

# Waiheke Local Board Workshop Agenda

**Date of Workshop:** Wednesday 12 June 2024  
**Time:** 10:30  
**Location:** Waiheke Local Board, 10 Belgium Street; MS Teams

Time	Workshop Item	Governance role	Purpose	Presenter(s)	Proposed Outcome(s)
10:30	Auckland Transport monthly update  <b>Attachment</b> Memo Mātiatia Wharf Pier 2 concept drawing*	Keeping informed	Review progress with projects	Richard LaVille <i>Waiheke Manager, Auckland Transport</i>	Members will be updated on various AT projects including the Pier 2 renewal.
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11:30	Draft Waste Management & Minimisation Plan (WMMP) Summary of Submissions  <b>Attachment</b> Presentation	Engagement	Hear formal submissions	Tania Utley <i>Senior Waste Planning Specialist</i>	Members will receive an update on public consultation to the regional WMMP.

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12:30	Item 3	Alison Park Concept Plan	Keeping informed	Informal dissemination	Fiona Gregory <i>Community Broker</i> Michael Maahs <i>CEO, Waiheke Resources Trust</i> Jaqui Thompson-Fell <i>Parks &amp; Places Specialist</i>	Members will receive information about the proposed community-led Alison Park Concept Plan
13:00	Lunch Break					

#### Governance Role

1. Accountability to the public
2. Engagement
3. Input to regional decision-making
4. Keeping informed
5. Local initiative / preparing for specific decisions
6. Oversight and monitoring
7. Setting direction / priorities / budget

#### Role of Workshop:

- (a) Workshops do not have decision-making authority.
- (b) Workshops are used to canvass issues, prepare local board members for upcoming decisions and to enable discussion between elected members and staff.
- (c) Workshops are not open to the public as decisions will be made at a formal, public local board business meeting.
- (d) Members are respectfully reminded of their Code of Conduct obligations with respect to conflicts of interest and confidentiality.
- (e) Workshops for groups of local boards can be held giving local boards the chance to work together on common interests or topics

# Waiheke Local Board Workshop Proceedings

Workshop record of the Waiheke Local Board held in person and via Teams on Wednesday 12 June 2024, commencing at 10.30am

Cath Handley (Chair)	Kylee Matthews (Acting Chair)	Bianca Ranson	Robin Tucker	Paul Walden
Absent (leave)	Present	Present (Teams)	Present	Absent

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10:30	Auckland Transport monthly update  <b>Attachment</b> Memo Mātiatia Wharf Pier 2 concept drawings*	Richard LaVille <i>Waiheke Manager, AT</i>  Alex Elton-Farr <i>Relationship Advisor, AT</i>  Theo Bosch <i>Facilities Manager, AT</i>  Scott Keene <i>Waiheke Manager, AT</i>	Staff updated members on various AT projects including the Pier 2 renewal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mātiatia Wharf canopy upgrade</li> <li>• Orapiu Road</li> <li>• eRide lease amendment request</li> <li>• Esplanade project</li> <li>• RLTP consultation</li> <li>• Pier 2 Renewal*</li> </ul>

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11:30	Item 2	Draft Waste Management & Minimisation Plan (WMMP) Summary of Submissions  <b>Attachment</b> Presentation	Sarah Le Claire <i>Waste Planning Manager</i>  Kartik Bhat <i>Relationship Advisor IES</i>	Staff presented to members an update on public consultation to the regional WMMP and provided a summary of consultation findings. A report will come to business meeting in June for members to finalise feedback.
12:00	Item 3	Alison Park Concept Plan  <b>Attachment</b> Annual Report WRT Alison Park Masterplan Proposal Fee Letter*	Fiona Gregory <i>Community Broker</i>  Michael Maahs <i>CEO, Waiheke Resources Trust</i>  Jacqui Thompson-Fell <i>Parks &amp; Places Specialist</i>	WRT staff provided members information about the proposed community-led Alison Park Concept Plan.
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12:30	<b>End of workshop</b>			

# Memorandum

To: Waiheke Local Board  
From: Richard La Ville, Operations Manager Waiheke & Gulf Islands Airfields  
Date: 12 June 2024  
Subject: **AT monthly update 10.30am – 11.30am**

## Purpose:

This workshop is to briefly update the local board on a selection of transport related topics.

## Auckland Transport operations and projects:

Activity	New updates
1. Matiatia Wharf Upgrade	Proposed Matiatia Wharf Northern Berth Design Pier 2. Update by Scott Keene.
2. Cnr Ostend Rd/Wharf Rd, Ostend	Installation of lockable chain link gates (such as the one on Delaware Drive). Complete.
3. The Esplanade, Surfdale	Internal reviews completed. Preparations being made for public consultation.
4. Matiatia Wharf canopy upgrade	To be updated by project manager.
5. Matiatia – tenant licence amendment	Request from eRide Waiheke to amend their current licence to occupy Unit 6 at Matiatia Wharf to include the sale of transport options. For discussion:  1) Tickets for tours in particular Five Bays tours will be available online but can also be purchased at the retail area.  2) eRide and Island Direct may work together on package deals to commuters for ferry & e-bikes as well as tours.  3) eRide propose to operate an electric van collecting the customers from the dedicated tour bus collection point outside the keyhole.  4) eRide may acquire a bus (>5t) to enable collection of customers from the keyhole subject to all relevant permission/training obtained.  5) AT Property & Metro operations are in favour to revise the permitted use to allow tours and a potential collaboration between eRide and Island Direct.
6. LBTCF Cycle Path Project	New concept design that includes input from CAW has been completed.

# Memorandum

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	<p>Auckland Transport engineer has reviewed these plans and recommended some adjustments.</p>
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	<p>The new plans are with the AT consultant and we are awaiting the updated plans – once completed we'll share with the board.</p>
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# Memorandum



Mark Seavill  
Director  
eRide Waiheke  
Unit 6, 6 Oceanview Road Waiheke Island  
11/04/2024

Thomas Goehring  
Principal Property Manager  
Auckland Transport

Dear Thomas,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to discuss a potential amendment to our current license to occupy Unit 6 at Matiatia Wharf. As you know, our business has been thriving, particularly during the summer months, thanks to the beautiful weather and the influx of tourists to Waiheke Island. Over the past six months, we have seen nearly 200,000 kilometres covered by our e-bikes, reflecting the growing demand for sustainable and adventurous ways to explore the island.

However, as the days grow shorter and the weather less predictable, we face the challenge of maintaining business operations during inclement conditions. Despite unfavourable weather for cycling, we are committed to providing our customers with an alternative and enjoyable experience. In response to this challenge, we have introduced a new service: an all-weather solution in the form of a 7-seater electric van. If the customer or our staff feels it's not favourable to ride the e-bike they take the van option, it's the same price with a similar experience.

Our on-demand, ride-share model offers customers the opportunity to embark on our popular Five Bays Ride tour via van, rather than by e-bike. This unique experience allows two groups of people to hop in the van and enjoy a scenic tour of Waiheke's five bays. As part of the tour, guests have the flexibility to choose two stops of their preference. When they are ready to leave, they simply contact our driver on demand who promptly picks them up and transports them to their next destination. Our last stop by 6 p.m. ensures that guests make it back to the ferry in time for their departure.

We are delighted to report that this tour has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from our customers who have trailed this service on wet days. It not only enhances their experience on Waiheke Island but also provides a convenient and enjoyable transport option for exploring the area.

In light of the success of our Five Bays Ride tour, we have been in discussions with Island Direct, who are interested in collaborating with us to offer this on-demand ride-share tour to their customers so they can offer transport options like their competitors do. However, our current permitted use does not encompass the sale of transport options, limiting our ability to expand our services and provide visitors with additional choices.

Therefore, we kindly request your consideration in amending the permitted use clause of our license to occupy Unit 6 to include the sale of transport options. This amendment would not only benefit our business but also enhance the overall experience for visitors to Matiatia Wharf by providing them with a wider range of transportation choices.

We are committed to working collaboratively with Auckland Transport to ensure that any changes align with the objectives and standards of the wharf. We believe that this amendment will contribute positively to the visitor experience and further promote Waiheke Island as a premier tourist destination.



# Memorandum

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Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss this matter further and to explore how we can continue to enhance the offerings at Matiatia Wharf for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Seavill'.

Mark Seavill

0274818363

[Info@eridewaiheke.co.nz](mailto:Info@eridewaiheke.co.nz)





# Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024 and Hauraki Gulf Island Plan 2024

Update on public consultation  
Waiheke Local Board

May-June 2024: Waste Solutions



Te Mahere Hukihuki mō te Whakahaeretanga me te Whakaitinga o te Para 2024

**DRAFT Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024**





# Purpose

- Provide a summary of public consultation findings
- Answer questions related to the consultation submissions



# Context



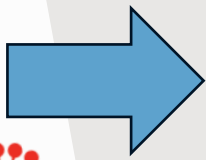
# Draft Waste Plan 2024



The preparation of the waste assessment has relied on information from multiple sources, including SWAP analysis, reporting of domestic waste data under the licensing requirements of the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2019, contracts, consents, and annual reports. The accuracy of these sources is contingent on the best information available at the time and the degree of disclosure from the waste industry.

It is not possible to calculate, with precision, up-to-date tonnage and composition of waste being disposed to landfill in the Auckland region without mandatory industry disclosure. Information has also been sought from landfill and refuse transfer station operators, and operators of product stewardship schemes, who have no obligation to supply the requested information. In some instances, information has been voluntarily provided, however on others the requests have been declined to supply information for this purpose.

Financial analysis and modelling have relied on the best financial information available at the time of drafting of the waste assessment.



**Auckland's Waste Assessment 2023**  
November 2023



**AK HAVE YOUR SAY**

Te Mahere Hukihuki mō te Whakahaeretanga me te Whakaitinga o te Para 2024

## DRAFT Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024

Issued February 2024.  
\*Version 1.0 for public consultation.

[aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)



**AK HAVE YOUR SAY**

Hauraki Te Mahere Hukihuki mō te Para i ngā Iouere o Tikapa Moana / Te Moananui-ā-Toi 2024

## DRAFT Hauraki Gulf Islands Waste Plan 2024

February 2024.  
Version 1.0 for public consultation.

[aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)



Plans and waste assessment available here: [HaveYourSay website](http://HaveYourSay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)



# Why it matters

- Draft WMMP 2024 retains 2040 regional **zero waste vision** and outlines
  - **principles** to guide decision-making
  - **targets** for 2024-2030
  - **priorities and actions** for 2024-2030 to achieve those targets
- **Aligned** with national direction, iwi and key stakeholder input and now tested with the public
- Forms basis for our **6-year waste work programme**
- Includes **changes to services** with rates-funding implications (LTP and Annual Budget)
- Enables us to receive and spend **waste levy funding** from central government



# Waiheke Local Board Draft Waste Plan views – August 2023



WHK/2023/110 ([resolution found here](#))

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) tautoko / support the proposed direction of the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan for 2024-2030
- b) recommend that an additional proposal be added to change consent conditions to ensure every consent has an approved Construction Waste Plan as is instituted in other local government jurisdictions in Aotearoa New Zealand and with that the funding to make the requisite plan changes to the AUP and the HGIDP.
- c) recommend that regional initiatives that model behaviours that accelerate action towards the goals of the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024 are funded accordingly through regional funding grants that are fully realised in the LTP.
- d) propose that highly effective communications strategies are funded to produce behaviour change at a household and business level, such strategies to be focused on cut through and not to be council-bound in terms of institutionalised communications .
- e) propose introduction of a commitment to eliminating triple-walled milk bottles as council loses money on each consumer purchase that is added to recycling.



# Public consultation 28 Feb-28 March 2024

## Communications and engagement pathways

- Online in 8 languages & NZSL / video recordings / 2 webinars
- AKHaveYourSay regionwide, including Islands
- Working directly with iwi
- Community partners spread the word
- Mailout to commercial & community stakeholders
- NZME communication campaign
- Council advisory panels
- Council communications — OurAuckland, People’s Panel, social media



# Public consultation 28 Feb-28 March 2024

## Written submissions

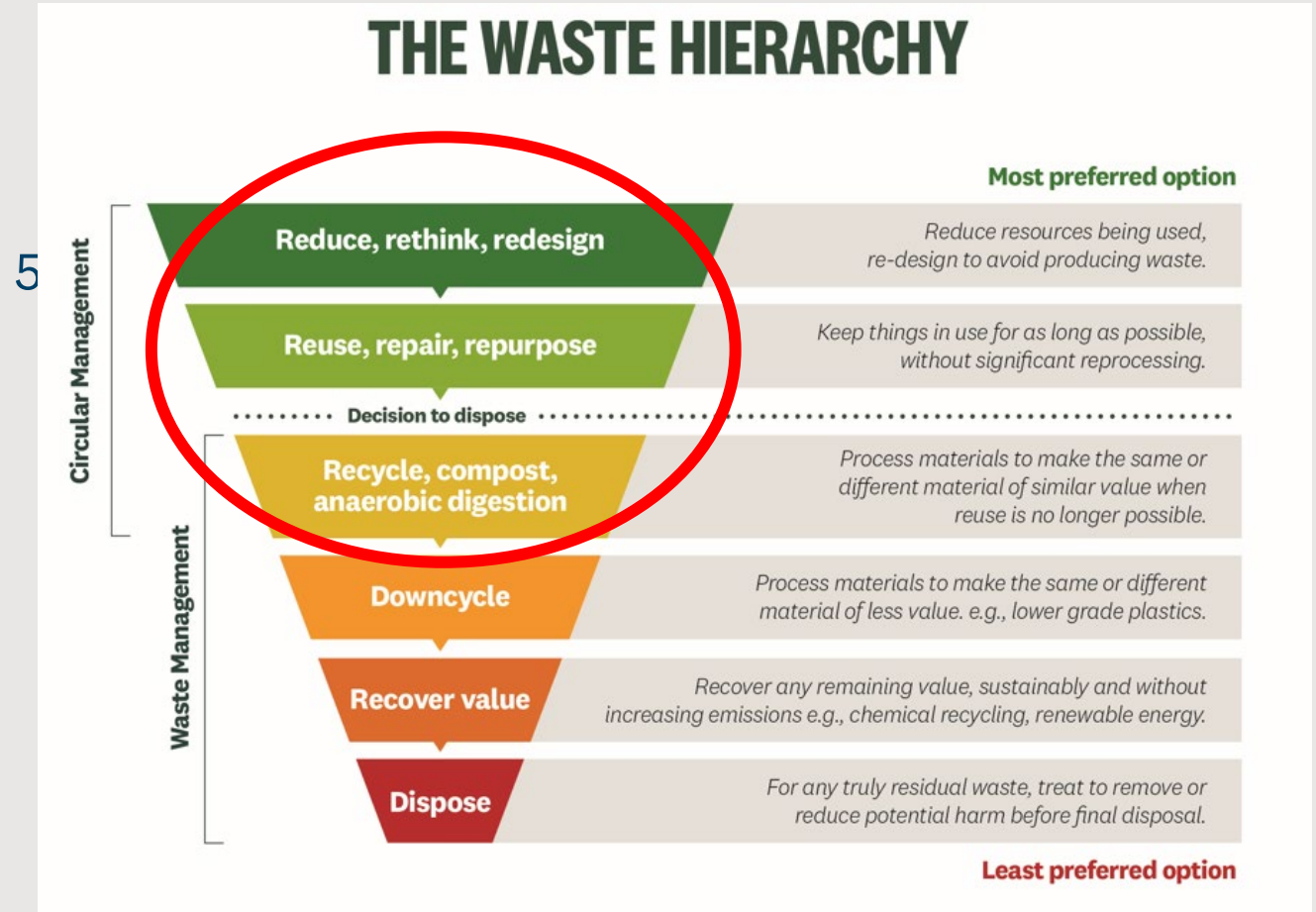
- 7-question feedback form
- Email
- **Verbal input**
  - 10 public AKHaveYourSay events
  - 2 regional organisation events





# Feedback form questions

1. Direction of the plan
2. Priorities for action
3. Hauraki Gulf Islands Plan
4. Any other comments



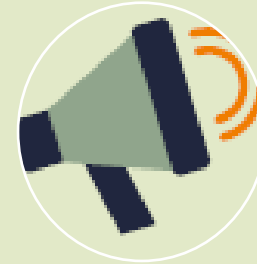
# Feedback form questions / Priorities for Action



1. Strengthen ways of working with mana whenua **and** deliver on Māori outcomes.
2. Continue expanding and strengthening the Resource Recovery Network and its services



3. Target construction and demolition waste
4. Focus on organics, plastics, packaging, textiles and biosolids
5. Strengthen our disaster preparedness and climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience



6. Move up the waste hierarchy including source reduction, reuse and right to repair
7. Implement the Container Return Scheme and other mandatory product stewardship



8. Support Aucklanders to use their kerbside bins effectively + shift to rates-funded
9. Transition to a fortnightly rubbish collection
10. Accelerate efforts re council's operational waste
11. Address litter and illegal dumping to protect health and the environment

**12. Work in partnership with others to achieve our Zero Waste vision**



# Who we heard from



# Regional and local submission numbers

**2737** total number of submissions

**+ 1410** responses from public events

**2669** submitters identified their local board

**31** submissions from Waiheke Island

including:

**1** from community partner Waiheke Resources Trust

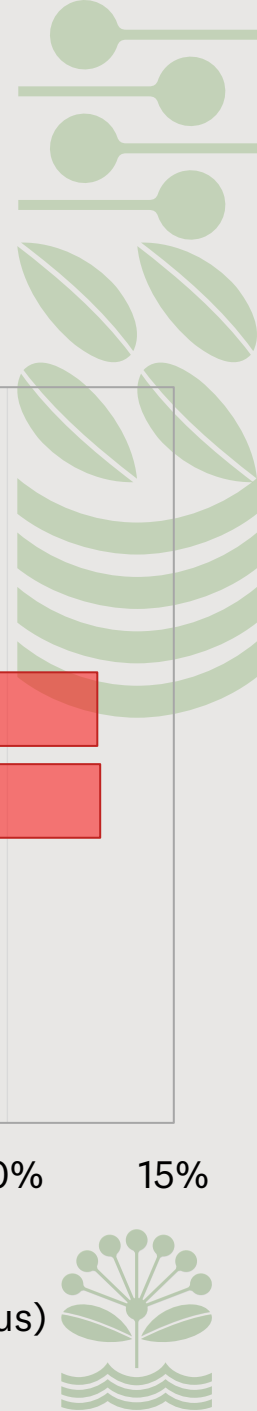
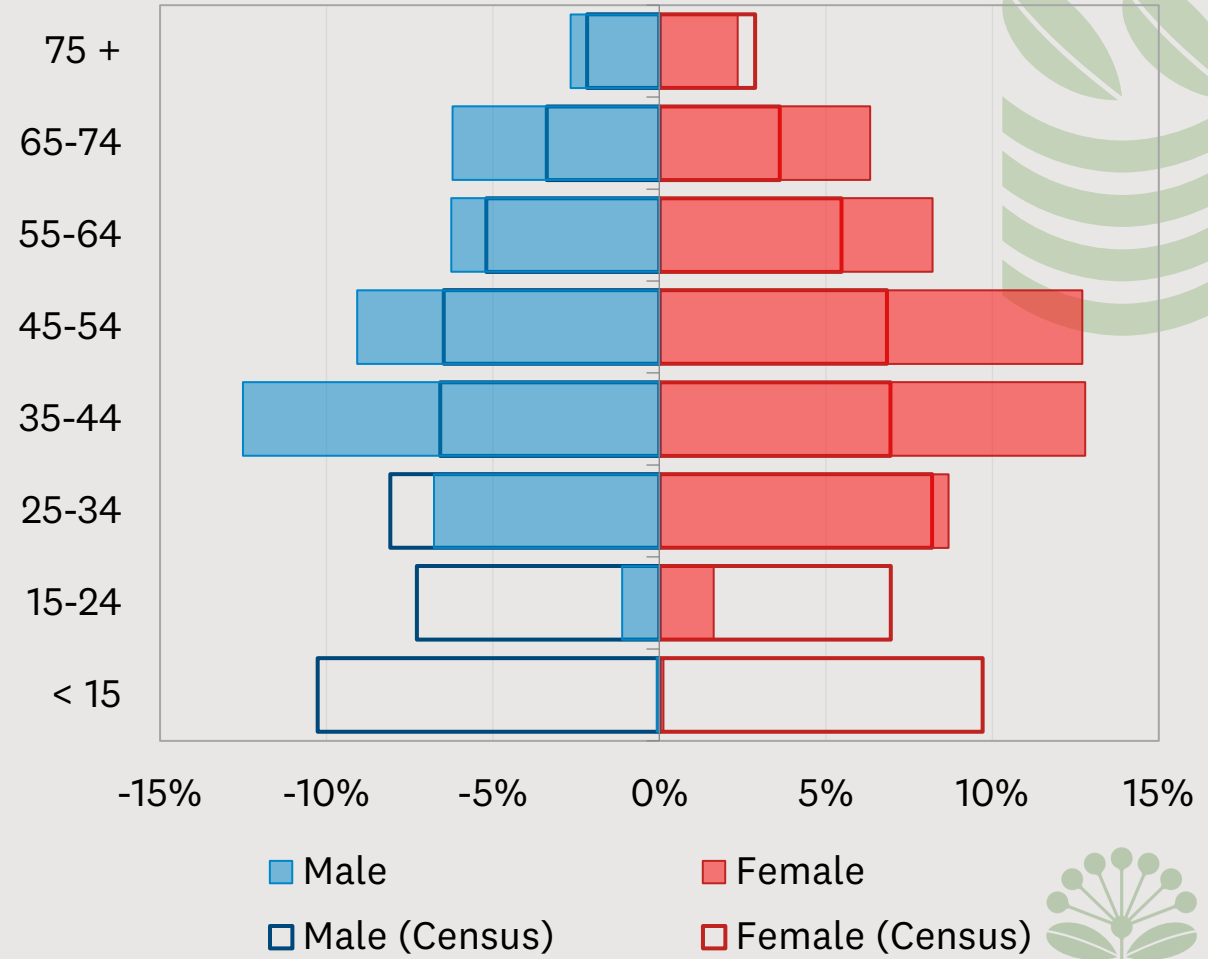
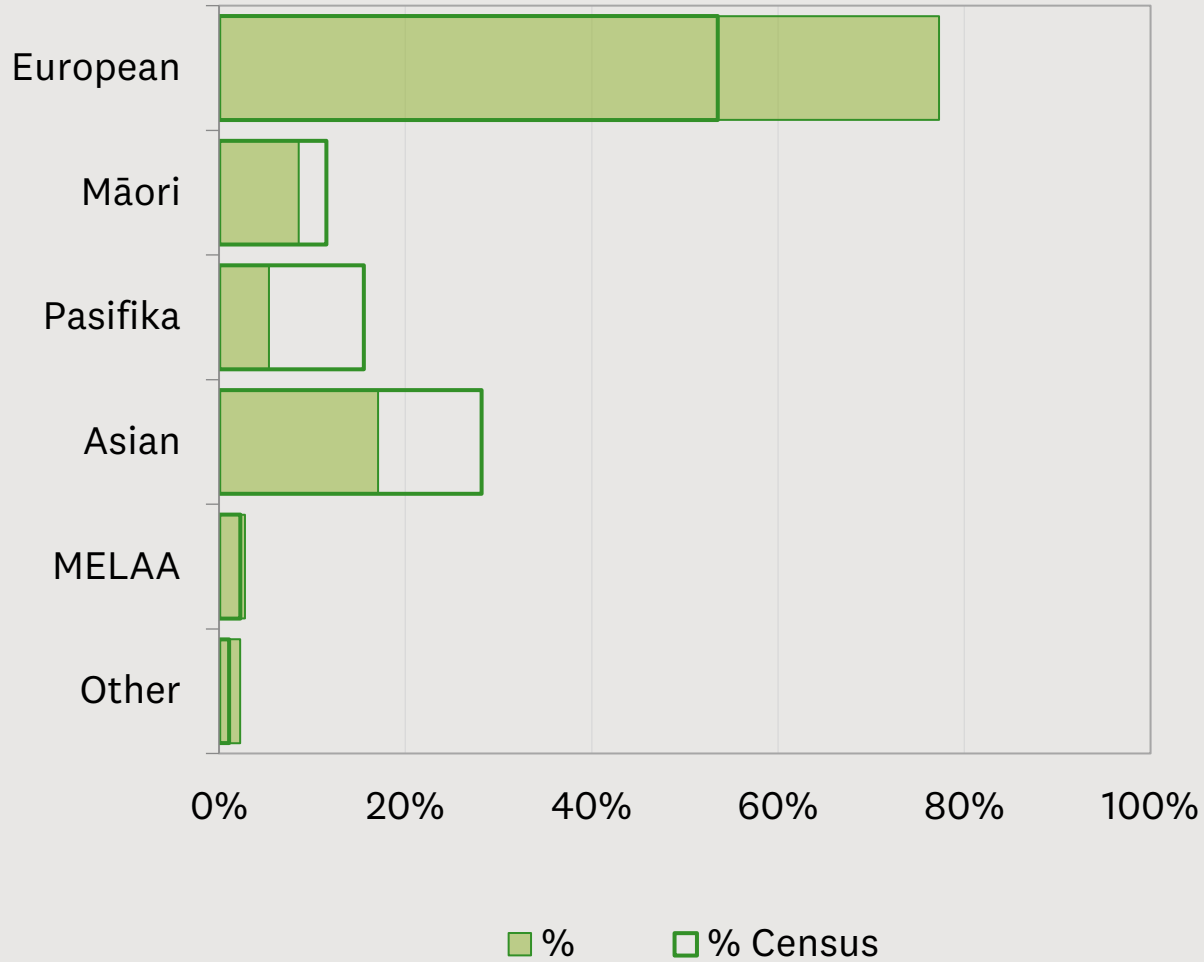
**1** from Protect Our Gulf

**1** from Carbon Neutral New Zealand Trust



# Regionwide Demographics

## compared with census profile



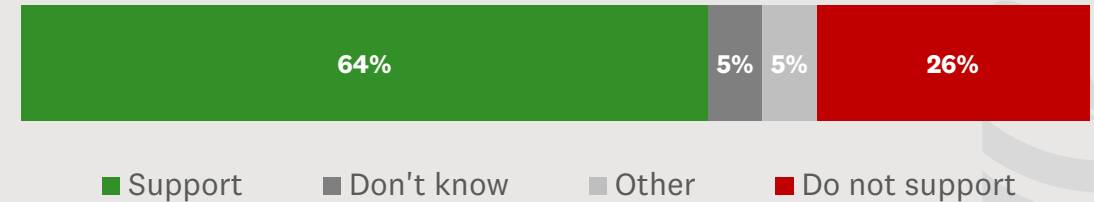
# What we heard



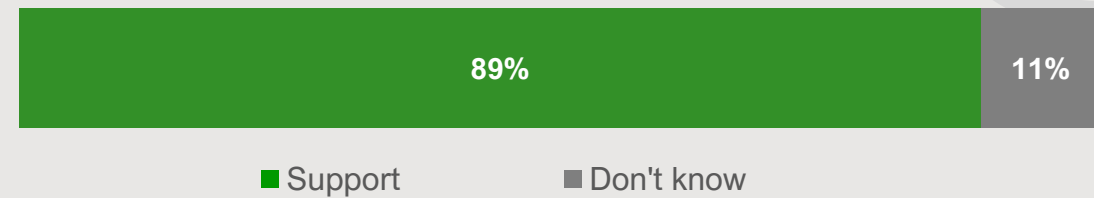
# Q1. Support for the regional plan

## Regional view

Submissions 2626

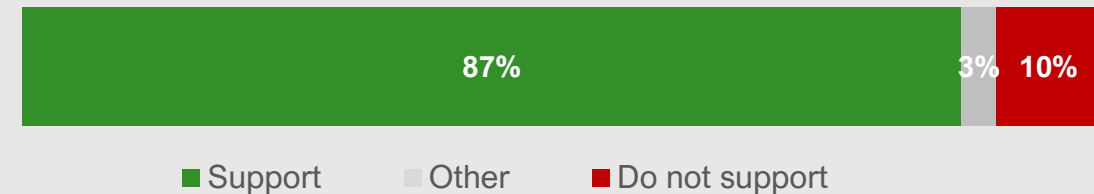


AKHaveYourSay events feedback 135



## Waiheke view

Submissions 31



## Local themes

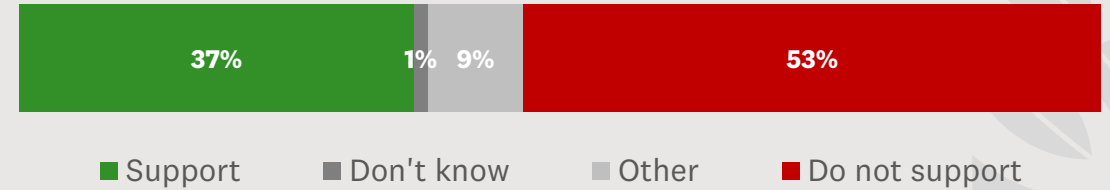
- Should target larger waste streams, waste producers, more options for reuse/ repair/ recycling (9 submissions)



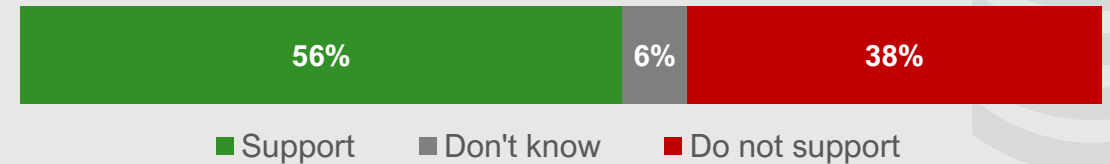
# Q2A: Fortnightly rubbish

## Regional view

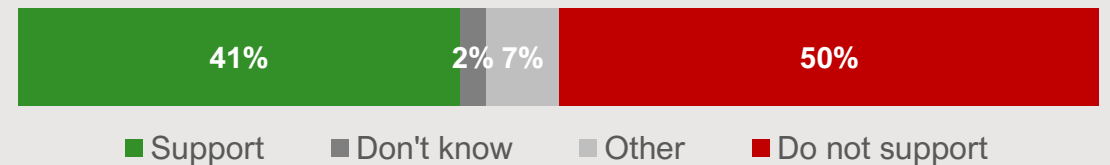
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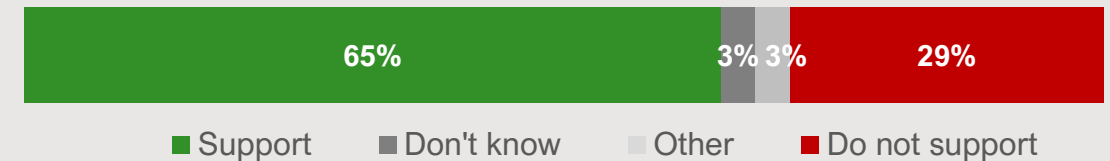


Submissions + AKHaveYourSay events feedback 3481



## Waiheke view

Submissions 31



### Local themes

- comments regarding food scraps collections (4 submissions)
- comments acknowledging environmental benefits including reduced waste (4 submissions)





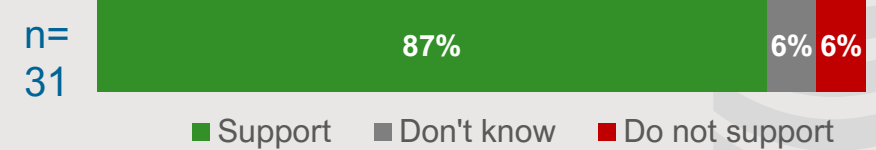
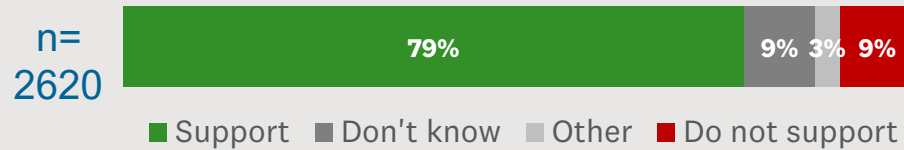
# Q2B and Q2C: Other regional priorities

## Priority

### Region-wide

### Waiheke

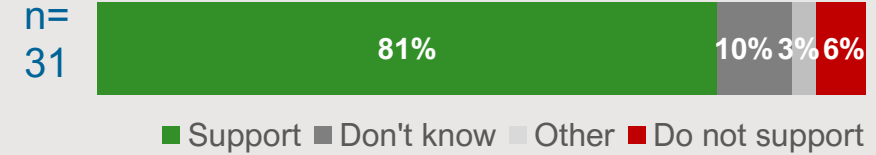
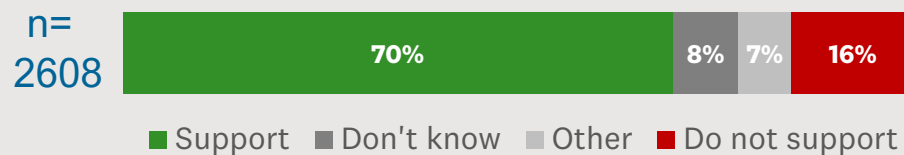
## Construction and Demolition Waste



## Local themes:

Sector should be responsible / not council's responsibility (5 submissions)

## Priority Waste Materials



## Local themes:

Agree these materials should be prioritised (4 submissions)

n = number of submissions



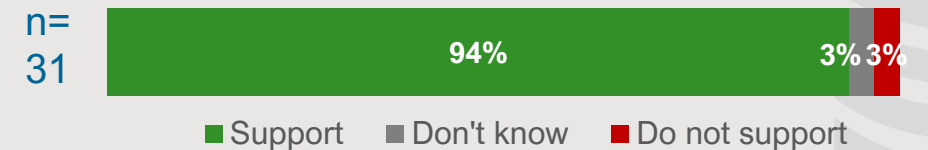
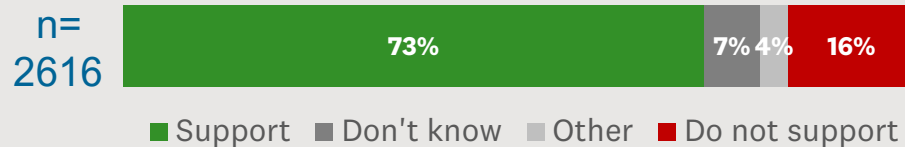
# Q2D and Q2E: Other regional priorities

## Priority

### Region-wide

### Waiheke

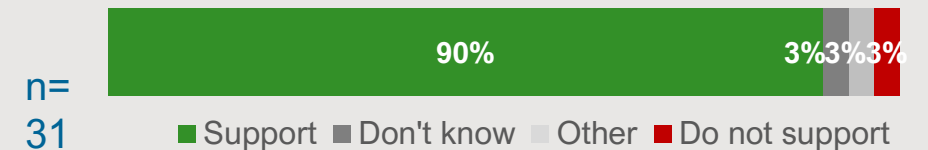
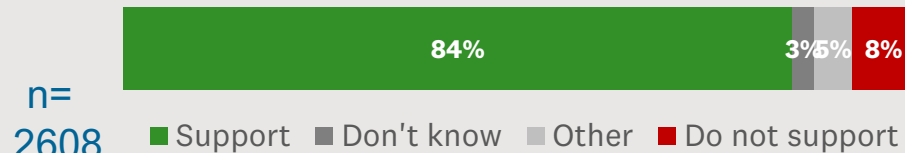
## Product stewardship



## Local themes:

Businesses/ manufacturers/producers of waste should be responsible (4 submissions)  
 Container return scheme / product stewardship worked well in past/overseas (4 submissions)

## Litter and illegal dumping



## Local themes:

Use fines and/or cameras (5 submissions)

n = number of submissions



# What we heard – Hauraki Gulf Islands Plan



# Hauraki Gulf Island Plan – separate goals and actions for Waiheke Island



GOALS			
1. Create a regenerative circular local organic waste economy, keeping all food scraps and green waste on the island.	2. Community engagement and behaviour change to reduce waste.	3. Increase waste avoidance, with reuse and recycling of materials on Waiheke.	4. Continue to develop the Community Resource Recovery Park to increase waste diversion and retention of resources on the island.
5. Reduce waste coming on to the island.	6. Reduce commercial and construction and demolition (C&D) waste to landfill.	7. Enable greater reuse and recycling of cleanfill on island.	8. Reduce visitor waste, including waste from visiting boat users.

Detailed goals in the Draft HGI Plan pages 47-49



# Q3: Hauraki Gulf Islands – Waiheke goals and actions

**308 Submissions**  
(from all board areas)



■ Support ■ Don't know ■ Other ■ Do not support

**28 Submissions**  
(from Waiheke LB area)



■ Support ■ Don't know ■ Other ■ Do not support

## Key themes from all local board areas:

- the involvement of locals in waste planning would give the best results
- Waiheke should have comparable kerbside services to the rest of Auckland
- environmental protection should be a priority

## Local themes:

- Seek options to get rid of green waste / noxious weeds (5 submissions of the 28)



# Hauraki Gulf Island Plan – separate goals and actions for Rakino Island

## GOALS

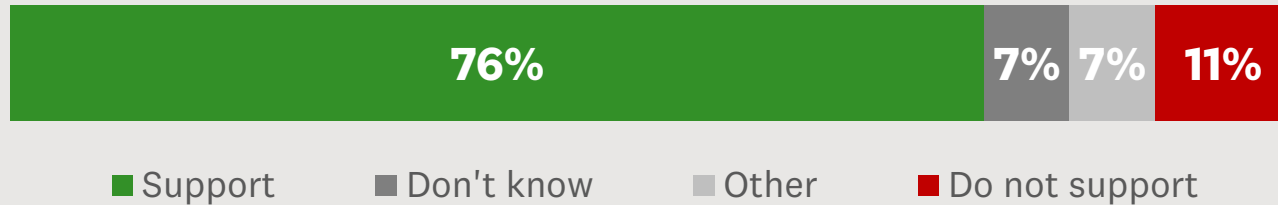
1. Everybody taking responsibility for their waste.
2. Everybody diverting their food scraps and green waste.
3. Divert recyclables from landfill and reduce contamination of recyclables.
4. Work together to divert reusable inorganic materials from landfill and reduce illegal dumping.
5. Community-led action and solutions to minimise waste.

Detailed goals in the Draft HGI Plan pages 53-54



# Q3: Hauraki Gulf Islands – Rakino goals and actions

**75 Submissions**  
(from all board areas)



## Comments included:

- facilities should be provided for boaties to dispose of their waste
- a separate weed bin for the island would be useful
- all waste should be removed from island, including a user-pays system for abandoned cars
- services should be consistent on all islands and the mainland
- island services should not be subsidised.
- Rakino is too small to have its own plan



# Waiheke Resources Trust submission

## Support:

- The direction and priorities of the regional plan, the HGI plan, and the goals/actions for Waiheke
- Organics – support local scale and ‘community-led’ solutions, noting co-benefits in economic development, community building and food resilience, soil regeneration
- Inclusion of community-led composting or processing solutions within the city centre, and also multi-unit dwellings and areas outside of the kerbside collection areas including rural and Hauraki Gulf Island areas

## Suggest (for regionwide plan):

- No further expansion of the anaerobic digestion food scraps scheme, instead looking at supporting and scaling localised solutions (and Include Tāmaki Makaurau Composters Network within the list of providers)
- Prioritising localised organic materials processing as a principle
- That waste to energy incineration is not an acceptable solution
- Council look into barriers linked to regulatory frameworks and identifying expertise and scalability of community initiatives.





# Waiheke Resources Trust and Aotearoa Composters Network – Tāmaki Makaurau

## Suggest (for HGI plan):

A number of changes to the goals and actions e.g.

- To specify that a future on-island solution for domestic food scraps is **community-led**
- To specify that council provide **funding** for specific initiatives
- To include reference to specific initiatives such as **Good to Go**
- Explicit wording for a **HGI network** to share resources and identify opportunities for improvements
- Adding a specific community action linked to **zero waste events**

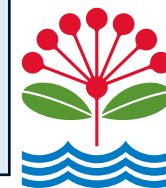
## The Carbon Cycle Company

### Do not support:

- the direction and some priorities of the regionwide plan, or the goals/actions for Waiheke

### Suggest:

- diverting spending on transporting food waste off Waiheke to fund the implementation of the Local Board Climate Change Action Plan to process food waste on-island



# Protect our Gulf submission

## Support:

- The direction and priorities of the regional plan, the HGI plan, and the goals/actions for Waiheke
- Product stewardship, in particular a beverage container return scheme
- Reusable schemes such as for coffee cups

## Suggest:

- More zero waste education
- Phase out single-use containers
- More localised composting especially on the islands
- Pest plants should be hot composted and not go into landfill
- Airbnb / accommodation providers need to do better to keep food scraps out of landfill
- Visitors add to rubbish volumes – need for education and legislation
- Propose a carbon tax on large private builds in Auckland
- Auckland ratepayer should not be subsidising Kawau residents
- Create a mechanism to ensure they pay for removal of cars from Rakino Island
- Barge costs also need to be attributed fairly across Auckland and Waiheke users



# Carbon Neutral New Zealand Trust submission

## Support:

- The direction and priorities of the regional plan, the HGI plan, and the goals/actions for Waiheke

## Suggest:

- Draft plan (including Waiheke plan) does not place sufficient emphasis on the issue of biosolids which are major greenhouse gas emitters
- Concern about unregulated waste dumping on Waiheke
- Would like to see a better alignment of the goals and targets with those suggested for the Waste Sector in Auckland Council's Climate Plan 2020
- If Green Building Council standards, methods and recommendations were adopted the amount of construction waste would reduce immediately
- Priority products should include nappies, sanitary and medical waste
- Concerned about how the Auckland Council's 2024 Long-term Plan will impact on the goals and targets outlined in the Waste Plan – and concerned there is a gap both in ambition and targets



# Next steps

- Waiheke Island Local Board views — June agenda report



**Questions /  
Pātai?**





WAIHEKE RESOURCES TRUST

# Annual Report

2023



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# About Us

# WRT

Waiheke Resources Trust (WRT) is a professional for-purpose organisation that has been serving the Waiheke community since 1998.

We work to celebrate and protect all the resources we already have, and build capacity and knowledge in the community toward the creation of a resource-full future for all.



Through our projects, we work to support thriving environments and communities by engaging, educating and supporting people in environmental restoration, bicycle repair, food resilience and waste minimisation. We collaborate with volunteers, interns, local business, national and regional networks, iwi, government bodies, subject experts and Waiheke whānau to get the job done.

We believe that when environments are healthy and communities are connected, people and wildlife can flourish, and within that community a strong economy can exist.



# Our Vision

## **A sustainable future for all**

Waiheke's diverse community is connected, empowered, skilled and supported to actively protect and enhance the natural and social fabric of our island and the planet for future generations.



# Our Mission

WRT

**A sustainable community in action**

We are a hub providing the Waiheke community, and people visiting our shores, with inspiration, exemplars, guidance, skills and opportunities to treasure and actively nurture the island's natural environments.

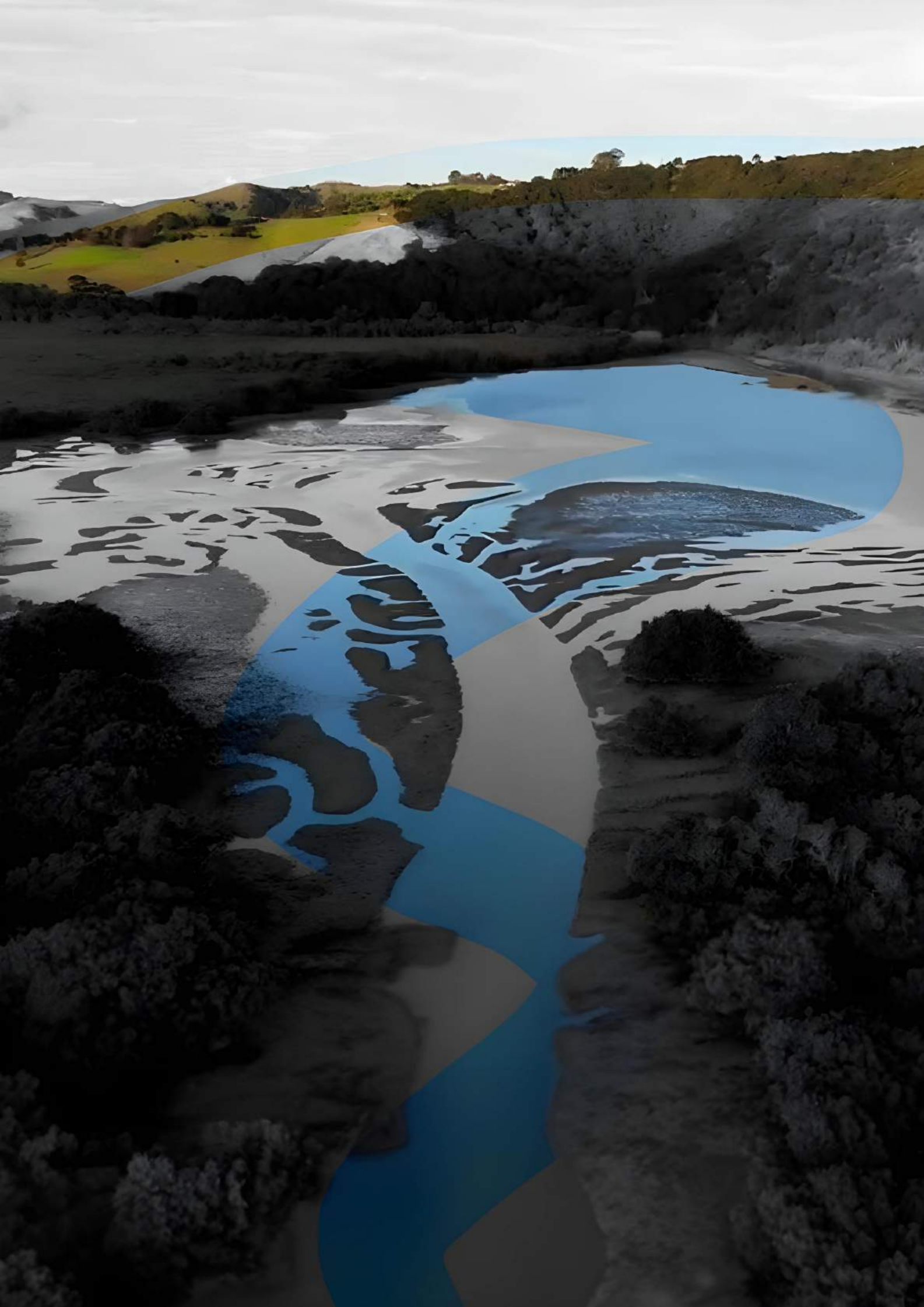
# Our Purpose

- To undertake projects, and programmes which maximise sustainable practices on Waiheke
- To provide the Waiheke community with information and education to make ethical, effective and powerful decisions in respect of sustainability
- To undertake and generate community development initiatives on Waiheke for the benefit of people and our environment
- To provide training to assist people on Waiheke to gain knowledge and skills in sustainable practice
- To develop a model for small communities in sustainable practice
- To Promote, support and connect sustainability networks
- To undertake and support study and research in sustainability and, where appropriate, to publish the results
- Provide a working environment that fosters cohesiveness, belonging, innovation, upskilling and fun.

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it’s the only thing that ever has.”*

*Margaret Mead  
American Author and Anthropologist*





# From the CEO

It isn't enough to preserve what we have. Regenerative practices on Waiheke provide a practical pathway to reforest, create food resilience, and support responsible circular economies at scale.

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This year is filled with gratitude and a deep sense of pride for the incredible journey we've undertaken together over the past 12 months, and amazingly the past quarter of a century. As we celebrate our collective accomplishments, I am reminded of the significant role the Centre and the Trust have played as an incubator for crucial ideas on Waiheke. We were able to bring EcoFest to Waiheke, re-establish the vibrancy of our space after COVID-19, and support so many groups and individuals bringing their ideas to life.

We pride ourselves on being a practical organisation, fostering tangible, flaxroots solutions that bring about real change. WRT continues to move from strength to strength. We iterate our projects and processes, providing increasing value to our community. Each day, we witness the ripple effects of our discussions and actions, creating an atmosphere that bursts with life and positivity. While we have often been seen as a community hub, our true aim is to empower communities to realise their environmental passions and goals, fostering a reality on the ground that impacts those around them.

Our staff, volunteers, and supporters are our lifeblood. The work of so many locals shows a commitment beyond a job.

They are creating something beautiful, regenerative, and life-sustaining. I want to thank you all for that gift and dedication, it is truly invaluable.

WRT is groundbreaking, setting a high bar nationally through a vision of a sustainable community. Our initiatives, born from keen insights into local needs, extend into long-term sustainable solutions and movements.

We are not just a Trust. We are a lens through which both locals and visitors can view Waiheke, connecting energy for climate action to our everyday lives and making sustainable choices the easy worthwhile choices.

Looking ahead, our commitment to community remains unwavering and the Sustainability Centre a beacon of community education and action. By continuing to work collaboratively, we can build a regenerative future that benefits us all.

Thank you for your support.

Mā te wā



Michael Maahs  
CEO Waiheke Resources Trust

# Our Team

Meet us.

WRT's work is made possible by a network of people committed to the Trust's vision.

## STAFF



**Michael Maahs**  
CEO



**Kristin Busher**  
Partnerships  
Manager



**Livné Ore**  
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Operations Manager



**Aya Oba**  
Communications  
Manager



**Kayleigh Appleton**  
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**Laura Lynch**  
Admin & Events  
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**Nathalya Larson**  
Waterways Lead



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**Haley Reyner**  
Bookkeeper



**Mike Fogarty**  
Compost Co.  
Lead



**Kym Rawson**  
Restoration  
Manager



**Maria Verdinelli**  
Assistant  
Restoration  
Manager



**Kathy Voyles**  
Kai Conscious  
Café Coordinator



**Brad Wallace**  
Bike Hub Lead



**David Woodhouse**  
Composter

## STAFF



**Hadas Ore**

Kai Rescuer



**Jade Forbes**

Kai Rescuer



**Teresa Quin**

Kai Rescuer



**Koro Sciascia**

Kitchen Assistant



**Francisco Blaha**

Bike Hub Operator



**Fionn Lawley**

Bike Hub Operator



**Cassie McCracken**

Bike Hub Operator



**Julian Watts**

Restoration Team



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Composter &  
Restoration Team



**Lincoln Jackson**

Restoration Team



**Matt Wilson**

Restoration Team



**Simon Tunnell**

Restoration Team



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Hovagimyan**

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**Jorge Estrada**

Restoration Team



**Sam Dubslav**

Restoration Team

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Trustee

# Restore Projects



Plants are supplied by Waiheke's two local nurseries, Gulf Trees and Waiheke Native Plant Nursery. They are grown from eco-sourced seeds gathered on Waiheke.



Love Our Wetlands is currently working to restore **seven wetlands** on Waiheke Island.



**920** total volunteer hours, equating to 2 FTE.



**Nine** free-to-attend collaborative events with a total of over **400** participants.



**37** subsidised septic tank checks taken up.



**4** onsite wastewater system care workshops with a total of **40** attendees.



Completed water quality testing at **16** locations.



Our Restore projects involve a variety of initiatives – from tree planting to educational programmes based on our motu | island.

Our four main projects reflect what needs to be done for Waiheke's unique environment to flourish. For each project, we have specialists involved who are working closely with WRT's dedicated team. By collaborating with our community, our projects aim to create a more resilient and sustainable future for Te Motu Arai-roa | Waiheke Island.

#### Love Our Wetlands - Waiheke

We work towards the ecological restoration and protection of seven significant wetland habitats on Waiheke, hosting volunteer groups to educate and connect them to their environment.

#### Waiheke Waterways

We work to monitor and restore our awa | streams, connecting people to their local waterways.

#### Beach Ambassadors

We encourage sustainable behaviour and support beach-goers to take personal responsibility through litter-prevention activities such as beach cleans and encouraging reusables and the "pack-in, pack out" concept.

#### Marine Education Initiative

We empower Waiheke students to take action for the protection and regeneration of Tīkapa Moana | Hauraki Gulf.

308



#### Marine Education Initiative

Number of students worked with

12,854



#### Love Our Wetlands

Total number of trees planted

4,208



#### Beach Ambassadors

Metres of streams and beaches cleaned



# Nourish Projects

We are passionate about our everyday life being nourishing and sustainable

We are committed to promoting food resilience and sustainability through our food rescue, gardening, composting and Zero Waste initiatives.

Kai Conscious seeks to bridge the gap between food waste and hunger. We rescue food that is good enough to eat but not good enough to sell, diverting it from landfill. We also encourage donations of surplus food from growers. The kai | food is redistributed throughout the week by our fabulous rescuers, or cooked up on a Friday with the community.

We manage a volunteer-run seedling propagation project, Kai Gardens, and run free gardening workshops to enable help people to grow fresh, healthy produce.

We operate Waiheke's sole commercial composting site, kindly hosted on Te Motu Vineyard's land. This is where we manually process food businesses' and events' food scraps and other organic materials into nutrient-rich compost and crushed shells that are then sold back to the community to build local soils.

In addition to offering food scrap collection as a paid-for service, we also run Zero Waste stations at events using a sliding community scale. Promoting reusable systems such as Good to Go at Ostend Market, we minimise single-use waste and shift mindsets by establishing highly-localised circular economies with serveware that is sterilised and reused again and again. Community events can also borrow our serveware.





## Kai Conscious



**1,757**

Number of visitors at Friday Kai Conscious Cafe



## Compost Co.

**31,813**

Total kg of waste diverted from landfill



## Kai Gardens

**497**

Total punnets of seedlings sold



## Food Rescue

**50,463**

Total kg of rescued food

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*“We would love to thank you for the time you spent positively impacting our school, all of the students have grown to love the soup you bring in along with your personality.”*

*Teachers of Waiheke High School*

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# Bike Hub Waiheke

Bike Hub joined WRT at the start of 2023, providing a valuable platform to encourage and educate the community about the personal and environmental benefits of cycling.

As a koha-based bicycle workshop, Bike Hub offers a safe and friendly environment for people to fix, build, and learn about bikes with the help of our certified mechanic. We provide tools, knowledge, and training to empower individuals and promote skill sharing within the community.

In addition to our workshop services, Bike Hub also hosts a variety of events throughout the year. Ranging from repair workshops and maintenance clinics to group rides and cycling safety courses, these aim to promote cycling as an affordable, social mode of transport that benefits both individuals and the environment, contributing to a healthy lifestyle.

Bike Hub Waiheke is proudly part of the Tāmaki Makaurau Bike Hub network, working together to advocate for cycling and community engagement.



## Bike Hub Waiheke



276

\*Total number of visitors



146

\*Total number of bikes repaired



49

\*Quantity of bikes donated

\*January - June 2023

# GIS and the Power of Community in Action

This year has seen us cement GIS as a way for WRT to capture and measure our field operations and project-based work. GIS is the core tool to record, manage and report on our LOWW wetland restoration work. We have extended this technology to enable five neighbourhood community restoration groups to reap the same benefits, collating restoration data across the motu.

Looking forward, GIS is becoming a key part of our intern projects, analysis, and reporting methodologies for other projects such as the Marine Education Initiative. We hope to use it as a platform for widespread community engagement. Happily, the use of GIS is now seen as a core function for WRT, and the future looks bright.



**410,149 square metres  
(41 hectares)**

Total area of LOWW restoration sites



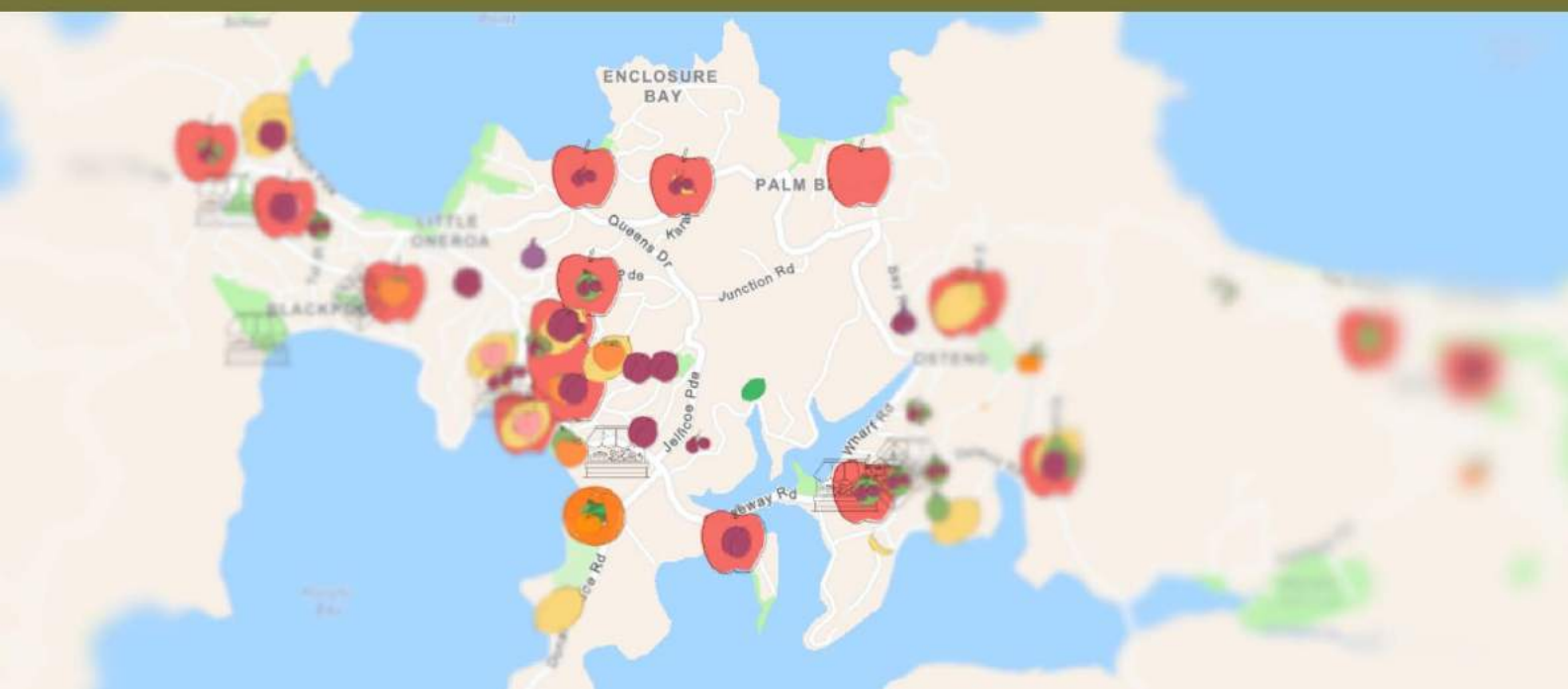
**67,505 square metres  
(6.7 hectares)**

Total area of community group restoration sites



## Waiheke Food Map

This GIS map has been created to visually display publicly accessible seasonal fruit trees, foraging spots, food hubs and community gardens.



# WAIHEKE SUSTAINABILITY CENTRE



# Sustainability Centre

Waiheke Resources Trust opened the Waiheke Sustainability Centre in July 2016.

Our Centre is designed to promote sustainable living and community involvement. We offer a variety of resources and services that support a healthier, more sustainable lifestyle on the motu. Moreover, our Centre serves as a hub for numerous community groups dedicated to building community capacity and protecting and restoring our natural environment. It provides a unique and welcoming space where people can collaborate and connect with the Waiheke community.



WAIHEKE  
SUSTAINABILITY CENTRE

## Visitors



7,253

Total number of in-person hub visitors

## Events



105

Total number of in-person events run

## ecostore refillery



1,900

Total litres of products refilled

## Event participants



3,405

Total number of in-person event participants

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*“Amazing service run by volunteers. Focusing on Kai consciousness and offering free dinner nights, the best way to meet locals and travelers alike, they also have a community food fridge and cupboard which are second to none compared to other like-minded places. It really is a super amazing place with super amazing volunteers.”*

*Jordan Hollyman*

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# Vision for the Future

## Restore all wetlands

By sharing knowledge and skills, all wetland ecosystems on Waiheke are valued and are being actively restored collaboratively by community organisations, private landowners, volunteers and in relationship with mana whenua.

## Create a reusable island

Instil values that support a reusable circular system, and aim to provide educational pathways which enable engagement with resources that upskill people to thrive in a Zero Waste lifestyle. Making the reusable choice the easy choice.

## Mountain to sea

Waiheke community and its visitors are equipped with the knowledge and resources to understand the integral relationship between people, the land and the ocean - from mountains to the sea. They are aware of their impacts and are empowered to create positive change for our waterways through individual and collective action.

## Become food resilient

A food resilient Waiheke that encompasses community gardens, education, and climate planning for sustainable local food systems. Initiatives like food rescue and the Kai Conscious Cafés are crucial, but more is needed for a truly sustainable ecosystem. Our vision includes well-managed community and market gardens, increased Food Charter participation, and the elimination of food waste. Education empowers individuals with skills, fostering community cohesion and passing knowledge to future generations.

## Uplift the bike economy

Creating a thriving hub that supports safe cycling as a part of island life for everyone. Continuing to be a hub where the community can learn bike skills, and empower people to choose active transport in their daily life and join a vibrant and diverse biking community.

## The Centre as the gateway to Waiheke

Craft a sustainable lens through which people live and visit Waiheke Island. We can lead the way for the rest of Tīkapa Moana | Hauraki Gulf.





Photo credit: Sophie Journee

# Get Involved

## **Volunteer with us**

Get involved with our amazing projects and help restore our beautiful wetlands, reduce our food waste, encourage people to ride bikes and support our community as a volunteer.

## **Donate**

Support our work so that we can deliver a brighter, more climate resilient future to all those living on and visiting Waiheke Island. Every donation counts. Your contribution will help us to engage, educate and support our community in environmental regeneration, food resilience and waste minimisation.

## **Partner with us**

As a community-based charity with both regional and national networks, we have attained a reputation for delivering successful outcomes. By supporting us, you will be enabling local employment opportunities, recognised as an environmental investor, and part of a larger community taking climate action.

## **Make a bequest**

Leaving a bequest to WRT is a meaningful and enduring choice. When you consider a bequest, you are not just giving a gift; you are leaving a lasting legacy. This ensures your values will carry on, inspire others, and give us the opportunity to create transformational change through community collaboration and development as we work to celebrate and protect our natural resources.





# Financial Statements

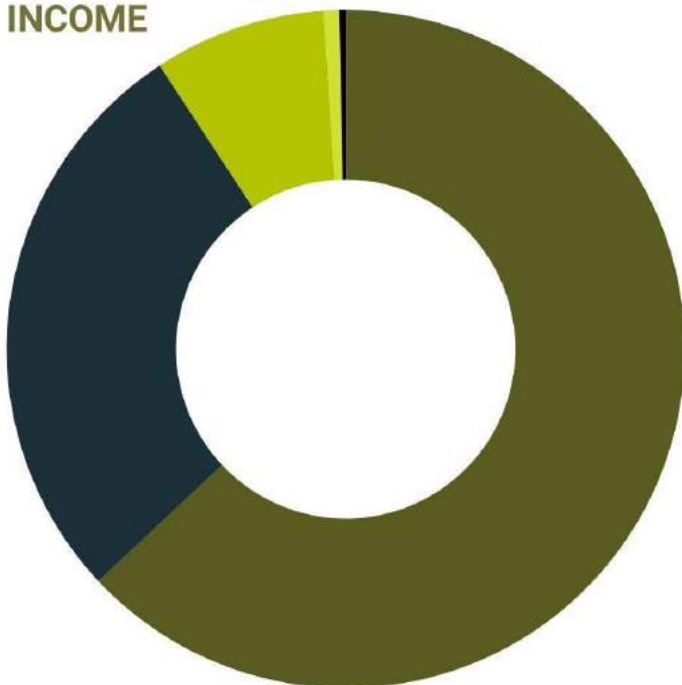
Waiheke Resources Trust has demonstrated robust post-COVID-19 recovery, delivering another surplus amidst challenging circumstances. Our strategic efforts to diversify income streams have significantly bolstered our financial resilience. We have particularly focused on securing grants, aligning with our commitment to enhancing impact measurement and reporting, resulting in a notable increase in grant income this year. Additionally, our contract income has seen growth, driven by our agility in meeting evolving customer and partner needs within shifting contexts.

Notably, donations and sponsorship have experienced sustained growth, underscoring the value we bring to the community we serve through cultivated goodwill and relationships.

These relationships have translated into substantial volunteer and business community contributions. Despite this progress, we remain dedicated to optimising efficiencies across our operations to maximise the impact of every dollar received.

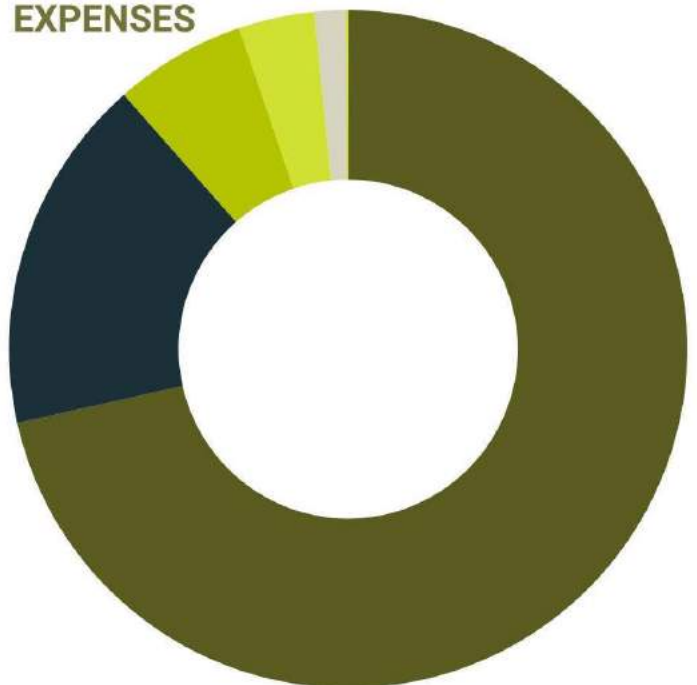
Looking ahead, buoyed by our solid foundation and consistent year-on-year growth, we are confident in our ability to navigate future challenges and seize emerging opportunities. Stakeholders can access our comprehensive annual audited finances on the Charities Commission website at [charities.govt.nz](https://charities.govt.nz).

## INCOME



Contracts: \$634,439    Interest: \$7,466  
Grants: \$279,547    Other: \$3,000  
Donations: \$82,569

## EXPENSES



Employment: \$804,765    Donations: \$1,200  
Sales costs: \$70,731    Advertising: \$16,807  
Admin: \$191,319    Depreciation: \$40,652



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# Acknowledgements

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## Funders and sponsors



## Partners

Sustainable Business Network, EcoZip, Terra and Tide, Ananda Tours, Cycle Action Waiheke, The Compost Collective, ecostore.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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