sustainability knowledge, and collaborative action projects, and the development of a communications plan.



Advocacy positions

- Tāmaki Makaurau Recovery Plan
- draft Waste Management and Minimization Plan
- National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land
- Hauraki Gulf/ Tīkapa Moana Marine Protection Bill
- wastewater Treatment plant at Glenbrook
- freshwater management.

Outcome 5: Cultural heritage and Māori identity is expressed in our communities

We will support the capture, recording and promotion of local cultural narratives so that new residents, visitor and future generations can experience, understand and enjoy our stories and perspectives

Whakatipu i te reo Māori - we grow the Māori language

The Board sought to celebrate Te Ao Māori through events and programmes including those regionally co-ordinated and promoted. Programmes throughout the year included partnering with Ngati Te Ata kaumatua on free te reo classes offered to the community and delivered over a period of nine weeks in Waiuku - with consistent attendance of 35-40. It also included Te Ara Poutama summer school holiday programme of activities celebrating Te Ao Māori. During the year Franklin Music Night was held in May at Franklin: The Centre



Franklin youth participation: Tuwhera Trust



This programme aims to team-up with local organisations to help young people grow, learn, and become community leaders, empowering them to make a positive impact on local issues. By working with young people, they can create long-lasting youth group that represents the diversity of Franklin's growing community, supporting everyone to feel welcome, safe and part of a healthy community. Tuwhera Trust supports the growth and development of young people in Waiuku. Through collaboration with whanau, local leaders aim to activate creativity and apply culture. The



goal is to help rangatahi reach their potential, enabling them to create their own possibilities and design positive pathways forward. Tuwhera holds one of the Waiuku Library programming spaces now called the Waiuku Community Space. It provides a safe and inclusive environment

where rangatahi and the wider community can feel seen, heard and valued. The space offers access to youth led workshops, engaging holiday programmes and a variety of activities.

Youth economy – Te Ara Rangatahi

In the workforce development area funding was made available to Te Ara Rangatahi for the delivery of Mahia te Mahi – Rangatahi Opportunities, Employment and Education Programme for 20 young people. Te Ara Rangatahi completed the programme but with 31 rangatahi, with 14 of those going on to full employment and 12 re-engaging with education suited to their career goals. All 31 got driving licences and 18 got relevant certificates or qualifications aligned with their career goals.

Māanawatia a Matariki ki Pukekohekohe

In the spirit of Kotahitanga, Ngāti Tamaoho Trust, Te Ākitai Waiohua, and Ngāti Te Ata Waiohua are working together with Eke Panuku Development as part of the Unlock Pukekohe programme, and with the support of the Pukekohe Business Association, piloted MĀANAWATIA A MATARIKI KI PUKEKOHEKOHE, celebrating Matariki in the heart of Pukekohe with two magical nights of live performances by local talent, Toi Māori, Taonga Māori, Pakihi Māori, and kai prepared by local people.



Te Korowai o Papatuānuku

This initiative is aimed at restoring Ngaati Te Ata ancestral awa and cultural sites on the Āwhitu Peninsula by building fences to exclude stock, controlling weeds and planting native trees. Ngaati Te Ata whanau are contracted to deliver the work and a video to highlight the environmental and social benefits of the mahi is being prepared. Throughout the planting season 550 students, parents, and teachers from eight local schools planted 16,500 plants at Reretēwhioi Marae, Tāhuna Pā, and Waipipi. Representatives from Ngāti Te Ata attended each planting day and provided a lesson on local history. A whānau planting day was also held with Reretēwhioi Marae. That included some large canopy tree species, such as tawa and pūriri, that have been growing at the Āwhitu Community Nursery for more than three years. NETR funding was used to purchase herbicides for site preparation and some planting day materials. Board budget was used to purchase plant protectors, planting day kai, and PPE for Ngāti Te Ata contractors. Work is underway at 100 Lees Gully Road installing 615 metres of fencing and 1,200 plants along the Ohiku Creek, protecting a site of cultural significance to Ngāti Te Ata.



Te Kete Rukuruku – adoption of Māori names

At its June business meeting the board adopted te reo Māori names for 19 sites as dual names and five as sole names. They received the narratives and acknowledged mana whenua in sharing their maatauranga to support community understanding.

Wai-o-Manu Reserve development

This mahi involves developing a plan with a co-management committee that provides a long-term vision for Wai-o-Manu Reserve, and ensures future development and investment occurs in a planned and staged fashion.



Rangatahi Environment Action Leaders

This forum has been run on behalf of the Manukau Harbour Forum by the Sustainable Schools Team for several years. The purpose is to engage and increase rangatahi understanding and skills around - Mātauranga Māori, leadership, caring for te taiao and Te Tiriti. Each year all high schools in the city are offered the chance to attend with priority given to students in the nine local boards that support the work programme. This year there were 46 students from 21 schools from 14 local boards – with 14 returning leaders. After the three-day wānanga students were encouraged to lead their own action projects.



Establishment of Pukekohe Cemetery Committee

In November the board established the Pukekohe Cemetery Committee, delegating it to provide guidance for a memorial in Pukekohe Cemetery, including decision-making responsibility in relation to the allocation of funding. The move was made after the Māori community requested a meeting to discuss racism towards Māori in Pukekohe. Representatives of the community requested a memorial for unmarked tamariki graves and the Board supported that mahi and determined, in consultation with Nga Hau e Wha Marae, that a committee was the way forward.



Advocacy positions

- Feedback on Auckland Council Māori seats

Outcome 6: A sense of belonging and strong community participation

We will support and enable community organisations to deliver local community activities and cultural programmes to encourage local participation and to respond to local change

Adoption of the Franklin Local Board Plan 2023

The Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009 requires that each local board complete a local board plan for adoption every three years and use the special consultative procedure (SCP) to engage with their communities. A draft version of the Franklin Local Board Plan 2023 was prepared for consultation with the local communities. The consultation period for the SCP ran from 13 July to 14 August 2023. The local board has considered all submissions and feedback received from the consultation period. Key changes and minor edits for clarification were proposed. The Franklin Local Board Plan 2023, which includes the proposed change, was adopted at the board's business meeting in October 2023 and will cover the next three financial years.



Operation Beaches- Summer preparations



Parks and Community Facilities staff participated in another summer of 'Operations Beaches', pulling together the agencies that contribute and provide services to ensure communities enjoy a safe experience at the area's coastal locations. Early planning and collaboration

ensured all parties were aware of each-others' roles and responsibilities, which assists in prompt communication and nipping issues in the bud when they arise.

ANZAC Day Preparations

Staff did a fabulous job ensuring sites were at their best. After a full round of inspections, a programme of cleaning, painting, weeding, planting and lighting checks was implemented. Sites were also audited by Community Facilities to ensure all work was completed to a high standard. Feedback was positive, with attendees grateful to again be attending services.



Franklin Arts Centre

The facility delivered many programmes throughout the year, with a combined 2455 participants and attendees in just one quarter of the year. Highlights included hosting the Franklin Arts Festival, for the first time arranged in themed rooms. In the Community Gallery, viewers were able to visit three different exhibitions: Panaginip, In and Out of View, and Awash with Colour. Staff delivered an online felting workshop that was fully subscribed within 48 hours of opening for bookings.



Waiuku Library



The library provided services, programmes and events to enable and support adult customers to connect and adapt to the changing world. It also ran programmes to enable customers and whānau to learn and grow and provide opportunities for knowledge creation and innovation. Literacy Aotearoa continued to offer its services out of the library, while Job Café

continued offering its community support out of Pukekohe Library. Eco Warriors school holiday programme delivered 14 activities at Pukekohe and Waiuku, with an extra session delivered at Clevedon. All activity sessions were well-supported by Waiuku Zero Waste because of the eco-friendly theme.



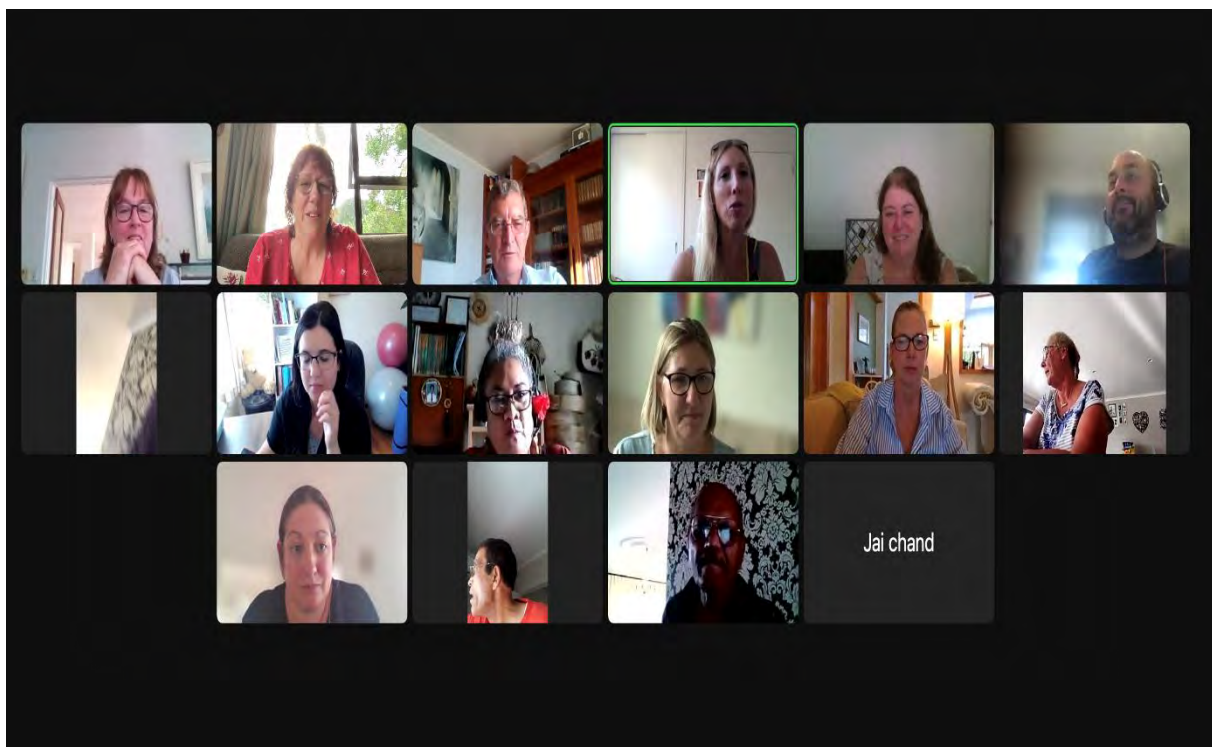
Capacity and resilience building - governance workshops

This year, staff partnered with LEAD to enhance local governance and leadership, supported community emergency planning and financial resilience workshops, and by providing funding for various initiatives,

significantly empowering and building local capacity. The LEAD governance and leadership programme has concluded, supporting six groups. Constitution review clinics across the region supported hall committees, while financial resilience workshops reached a wide range of participants.

Community – Led placemaking and safety

This year featured successful placemaking initiatives, community resilience meetings for emergency planning, impactful events such as the Bluelight Fear Factor challenge and local Christmas festivals. The year showcased strong community engagement and support across Franklin. The School Holidays at the Square event, hosted by the Pukekohe Business Association, was a hit, offering many free activities. The highlight was a dazzling performance by 8Count Dance Studio. The event provided wholesome entertainment for families and showcased the vibrant spirit of the Pukekohe community. Pukekohe Whānau Day drew a significant turnout and was hosted by Nga Hau E Wha Marae. A board grant supported the event with free kai and entertainment. It was a positive engagement for local whānau Māori and surrounding communities. Funding was also finalised to



support a community-led safety project by the Hūnua community, and funding was provided to Clarks Beach Waiau Pa Residents' Association for a Matariki event.



Franklin hub services- Programming and outreach

Hub sites use an integrated delivery model between libraries, and arts and community centres to provide outreach services. Franklin Community Hub delivered a diverse schedule of exhibitions and activations, workshops, and events in a programme aimed at all three subdivisions - Waiuku, Pukekohe and Wairoa.



Highlights included Diwali, which took a different form, with a community event in November in the Concert Chamber. The event was also a celebration of the completion of Bollywood and Bhangra dance classes held every Saturday in the weeks leading up to the event, which was well attended.

Mauku Victory Hall submitted its records for archiving and work will register each item. The aim is for all local community halls to submit their records to be archived and protected as part of Auckland Libraries archives.



The Treasure Hunters school holiday programme was another successful event. It included outreach to Clevedon, Awhitu and Maraetai in collaboration with Waiuku Zero Waste, while a Christmas market was held with stalls placed throughout

Franklin: The Centre, and The Auckland Youth Steel Band delivering entertainment for all visitors to the centre on the day.

Community partnership grants

The board approved year three of three-year strategic partnership grants to support community groups to become more sustainable. Fourteen groups received \$167,000.

- Clevedon Agricultural & Pastoral Association
- Clevedon Community Business Association Incorporated
- Counties Manukau Sport
- Franklin A&P Society
- Franklin Family Support Trust Board
- Franklin Integration Project Reference Group
- Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust
- Manukau Heads Lighthouse Trust
- Rotary Club of Pohutukawa Coast Inc. Charitable Trust
- Takutai Charitable Trust
- Waiau Pa Hope Trust
- Waiuku Business and Development Association Incorporated
- Waiuku Family Support Network Community Trust
- YMCA North

Youth: Franklin youth participation

This programme aims to team up with local organisations to help young people grow, learn, and become leaders in their community. Empowering them to make a positive impact on local issues by connecting and working together.



Central Franklin Youth Council: Upskilling CFYC members – using the ‘hierarchy of purpose’ model, creating the annual plan, rebranding, CFYC’s first event of the year – engagement in the Long-Term Plan: 80 formal submissions and spoke with more than 150 rangatahi. **Wairoa:** a refreshed approach – building cohesion and a strong foundation for youth work in the area. **Waiuku Youth Voice:** Three services have been identified. Collaboration and planning is underway for a youth voice approach in Waiuku.

Rural halls

Nineteen rural halls shared \$179,838 in annual funding. In August 2022 the board resolved to base future funding on five-year operational plans. A phased approach was agreed. The first five halls were Waiau Pa, Waipipi, Karaka, Glenbrook and Te Toro in 2021. In tranche two the next halls were Awhitu, Hūnua, Paparimu and Pukekohe East. In tranche three Matakawau, Pollok and Glenbrook Beach followed.

Emergency resilience rural hall funding

Red Cross funding was awarded for emergency management equipment to Awhitu Central Hall (\$14k - generator and Starlink connection), Buckland Hall (\$5k – defibrillator), Grahams Beach Settlers Hall (\$5k – generator), Kawakawa Bay Hall (\$26k - battery/solar system), Orere Hall (\$15k - generator, storage and emergency bedding).

Mangrove removal programme

The board provided support to the Waiuku Estuary Restoration Trust (Mudlarks) to continue the mangrove removal programme. Just over 1900 hours were recorded for the year. Work at section 3B has been completed and work has now started on section 3A.



Coastal Rescue Service Grants Franklin

In May 2024 \$12,000 was transferred to Coastal Rescue Service Grants to increase the budget available through the grant round. A total of \$72,000 was funded to three groups, fully allocating the funds.

Franklin Sport and Active Recreational Facilities Plan 2023/2024

At its February business meeting the board approved \$50,000 for the Pohutukawa Coast Bike Club to support winterproofing of tracks and the development of three new tracks, and to build an eco-toilet and a skills park. The board also approved \$150,000 k in funding to Patumahoe Tennis club to support the renewal of five tennis court surfaces and associated floodlights. The Franklin Sport and Active Recreational Facilities plan provides strategic guidance on the provision of the local sporting facilities network and was adopted 23 August 2022. The plan outlines the current network of sport and active recreation facilities across Franklin, irrespective of ownership. It also identifies existing and future provision challenges and needs. The approved activity description is to support priority projects identified within the Franklin Sport and Active Recreation Facilities plan.



Hire fee subsidies

The off-peak subsidy provided a 100 per cent discount, making meetings free for many Pukekohe community-focused organisations, with \$16,430 spent.

Arts Broker programme

An initiative to fund activities that support community-led placemaking projects across the area delivered 19 projects with more than 680 participating artists. Projects included exhibitions, rangatahi workshops, community music events, development workshops for community artists, projects targeting kaupapa Maaori, public art projects, youth theatre and community access events. The scheme saw a strong bounce-back post-Covid. Nineteen projects were awarded \$30,300.



Projects Include

- Franklin Art Trail 2023 –annual open studios event
- Project LATI – classical music in aged facilities
- PiliPala – contemporary dance performance
- The Shoestring Theatre -Waiuku home-schooled drama production
- Pohutukawa Coast Art & Puzzles – community art competition
- Sunday Serenades at St Andrew’s – live music in Clevedon
- Ngati Te Ata and Blue Light Awhitu Peninsula art work
- Animals & Us – Art workshops for at-risk rangatahi
- Wildeye: A Female Gaze into Nature – Art workshop for women post-partum
- This Place – public installation about our sense of place
- Blooms – Waiuku Town Centre temporary public art installation
- Franklin Arts Trail Coordinator 2024



Franklin Arts Trail

The Franklin Arts trail 2023 was successfully held on 28 and 29 October, with visitors from around the region visiting open studios in the Franklin area. This annual event covers a vast area, with participating artists from the tip of Big Bay on the Awhitu Peninsula right through to east coast artists in Maraetai. It was co-ordinator Glen Armstrong’s final trail, as

he moves to other commitments.

Shoestring Theatre in Waiuku

An organisation for home-schooled kids to come together to rehearse an original show at the Waiuku Theatre. This production was assisted with a grant to support marketing and some production costs. While primarily a learning environment, it enables young people to work together collaboratively and interface with the public.



Pilipala : Butterfly dance

The creation of dancer Leila Lois, she found inspiration in coming to terms with her cultural roots, and a parallel with the metamorphosis of the butterfly. Her performance was repeated over the the day as part of the Clevedon Art Trail as a test case for including performing arts. Leila was hosted by Riverhaven Artland owner/manager Guy Blundell, performing for visitors to the sculpture garden and Katie Blundell's gallery.



Project LATI with arts advocate Dominic Lee



Project LATI was established by musician and arts advocate Dominic Lee. He and fellow musicians have been performing in Franklin resthomes and primary schools, including Franklin Hospice and Karaka Lifestyle Estate. The programme introduces young musicians to performing in community settings, with participants expressing that they gained valuable experience from playing in public for live audiences.

Pohutukawa Coast Puzzle & Art Competition

Beachlands School Hall was the venue for a speed jigsaw competition, attracting a great response from locals and a better than anticipated number of participants in the art competition, from professional artists through to children. Prizes were supplied by local businesses. This was organiser Adele Bryson's first time at producing an art event, allowing her to build skills for future iterations, and to earn praise from participants for a successful event.



Blooms

Jenna Winterton's Bloom installation is pictured in the Franklin Hub atrium. The Waiuku resident also installed the work in the Waiuku Town Centre, allowing her to build valuable skills as a public art creator. The work was widely embraced by the public.

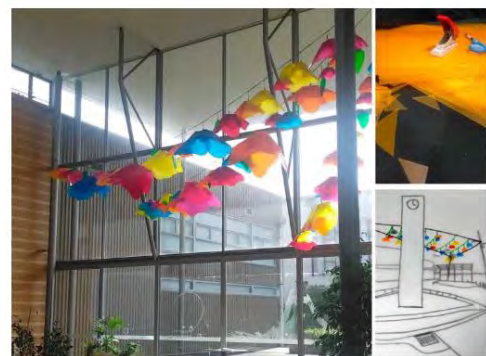


Figure 11 (Left) Blooms installation in Franklin Centre Hub atrium (Right) Work in progress and (below) sketch of placement in Waiuku Town Centre

Ngāti Te Ata and Blue Light mural project

Ngāti Te Ata artists worked with Blue Light Camp at Awhitu Peninsula to create mural panels telling the story of their whanau and land from their perspectives. The project completion coincided with the launch of new walking tracks opening on the Awhitu Reserve. The resulting mural images are on display at the camp.



Figure 7 - (Left) Ngāa Atua by Carlette Flavell (Right) Nagaati Ta Ata Waiohua by Jennifer Flavell (Bottom) Rangī + Papa by Carlette Flavell

Sunday Serenades at St Andrews

Sunday Serenades at St Andrews Church in Clevedon is becoming a strong fixture on the local live performance scene, with up-and-coming talent alongside established musicians. The April and June events were supported by the arts broker grant and saw a variety of talented performers in concert.



(From top left clockwise; Waiuku Community Matariki Concert, Franklin Community Choir, Three Chorus Meal Singing Group, St James Concert Series Jubilation Choir)

Produced by the Clevedon Valley Music Foundation Trust, these concerts create valuable opportunities for young musicians to perform in public, provide a platform for more well-established musicians, and deliver an affordable and culturally rich public event.



Figure 9 (Left) Workshop participants, with lead artist Robbi in centre (Right) exhibited artworks in Steel Gallery, Franklin Arts Centre

Wildeye: A female gaze into nature :

Artist Robbi Carvahlo created two art workshops for women, accessed through Well Women Franklin, an organisation that supports women with post-partum anxiety. Both were well-attended and highly regarded by participants, who commented on how much it meant to have a few hours free from parenting to express themselves. Their work

was displayed in the Steel Gallery.










Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund 2022

The Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund supports the development of community facilities across Auckland. It looks to address gaps and allow Auckland Council to respond to changing trends in sport and recreation. The board endorsed three applications, Counties Tennis at Rosa Birch Park - \$530,396, Waiuku Netball Centre - \$230,000, and Auckland Rugby - \$3,062,125 across three locations, including at the Bombay Rugby Club.

Advocacy positions

- Regional Parks Management Plan
- Significance and Engagement Policy
- Te Puru Community Centre: Future of CCO status
- Representation Review and - local board representation
- Empowered Local Boards.

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