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community about their
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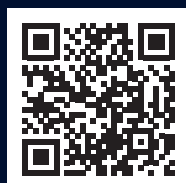
On Auckland's Draft Parking Strategy.

Feedback is open 4 April – 29 April 2022



The Auckland Parking Strategy provides the guiding principles and policies for the planning, supply, management and removal of on-street and Auckland Transport controlled off-street parking in Auckland. The Draft Parking Strategy being released for public feedback is proposed to replace the current Parking Strategy.

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NEED TO KNOW

Driving smokefree

Make your car safer by keeping it smokefree. It's healthier for the whole whānau – especially your tamariki. Since November 2021, it's been illegal to smoke and vape in a

vehicle with under-18-year-old passengers.

People's Panel

You can have your say about what's happening in Tāmaki Makaurau by joining the People's Panel and offering your feedback on proposed projects, plans and topics that affect you. Join and receive email surveys during the year. You might even win a \$100 voucher. Search

People's Panel at auckland.govt.nz

Dog licencing

All dogs need to be registered for the first time before they're three months old, then in June every year after that to the address where they mostly live. They must also be microchipped and wear their registration tag at all times. For more, see aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/dogs

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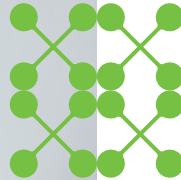
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From our Mayor

For more than two years, the COVID-19 pandemic has dominated our lives. That is understandable, but we cannot afford to ignore the longer-term and more damaging threat that climate change poses. The impact of climate change is already being felt: last year was the hottest in New Zealand since records began, and we are seeing increasing extreme weather such as drought and flooding.

Climate scientists are warning us that time is running out. We need to act now.

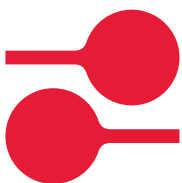
As part of Auckland Council’s proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023 I have put forward a Climate Action Package that will help cut Auckland’s emissions by increasing access to frequent,

low-emissions bus services, accelerating the decarbonisation of our ferries, delivering more walkways and cycleways, and increasing tree canopy coverage.

It will be funded by a Climate Action Targeted Rate of around \$1.10 per week for ratepayers with a median-value residential property, and supported by subsidies from government and fares from increased public transport patronage. It’s a small weekly sum but a big investment in our children and grandchildren’s future.

Consultation on the budget is open now and runs until 28 March. Visit akhaveyoursay.nz to have your say.

Phil Goff, Mayor of Auckland



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BY THE NUMBERS



200

or more ethnic groups live in Auckland including European, Māori, Pacific Peoples, Asian citizens, Middle Eastern, Latin American and African nationalities.



2,376,707

is the estimated total population of Auckland for 2048, an increase of 720,000 from 2018.



207,183

people in Tāmaki Makaurau identified as being of Māori descent – 13 per cent of the city’s population (2018 census).



LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE THIS YEAR

Your involvement in Auckland’s local elections really does count. Voting or standing for election is how you can have a say about the issues that matter to you and change our city for the better. Here’s how:

1. ENROL NOW SO YOU CAN VOTE:

or check your enrolment details online – visit vote.nz

2. DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO BE A CANDIDATE:

You could become:

- a local board member, making decisions on local activities and facilities
- a councillor influencing Auckland-wide issues
- the mayor, making decisions for the future of our region.

3. VOTE:

Your voting papers will be posted to you in September.

Visit voteauckland.co.nz for more information.



RATES REVALUATION

What you should know.

As required by law, Auckland Council usually revalues properties every three years and the latest revaluation was due to be carried out in 2020. This was deferred because of COVID-19 so revaluation will now be available in March 2022.

Your updated property value should reflect its market value on 1 June 2021. Updated values help the council calculate the share of rates each property pays, but a large increase in your property value doesn’t mean your rates will rise by the same amount. Various factors are used to calculate rates, and updated revaluations won’t affect your rates until 1 June 2022.

RATES IMAGE / JAY FARNWORTH; BREEZE IMAGE / AUCKLAND MARITIME MUSEUM; HOUSES IMAGE / GINO DEMEER

ALL ABOARD

Maritime Museum tall ship *Breeze* back in action.

After a five-year upgrade, the Maritime Museum’s brigantine, *Breeze*, is set to catch the wind again on the Auckland Harbour, with regular public sailings scheduled this autumn.

Breeze, a replica 19th-century coastal trader, was built in 1981 to teach old-school skills. Its maiden voyage was to French Polynesia to protest France’s nuclear testing programme, and it’s regularly been in tall ships’ races and Auckland Anniversary Day regattas.

Museum volunteers will give passengers a unique experience – join in, roll up your sleeves, and enjoy the thrill of sailing a traditional vessel. You can even climb the rigging!



Out and about

Enjoying local parks.

Activating local green spaces and parks are a great way to see them used to their full potential as well as helping to engage local people.

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board asked Auckland Council’s Activation team to extend the Out & About programme to include various local parks and reserves across the local board area.

“We felt there was a real need to help bring the community together again, outdoors,” says Maria Meredith, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Chair.

Sunny Karan of the Activation Team says that it focuses on “providing a wide range of free whānau-friendly events and activities encouraging Aucklanders to be more active through play, active recreation and exercise”.

Check out the Out & About Auckland Facebook page for Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board’s full schedule and more activations across Tāmaki Makaurau at [facebook.com/OutandAboutAKL](https://www.facebook.com/OutandAboutAKL)



Books boost

Tamariki and rangatahi supported in Waitematā

Community organisations across Waitematā have benefitted from over \$25,000 in grant funding from Waitematā Local Board.

One of the recipients is the organisation Reading Warrior, for its Kāinga Pukapuka programme that gifts packs of books to children through schools so that they can start or add to their own home library.

Reading Warrior founder David Riley says the books in the Kāinga Pukapuka programme are specifically chosen so that children from different cultural groups can experience the thrill of reading books they can engage and connect with.

“The books feature Māori and Pasifika role models in a range of fields including medicine, science, literature and sport.

“As well as opening rangatahi and families’ minds to exciting future options they have, it counters negative stereotyping about young people often encountered in the media.

“We’re committed to improving literacy across Aotearoa, ensuring all our children have the same opportunities,” says David.

Waitematā Local Board Chair Richard Northey says the board is pleased to support Reading Warrior to distribute books to schools across the local board area.

“Improving outcomes for young Māori in our local board area and supporting our diverse communities to thrive are priorities for our board.”

Priority for grant funding is given to activities that respond to COVID-19, climate change, homelessness, youth, and other activities that fit with the board’s three-year Waitematā Local Board Plan.

Find out more about the board’s plan and grant funding opportunities at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/waitemata

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These pages feature images taken before Tāmaki Makaurau moved to the Red setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework’s traffic light system. Visit covid19.govt.nz for current guidelines.

The latest from your community

Take a look

An upgrade for St Peters Lookout in Northcote.

Have you had a chance to see the recently upgraded St Peters Lookout in Tuff Crater Reserve?

Completed in December, the upgraded lookout in Northcote is part of the first stage of series track upgrades being carried out in the reserve over several years.

Funded by Kaipātiki Local Board, the first phase has involved building the new lookout platform, fencing and new seat. The pathway and boardwalk were rerouted so they no longer zig-zag, creating easier access.

The next stage to upgrade the north-western connection started in January and is



St Peters Lookout in Tuff Crater Reserve has recently been improved, as part of the major upgrade of tracks and pathways throughout the reserve.

expected to take three months. This will be followed by upgrades to the south-western and eastern paths and Exmouth Road/Onepoto Domain connections. The last phase is the Northern Pathway connection, yet to be confirmed.

Tuff Crater Pathway is one of dozens of great walkways, trails and cycling tracks across

North Shore and Auckland listed on aklpaths.co.nz, a website that allows you to search for walkways that suit your interest, fitness and preferred location.

This is just one of many improvement projects across the area with phase one of the Beach Haven Connections project, Shepherds Park bushwalk upgrade underway.

Grants are available

Funding for your community projects.

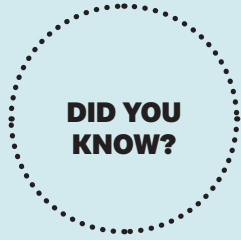
Local board grants help community groups and organisations with financial support for their projects and events. Several local boards have grant applications currently on offer. The grants fund local projects or events in the arts, community, environment, events, heritage or sports and recreation. All projects must align with the local board's funding priorities. Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/grants for more details and information on how to apply.



MUST-SEE: Situated in Muriwai Regional Park at Otakamiro Point is the gannet takapu breeding colony. The gannets nest throughout summer - check out the great views from the viewing platform.



MURIWAI IMAGE / JAY FARNWORTH; GRANTS IMAGE / GINO DEMEER



DID YOU KNOW?

Not all plastics are recyclable, so what should go into your kerbside recycling bin?

- Recycling plastics 1, 2 and 5 are recyclable. Think water, fizzy drink, milk, shampoo, laundry detergent bottles and ice cream and takeaway containers.
- Recycling plastics 3, 4, 6 and 7 don't belong in your kerbside collection: cling wrap, soft plastic products, bread bags, rigid plastic containers, DVDs, CDs and cases, polystyrene cups, toys, or compostable packaging.
- We use 188 single-use plastic bottles per household every year, according to WasteMINZ – so remember to recycle! Clear plastic 1 can be recycled many times into the same materials here in New Zealand.
- Soft plastics – bread bags, produce and frozen food bags, bubble wrap, packaging for items like toilet paper, cereals and snacks – can be dropped into your local supermarket.
- All recyclables should be emptied and rinsed before going into the recycling bin.
- Remember the old mantra, “If in doubt, leave it out.” Contaminating recyclables is costly and hazardous waste like batteries and gas canisters in the recycling can cause truck fires. Visit aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/rubbishandrecycling for more information.



FAMILY SPACE

Digging Auckland's community gardens.

AUCKLAND TEACHING GARDENS

SOUTH AUCKLAND

Join up and learn about basic gardening techniques from seed germination to growing and harvesting. You'll have a garden plot for the season and can keep and eat whatever you grow – and, next season, put what you learn into practice at home. Gardens are on Old School Reserve, Mangere; Middlemore Park; Stadium Reserve, Papatoetoe; Charntay Park, Ōtara; East Tamaki Reserve, Ōtara; Maich Park, Manurewa; and Mason Ave, Ōtāhuhu.

aucklandteachinggardens.co.nz



THE COMPOST COLLECTIVE

ONLINE/NEW LYNN/BIRKDALE

Find out how easy it is to compost your food scraps and garden waste to improve your garden's soil, while helping to reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfill and moving Auckland towards a zero-waste future. The Compost Collective runs workshops on composting, both online and around Auckland, and offers discounts on compost bins and worm farms.

compostcollective.org.nz



RANUI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Lease a garden plot here, grow your own organic fruit and vegetables, share ideas with others, learn new skills and accept and respect all cultures as you work together. Or just sit and relax in a therapeutic and relaxing environment. A coordinator, permanent gardener and volunteers are often on hand to help with information, tips and words of wisdom. ranuicommunitycentre.co.nz/community-garden

MY
TĀMAKI
MAKAURAU



STREET ARTIST GARY SILIPA

Gary Silipa is an artist and founder of Bradley Lane Project, Auckland's longest running street art festival. In 2020, he also started Street Artearao, a social enterprise that runs street art tours in Tāmaki Makaurau. Bradley Lane Project is supported by Maungakiekie-Tamāki Local Board. For more see project.bradleylane.nz

“We started off as teenagers doing graffiti. I later attended street art festivals around the world and it was at Art Basel in Miami in 2012 that I realised the concept could translate to home.

“We started Bradley Lane Project a year later at Glen Innes Town Centre with a few murals. We've now done 42 and are supported by TGTB Charitable Trust.

“Every year during Artweek Auckland we run a three-day festival that not only adds colour to the city it also connects our community using art.”





Cultural *celebration*

An insight into the melting pot of Tāmaki Makaurau.

There are many reasons to love Tāmaki Makaurau and our diverse population is one of them. That rich tapestry of communities is full of opportunities to celebrate our differences and similarities. With Race Relations Day celebrated in March we spoke to four creative Aucklanders and performers scheduled to appear at Auckland Council's World of Cultures festival (which will be held 18 March – 3 April dependent on alert level restrictions). They shared how they keep their culture close to them while calling Auckland home.





SUNIL KAUSHAL

Even if you're not familiar with Holi, you've probably seen images of the annual Indian festival in which revellers cover each other with brightly coloured powder.

A key part of Hindu culture, which started as a way to welcome the harvest, Holi is also recognised for its celebration of love, relationships and family.

Sunil Kaushal, president of Waitākere Indian Association, says Holi has been incorporated many times into public festivals in Auckland.

Holi usually opens with the traditional faag (singing) but it's the colour everyone comes for. "We use eco-friendly coloured corn starch, which dissolves and doesn't get into the waterways."

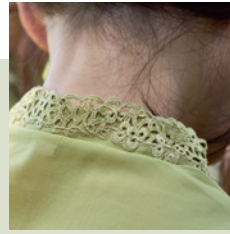
Sunil came to Aotearoa in 1995 to study management in Tauranga and says it was initially a culture shock to go from a city of 20 million to a city of around 60,000.

"But I chose to come here instead of in the US or UK because I wanted a quieter place."

He moved to Auckland two years later, got a job in the finance industry, married his Kiwi wife and had four children now aged 11-20.

For Sunil, sharing his culture means not only with Kiwis but also with his children. "Culture is ingrained with value so it's important to show our children what our values are. And for my children to know their father's culture."





ROZANA LEE

Working across textile, video and painting, a mark of artist Rozana Lee's work is combining elements from her birth country of Indonesia, her Chinese ancestral heritage and her adopted home, Aotearoa.

"I use a Tjanting, the traditional Indonesian Batik tool, for applying hot wax on hand-dyed fabric. I mix Chinese silk satin, Oriental or Islamic floral scrolls, pōhutakawa and fern motifs interwoven with migrating birds, highlighting the idea of migration and marking a pattern of a multicultural home."

It's a way to honour her past and retain the connections, adds Rozana, who grew up in her parents' textile shop in Aceh, North Sumatra. "If you don't honour the past, how can you fully embrace the future? I'm interested in creating a space where differences can be felt as togetherness or belonging."

Losing her mother in the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami was key to Rozana reviving her passion for art.

"The catastrophe prompted me to re-evaluate my life," says Rozana, who moved to Auckland in 2010 after marrying her Kiwi husband, Grant Lee, who she met when both were working in Singapore.

The Epsom-based artist juggled raising two sons (now 15 and 17) with two degrees: a Bachelor of Visual Arts from AUT (2015) and a Master of Fine Arts from The University of Auckland (2018).

Some of Rozana's latest works will be on display during the World of Cultures festival, including six large-scale pieces of textile art, patterned with decorative designs and cultural motifs, that will be exhibited in the entrance to Māngere Arts Centre.

"The colours are reminiscent of the rays of a rainbow."



GATLUAK CHUOL

“If my story can change someone’s life, then I have succeeded,” says Gatluak Chuol.

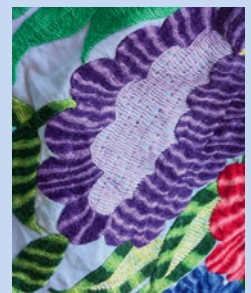
And what a story it is: the Meadowbank resident left his native South Sudan when he was 13 years old because the country was embroiled in civil war. “I was on my own and it took three months to walk to Ethiopia because of the fighting.”

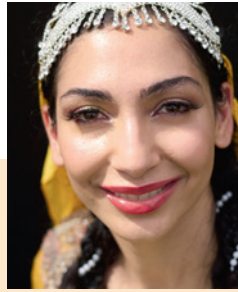
He was eventually reunited with his family at an Ethiopian refugee camp but 11 years later had to again flee due to war and walked to Kenya where he spent another 11 years in a refugee camp. Here he would sell his rationed food to pay for an English teacher. “We had no pens or paper, we drew with sticks in the sand.”

He met his wife Lillian at that camp and the couple had the first two of their four children. But Gatluak got stuck in South Sudan when he returned there for work and his family thought he had died. Lillian and the children were eventually resettled in Auckland and Gatluak ended up in the US for 11 years. He was reunited with his family in 2015 and now works as a community advocate in the refugee sector.

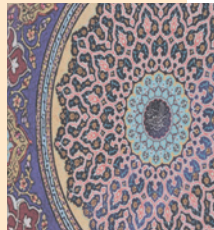
It’s this story that Gatluak often shares at events and festivals. “Some people cried and one woman hugged me and said I changed the way she looked at the world.”

“Culture is our identity and it is an honour to share my culture with other Kiwis. I’m able to learn something from other cultures and I hope that others can learn something about my culture from me.”





AIDA SAJADI



Aida Sajadi can remember the first time she realised the power of dance. The Northcote-based belly dancer/Persian cultural dancer was nine and living in South Western Iran.

“The women of my town would have women-only parties for every occasion, from baby showers and birthdays to graduations or just for fun. Since then, dance has always been my greatest connection to my culture.”

In 1979, when Iran’s Islamic regime came to power, they strictly restricted civil liberties, including banning dancing from public spaces.

“Ironically, I’m only able to keep the tradition of Classical Persian dance alive because I don’t live there.”

In 2000, Aida, her mother and younger sister Rana came to Auckland as refugees. “We chose New Zealand because we knew it was one of the most beautiful and peaceful countries on earth.”

Within a few weeks of arriving, Aida’s mother started running dance classes from the family’s tiny Mt Eden living room.

“Dance is now my full-time occupation. My specialities are belly dance and classical Persian dance, but the latter is not as well known or practised here, so people mostly hire me to belly dance at their events, usually weddings, corporate events and birthday parties.”

“Nowruz is the most important day on the Persian calendar and marks the first day of spring and the start of the new year. It’s celebrated throughout Central Asia by over 300 million people.”



What a day

March 21 is officially Race Relations Day - the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Events in March, April and May are often timed to coincide with Race Relations Day, which provides an opportunity to learn about each other, and to celebrate, share and enjoy the richness of our different cultures.

World of Cultures

World of Cultures (18 March – 3 April 2022) celebrates Auckland’s vibrant cultural fabric with activities and events across the region. The festival closes out with CultureFest (3 April), a spectacular one-day celebration of the many cultures who call Tāmaki Makaurau home.

Enjoy food, cultural dress, performances, art, and opportunities to learn something new all together in one place. Presented by Auckland Council. Visit worldofcultures.co.nz for festival details and latest updates around COVID-19 alert level restrictions.



What's on IN AUCKLAND



Visit ourauckland.nz/events for up-to-date information on what's happening around the region.

COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic light) settings will apply. Please check the latest Government advice, use the NZ COVID Tracer app, and follow any mask and vaccine requirements when attending events.

Visit ourauckland.nz/schoolholidays for fun, local and affordable activities across the region over the **Autumn School Holidays**.



To find out how you can commemorate **Anzac Day** (Mon 25 Apr), visit ourauckland.nz/anzacday.

Vector Lights on Auckland Harbour Bridge for Anzac Day 2021.





Bigger & better

Why higher density is the key to Auckland's growth.

Auckland is growing fast – over the next 30 years our population is expected to grow by another one million people. As our city grows, so does our need to have new homes and more housing choices in places we want to live, closer to the everyday things we need. We need to build more high-quality housing in the extra space that we already have, rather than sprawling outwards. This is no small feat, but it can and has been done all over the world. Auckland Council is at the forefront of the work to ensure this higher density housing delivers all its potential benefits, ultimately transforming Auckland into a more equitable, vibrant, and thriving city for decades to come.

Higher density housing: Where we stand

Auckland Council has already been leading the way. The Auckland Unitary Plan – our

city's planning rulebook – allows for a huge number of additional homes and more housing choices to be built across the city, especially close to public transport and town centres, with increasing numbers of multi-storey homes and terrace housing being delivered at record levels.

Over the past two years, central government has taken a much stronger role in planning for how New Zealand's largest cities can grow to allow for more housing, particularly freeing up height and density controls.

In August 2020, the National Policy Statement on Urban Development was introduced requiring councils to enable apartments of six storeys or more in walkable distances to the city centre, large metropolitan centres, and rapid transit stops (Auckland's train and busway stations).

Then in December 2021, the government also passed the Enabling Housing Supply Act requiring councils to enable more medium density housing of up to three storeys across most Auckland suburbs.

Council's General Manager of Plans and Places John Duguid

acknowledges that the government directive, and its ramifications, will mean big changes across the city in the years ahead.

“The government requires more height and density from us, and this is a big change not a little tweaking,” he says.

“But growth is our reality, and the government has come in very strongly with how it wants Auckland to grow. We need to work with it, continuing the good work we’ve already started with the Auckland Unitary Plan in 2016.”

Our neighbourhoods

Aucklanders want the same thing from our housing and our cities. We all want to have safe and secure homes, which are affordable, with easy commutes and access to amenities such as parks, schools, and shops. We want to live in a vibrant area and feel connected to our communities.

To give everyone this choice, there will need to be changes to the look and feel of our residential areas. Increasing our housing density to match the demands of our growing population is the smartest solution to meeting not only today’s housing demands, but also the needs of future generations.

Building more higher density homes, such as apartments, townhouses, and terrace housing, doesn’t mean there



Apartment life in New Lynn.



Victoria St West Cycleway

won't still be other types of housing. Rather it means a greater variety of homes, providing more choices for people to live in places they want, closer to where they work and within walking distance of shops, cafes, schools, and reliable transport options.

A growing community means more businesses, jobs, and local amenities such as libraries, schools, hospitals, parks and improved public transport systems.

Sustainable development

Over the past 30 years, urban growth has consumed much of Auckland's productive land essential for growing our food. Increasing housing density is one way to reduce urban sprawl into our productive lands. It also reduces harmful transport emissions from long commutes.

Right now, many Aucklanders still choose to – or have to – drive private vehicles each day.

Intensification could change that. By building more homes in a smaller footprint, we can increase the percentage of trips where locals choose to walk, cycle, or take public transport.

It also reduces the amount of construction materials, new infrastructure and rural land needed to provide every Aucklander with a warm, healthy, well-built place to call home.

Helping supply

We want to ensure our city is an equitable, more affordable place to live, and one of the biggest barriers to achieving those goals is an obvious one. House prices.

Auckland Council's Chief Economist Gary Blick says with house prices at an all-time high – the median price in December last year was \$1.3 million – people



Hayman Park, Manukau

need more responsive housing supply that offers a greater range of housing choices in locations where people want to live. Over time, a more responsive housing market should also help avoid further runaway increases in house prices.



New Lynn Station

Since Auckland Council changed its planning rules in 2016 to allow for greater intensification across the city, demand for multi-storey housing – such as apartments and particularly townhouses – has soared.

In 2011, there were less than 4000 dwelling consents granted, and multi-unit dwellings made up just 23 per cent of these, as compared with 77 per cent for single dwellings.

A decade on, and those figures have reversed. Of the 20,500 consents granted for the year to December 2021 (up 23 per cent on the previous year) 67 per cent of the total were for multi-unit dwellings.

“Higher density options will help us be more flexible in how we use our land,” says Blick. “It will also give buyers more choice in relatively central areas and contribute to a more compact urban form.”

Townhouses and apartments on the whole take up less land than a standalone house, usually making

them more affordable and this can help households struggling to get onto the property ladder. Additionally, these types of housing can suit people at different life stages – from first home buyers to downsizers.

The future of Auckland

Auckland is a fantastic city. But like all rapidly expanding cities we have some growing pains.

Auckland will need to transition to having more higher density residential development. While the thought of our city accommodating another million Aucklanders may feel daunting, when it’s managed well the benefits of living in a growing city outweigh the downside.

Auckland Council will be working with our communities to make the best of these changes and to ensure Auckland remains a great place to live, work and play.

The facts

- Central government’s National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPSUD), introduced in August 2020, directs high-growth councils to enable greater building height and density across their cities in places close to large urban centres and rapid transit.
- In December 2021, the government also introduced the Enabling Housing Supply Act requiring high-growth councils to enable more medium density housing of up to three storeys across most of their urban areas.
- The government has set statutory deadlines to put up proposed changes to the Auckland Unitary Plan by August 2022.
- Changes to the Auckland Unitary Plan are not optional, we must change our planning rules as directed by the government with only limited flexibility to tailor them to meet the needs of our city.
- In April, Aucklanders will be able to provide feedback on some of the changes that are not mandatory to help us prepare the proposed plan changes to the Auckland Unitary Plan.
- Aucklanders will also be able to make a formal submission from August 2022 to be considered as part of statutory decision-making on how the Auckland Unitary Plan will change.

Have your say on our annual budget

Auckland Council's Annual Budget 2022/2023 Consultation is now open. Go to [akhaveyoursay.nz/budget](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/akhaveyoursay.nz/budget) until 28 March 2022 to have your say.

A flexible budget, resilient in uncertain times

The public feedback we receive, as well as input from Local Boards will help inform decisions before the Governing Body considers the budget for adoption at the end of June.

The council is managing some complex pressures this year. The uncertainty created by COVID-19 and unfavourable shifts in major economic influences will be with us for some time. The pandemic has changed the way we live, work and enjoy our region. We are seeing a hesitancy for people to gather or use our facilities and public transport.

The ongoing impacts of these pressures are hard to predict, but the key is to have resilience

and flexibility in the budget. We know some Aucklanders are feeling the financial squeeze right now and the council is also having to adjust. Budget pressures would lead to a \$85 million gap for 2022/2023 compared with what was budgeted for in the 10-year Budget.

There is a high level of uncertainty around the drivers of this gap and a risk it could be significantly higher, but it needs to be resolved in the final budget to comply with our prudent financial policy requirements.

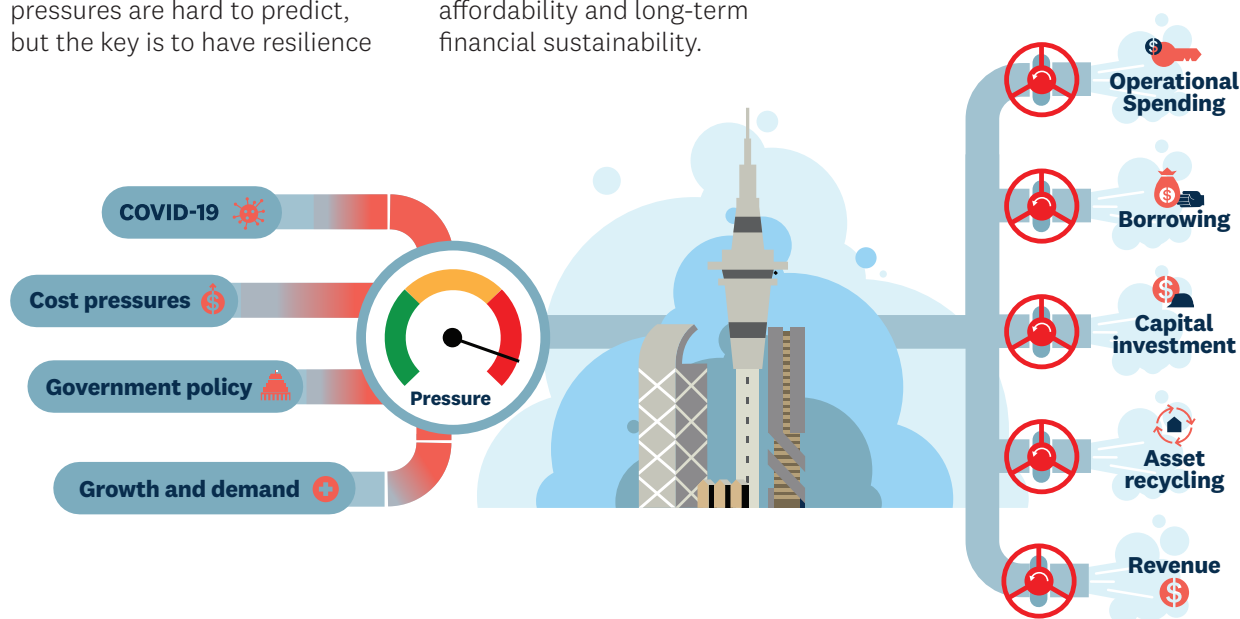
The key to managing this will be having the flexibility to respond using a range of financial levers.

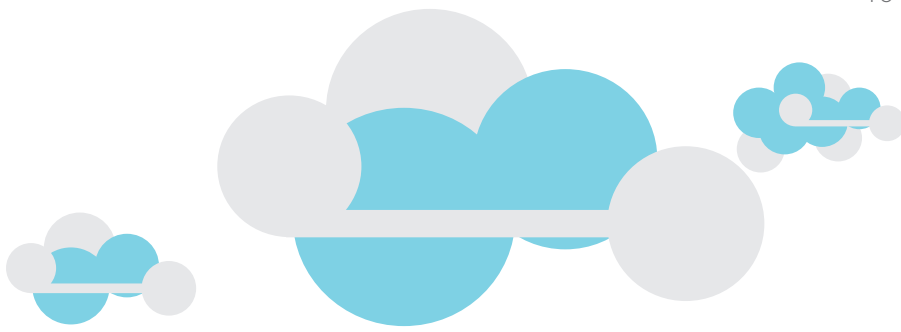
Each of these levers has different limitations and impacts on community outcomes, affordability and long-term financial sustainability.

Therefore, we propose using a mix of levers to get us through these uncertain times.

These include:

- adjusting our operational spending
- changing our borrowing (within the limits we have set)
- changing the timing of some capital spending
- implementing cost reductions where responsible
- increasing rates (within the overall average increase of 3.5 per cent for 2022/2023)
- the sale or long-term lease of underutilised non-strategic assets
- using committed Better Off funding from government.





The largest programme of climate action in our history

Aucklanders have told us they want to see more action to address the climate emergency.

Council is already acting, including investing around \$152 million in the 10-year Budget. This is a good start but falls short of reducing Auckland's emissions to the levels we must achieve.

That's why we propose spending \$1.045 billion over the next 10 years on a series of targeted climate actions to reduce emissions and support adaptation.

We suggest funding this

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PACKAGE

The funding will be used to invest in...

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Providing much greater access to efficient and reliable low-carbon public transport

ACTIVE NETWORK

Providing safe, convenient and well-connected walking and cycling options for many more Aucklanders

URBAN NGAHERE (FOREST)

Planting trees now to prepare for a warmer future, reducing vulnerability to extreme heat

through a Climate Action Targeted Rate. Funds from the rate would improve low carbon public transport choice for over one million Aucklanders, allow safer streets for walking and

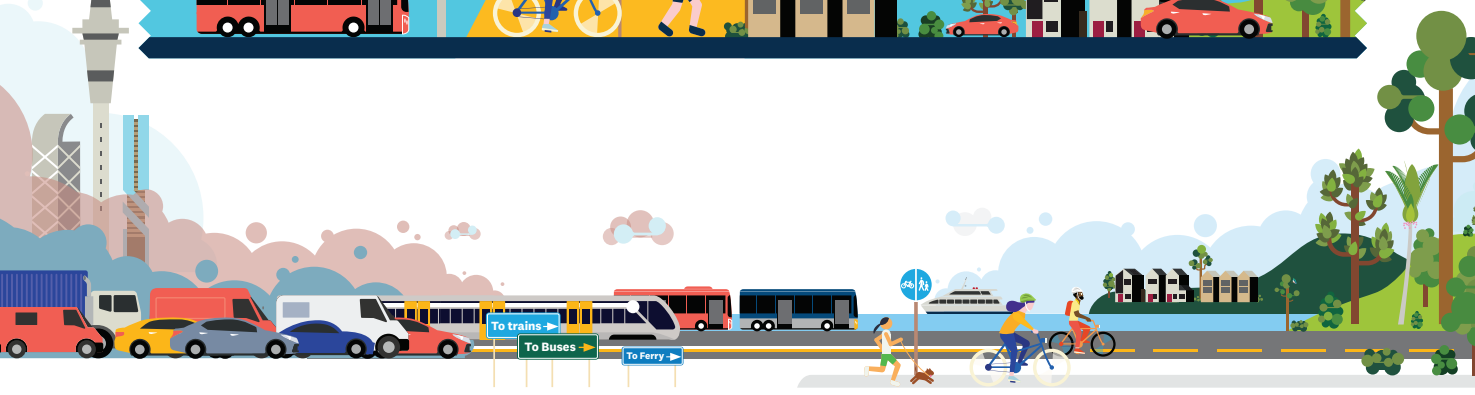
cycling, and greener neighbourhoods in communities that need it most. This would also generate wide regional benefits and address inequity in the provision of services.

WHICH WILL REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS AND RESULT IN...

1 million people living within 500m of bus routes receiving improvements

Safer streets to walk and cycle on

Greener neighbourhoods with more natural shade protection from increasing temperatures





WE ARE PROPOSING A THREE BIN SYSTEM

RECYCLING	RUBBISH	FOOD SCRAPS
		
<p>Fortnightly recycling service to continue as usual</p> <p>Already included in base charge</p>	<p>Regional rates funded service from 2024/2025</p> <p>A choice of 240L, 120L and 80L bins with a lower charge for the smaller bins</p> <p>Same pricing plan across the region</p> <p>Funded through its own rate - no tags</p> <p>Bags still available in rural areas</p>	<p>Food scraps collection to be expanded across Auckland from 2023</p> <p>Complements home composting systems</p> <p>Funded through its own rate</p> <p>Reduces your rubbish and may help you manage with a smaller rubbish bin for a reduced cost.</p>
<p>Other waste services</p> <p>The base charge also still covers regional initiatives including inorganic collection, community recycling centres and the Hauraki Gulf Islands subsidy.</p>		
<p>ONE PAYMENT SYSTEM</p>		

choice of three bin sizes to accommodate different household needs.

This means everyone pays the same no matter where you live, which is more equitable.

The smaller bins will be charged less than the bigger bins, retaining benefits for people who are minimising their waste. It is more cost-effective than the currently planned pay-as-you-throw model with prepaid bin tags or bags.

Auckland Central and Manukau have a rates-based service already, but for the rest of the region, this means no more bin tags.

Auckland aspires to be zero-waste by 2040. This may be a long-term goal, but there's a lot we can do right now.

Equitable and efficient waste management

Believe it or not, our waste has the potential to be a valuable resource for Aucklanders – creating jobs and boosting the economy, while allowing us to

take better care of our environment.

We want to do what is best for the environment while keeping rubbish collection costs for households as low as possible. In this budget, we propose moving to a region-wide rates-funded rubbish collection service with a

What do you think?

We want your feedback on the changes we could make to Auckland Council's Annual Budget 2022/2023. You can give feedback from 28 February to 28 March. To find out more including how to attend one of our Have Your Say events, visit [akhaveyoursay.nz/budget](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/your-say)



TANKS FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Install a water tank and collect rain to:

- wash your cars, boats, dogs etc.
- water your garden and lawn
- make efficient use of rainwater
- help protect the environment.

Act now to prepare for summer.

[aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/rainwatertanks](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/rainwatertanks)



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SECRET
SPOT

WHANGAMAIRE STREAM WATERFALL

Location: Hunter Road,
Henry Scenic Reserve,
Patumāhoe, South
Auckland

Discover a beautiful but little-known spot only 50 minutes from downtown Auckland or 10 minutes from Pukekohe, close to Patumāhoe. Ramble along a little track through picturesque native bush for a few minutes and you'll hear the roar of the water before you even see the waterfall. The upper cascades drop steeply for about five metres, before tumbling down another nine or so metres over moss and fern-covered rocks, then subsiding to a gentle stream that meanders through the bush to open farmland. Follow a side path for views of the lower cascades and waterfall and take a photo from the wooden platform.



Colours of Hidden Auckland

Enjoy the tones of Tāmaki Makaurau at home all year round

Resene
Koru

Resene
Boulder

Resene
Bush

Resene
Wood Bark

Resene
Secrets

Resene
Untamed

Resene
Stonewashed

Resene

the paint the professionals use



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