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Mayor's letter

I hope you enjoyed summer in Auckland and had a chance to get out and enjoy our city. We're spoiled for choice in Tāmaki Makaurau, with some of the best beaches in the world, hundreds of parks, playgrounds and bushwalks, and vibrant events to enjoy during the weekends and summer evenings.

This month, we want to know what you think about Auckland Council's proposed 10-year Budget. It's a Recovery Budget that responds to the significant challenges we have faced over the past year. These include the dramatic revenue loss because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the extra costs of ensuring water-supply resilience after the worst drought in Auckland's history. Our Recovery Budget aims to continue investment in the critical infrastructure Auckland needs and to respond to the increasing threat of climate change.

COVID-19 has had a massive impact on council finances, reducing revenue by up to \$1 billion by 2024. This means we will have to make some hard decisions about what we fund and the services and facilities we deliver. We will need to reduce planned expenditure and continue to find more savings and efficiencies. This includes locking in permanently \$90 million of savings from the \$120 million in last year's Emergency Budget. The council will become a leaner organisation and will do more with less. However, as in the Emergency Budget, we will strive to continue investment in the transport, housing and environmental infrastructure our city needs and maintain the services that Aucklanders rely on and that make Auckland a great place to live.

As well as the COVID-19 recovery, we will do more to address the challenges posed by climate change. We propose to invest in a package of new measures to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and adapt to the impact of climate change, including immediately halting the purchase of diesel buses and ensuring any new bus is electric or hydrogen-powered, as well as planting more trees and planning for coastal change.

Your feedback on the Recovery Budget is important and will help guide the decisions we make. Please get involved and help shape Auckland's future and our recovery from COVID-19. Consultation is open until 22 March. See pages 10-14 for more information and to have your say.


Phil Goff, Mayor of Auckland



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BY THE NUMBERS

408

Walking school buses get Auckland children to their schools safely, providing them with exercise while reducing the number of cars on the road and helping the environment.

190

The length in metres of the Central Interceptor tunnel-boring machine, Hiwa-i-te-Rangi, which will soon begin digging New Zealand's largest wastewater tunnel.

1851

The year that the America's Cup was first contested, making it the oldest trophy in international sport, and 45 years older than the modern Olympic Games.



\$649,256

The amount of money in grants given to a range of projects designed to promote waste minimisation and reduce waste going to landfill in our region.

34,800

The record number of Aucklanders who had their say on Auckland Council's 2020/2021 Emergency Budget.



300

The length in kilometres of cycle paths in Auckland ready for you to explore and enjoy year-round.

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THE BRIEFING

NEWS AND INSPIRATION FROM COUNCIL HQ

WHAT IS YOUR IMPACT ON THE PLANET? TAKE A QUICK QUIZ TO FIND OUT

Most of us feel we are generally pretty good to Mother Nature. We try to play our part. Or do we? Head to **futurefit.nz** to take our quiz and discover your carbon footprint. It takes only 3-5 minutes. FutureFit is



a great way of finding out where you are on the 'eco-friendly' scale. You can sign up to save your footprint, choose actions to reduce it, then track your progress over time. The tool will help you to identify small changes you can make that will have a big impact on reducing your carbon footprint. You can also challenge friends, whānau and workmates, or create a team to take action together. More than 21,000 Kiwis have already used FutureFit and have collectively saved over 800,000kg of carbon emissions.

Be water safe and learn to swim

With three beautiful harbours, more than 3000km of coastline and thousands of backyard swimming pools, Auckland is surrounded by water for you to swim, fish,



paddle and play in. To enjoy all that Auckland has to offer, we need to ensure that we know how to be safe and survive in and around water.

Water Safety New Zealand's provisional drowning report notes there were 14 preventable drownings in the Auckland region last year. This sad loss of life highlights that water safety and swimming are key life skills everyone should learn, at any age. It's never too late to learn.

Auckland Council has nine swim schools across the region with affordable lessons for babies through to adults. All our instructors are AUSTSWIM qualified.

Make water safety a priority; find out more about swimming lessons at **aucklandleisure.co.nz/activities/learn-to-swim**

GET ACTIVE YOUR WAY THIS YEAR

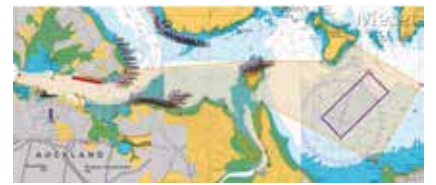
Whether it's visiting one of our region's welcoming leisure centres, trying something new like discovering a cycleway or exploring a new park, or simply getting off the couch and kicking a ball around with the kids at a local sports field, there are hundreds of different ways to get active thanks to Auckland Council.

Based on what you enjoy doing, your lifestyle, schedule, age, where

you live and whatever your budget is, there's something for everyone. From gyms and swimming pools, basketball courts or simply finding a path for a walk, there are lots of opportunities to get out and about.

There is no better time than now to enjoy all the ways you can 'Get active your way' across the Auckland region. Find out how at **aucklandleisure.co.nz**

Catch the action, not cables, this summer



With sunny days and yacht racing in full swing, it's great to see so many people out on the water. But if you're heading out on the boat, give underwater electricity cables a wide berth. They are clearly marked in chart plotters and on paper charts. Anchoring over them is dangerous and not allowed – doing so could damage them. In the case of Vector's Maraetai-to-Waiheke underwater cable, damage could potentially leave thousands of Aucklanders without power. So, before you drop anchor, make sure you check your charts.

Keep your boat ship-shape



Over two-thirds of boating incidents that Coastguard volunteers attend are for non-urgent assistance, such as a flat battery after a day using the fish-finder, a mechanical issue with the boat's motor, or a fuel-related problem. And as we begin the slide towards winter, we encourage boaties – both new and experienced – to make sure their vessel is in good condition, the motor has been serviced and to check the batteries. Nothing ruins a great day out on the water more than having to get towed back home!

For tips on keeping your boat ship-shape, **visit boatiesbestmate.nz** or call Coastguard on 0800 BOATIE (262 843).

FUTURE FOCUS

We asked a cross-section of Aucklanders to tell us about their aspirations for the region over the next decade. We wanted to know what we should prioritise to achieve their vision, what about Tāmaki Makaurau makes them proud, and how they would spend an ideal day here.



WAIORA PENE HARE,
(Te Rarawa, Ngātiwai),
61, job seeker, Ranui.

Auckland lives up to its Māori name, Tāmaki Makaurau – a deeply desired place. My granddaughter Hayley did a poem and art piece years ago that says, “I smell the air. I can taste the air. I touch the water.” It quite simply encompasses all we might strive for now and carry beyond 2020.

The city’s biggest challenge over the next decade relates to water. Sustaining a green and literally clean growing population must be a priority. There should be serious scope for water savings in domestic and business settings. We must stop flushing drinkable water down our loos, establish desalination plants, eliminate bottled water and, among

other public initiatives, follow the example of West Auckland’s Twin Streams project of cleaning up our local treasures.

At my most nostalgic, I am proud of Auckland when coming home from overseas. I like the changing ethos of the average Aucklander, the trickle-down effect from the government, the super-smart mayor, and the Auckland-resident Prime Minister.

How do I make the most of Auckland? When I had two manuhiri visiting from Gisborne recently, our action-packed day included a train ride from Ranui to Britomart, ferry to Waiheke Island, bus to Onetangi, an au natural swim, and a barbecue with friends. Then the reverse journey back to downtown Auckland.

I also look forward to bowing at the feet of Robyn Kahukiwa’s original paintings at Auckland Art Gallery’s Toi Tu Toi Ora exhibition.

RUDY TAVAREZ,
36, sales manager,
Morningside.

My vision for Auckland is that people are going to be more integrated; we’ll be more mixed and more accepting. The next 10 years will be more of an intellectual transformation.

Auckland is growing, and I don’t know if we are growing our water capacity. We need to have the infrastructure to store more water. Where I grew up, in the Sonora Desert in Mexico, water is precious. In my home city, Cajeme, only the council can have trees. Everyone at home has their own tank – everyone – so we make the most of the little rain we get.

The thing I am most proud about Auckland is the diversity here – how cosmopolitan the city is. I arrived in Auckland 10 years ago, and one thing that has changed here since then is the culture. We can now get not only good Mexican food but Israeli food, too, for example.

My ideal day would be spent walking one of the paths that we have, then up Mt Eden or One Tree Hill so you can get the elevated perspective. Either that or go up the Sky Tower, then go to Ponsonby, Newmarket or Kingsland, perhaps Mission Bay, just to get out of the city centre and see the little communities that we have around Auckland.



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ROSA CHOW, 69, business tutor, Howick.

I would like to see people in the community really coming together without being overly aware that they are different. Many are still divided by ethnicity or religion. I would like to see people who are comfortable joining in community activities with any other type of person. There's a lot of room to move towards the goal of having total integration here. I think the greatest opportunity would be to open up the different cultures for people to absorb. Auckland's cultural diversity is already there. It is only waiting for some motivating factor.

I love that Rangitoto is so close. It is unique because it is such a young volcano; being able to experience what a volcano is like is great. It is unlikely that my friends from overseas would ever have seen or been on a volcano.

My ideal day would involve taking a morning walk on Mt Wellington, then having a yum cha brunch in Pakuranga. I would then drive to Maraetai through scenic Whitford for a stroll and afternoon tea, perhaps visiting the marae and picking up some oysters from Clevedon, too. The evening would be spent at the night market.



AMELINE MAKIN, 16, student, Kaipara Flats.

Ten years from now, I reckon transport will be more environmentally friendly, definitely using more alternative sources of power, like the sun, and we'll have more e-scooters around. I would definitely want to see more libraries pop up, and for them to be more

accessible to the public. And I would like to see more green areas.

Our coastal areas represent a large opportunity over the next decade. People could use holiday houses more, and they'll definitely be more environmentally friendly through using less plastic. A step forward with traffic management would be making electric vehicles more popular.

Thinking about why I'm proud of Auckland, I'd have to include our public transport. When you go to other areas of New Zealand and try to catch buses, it's definitely a lot more difficult to find them and to work out which route goes where.

Auckland has lots of different aspects. So you have the city centre, which has all the high-rise buildings and the fancy shopping centres, and then if you go north or south, you're into farmland, or in coastal areas where you can go for a swim and grab an ice cream.

KEEGAN BLACK, 32, teacher, North Shore.

My vision for Auckland in the next 10 years revolves around public transport, because I don't see any other way we're going to get around, given that density is increasing. I also think we need to be really careful about what we value before we make any decisions, so that we make sure we keep what we love.

I think we've got some real possibilities in hosting really large sporting events. We've got the America's Cup racing on now, we've had two Rugby World Cups, and we're co-hosting the Fifa Women's World Cup in 2023. I'd love to see us go for something huge.

I've lived in London, and when you look at a lot of international cities, there's just concrete everywhere. But in Auckland, we have a lot of green spaces. The fact we value those and not just be like, "Oh, let's just get rid of that park and build houses or whatever", that's really cool.

We're really lucky in Auckland because we have so many good walks, so for me, the perfect day is, get up, go on one of my walks, come back, go for a swim, and then hit up some of the nightlife in Ponsonby or Britomart.



RONELLE BAKER (Ngāti Porou, Rongomaiwahine, Waikato-Tainui, Ngāpuhi), 48, public servant, New Lynn.

My vision for Tāmaki Makaurau is that it's a more accessible and sustainable city, with connected communities at its heart.

There's no point having an accessible transport service if a person can't physically get to the train station. We need to improve our facilities, venues, parks and public spaces to make this a much more accessible and liveable city. Otherwise we are excluding a large section of our communities.

I'm really proud of our regional parks and our commitment to having good urban design and a more sustainable city. I'm proud of what I see being done to acknowledge the whakapapa and heritage of this place and its people. It has also been great to see us celebrating diverse communities.

I like nothing better than to be involved with what's going on, but access is my biggest barrier. Feeling like I've got a part to play is what makes my day.



RUTH BUSCH, 77, retired law professor and domestic violence prevention advocate, Point Chevalier.

As someone who grew up in a really large city in North America, I find it wonderful that we can swim in our own harbour. Obviously, though, stormwater getting mixed in with wastewater and polluting our beaches has got to stop. Another thing is we need to make sure women, especially young women, can live here free of sexual, physical and psychological violence.

Addressing climate change is a really big issue facing our region. I live near the North-western Motorway, and during the first COVID lockdown, traffic really went down. People in my neighbourhood walked in the street – in fact, we took over the street. There needs to be more use of public transport and less use of cars.

To me, Auckland's biggest asset is its beauty. I'd like anything that contributes to our city having more of a sustainable, accessible future.

I'm a non-driver, and so to get around Auckland I need public transportation. Using my SuperGold Card to get the ferry to Waiheke is my favourite outing – my partner Jan and I have gone for morning coffee, because we can!

GEORGIA PRINGLE, 26, environmental science student, Point Chevalier.

Auckland has been trying to keep up with its expansion and growth, and that gives us a really cool opportunity to decide how we can creatively expand. Auckland is a bustling city, but that doesn't mean it can't have the softness of green spaces and can't also use those spaces to be more environmentally friendly. Being really conscious about how we use space is going to become so important.

Future opportunities for the city should focus on events that build community. There's lots of stuff that happens at the suburban level but we should have more Auckland-based things that families can go to so they can really feel like they have a part in building the city.

I am proud of Auckland's community diversity, in terms of all of the people here, and also the amazing food and opportunities for young people, with different things happening every night.

My ideal day would always start with a really nice coffee, followed by walking through Auckland Domain and visiting the gardens there, and then, if it's a sunny day, heading to one of the beaches for a swim.



KATE HANARA (Ngāti Kahungunu), 44, event producer, Māngere.

I'd love Auckland to revert to being a series of small communities. Auckland is quite tricky because it's so diverse, but I would hope people would value their relationships with their neighbours a lot more. I know that making communities stronger with interpersonal relationships and being able to shop local is much more important to me than it was before lockdown.

I think there are massive tourism and internet opportunities here. Film, in particular – the amount of work is going up and up and up and it's massive. So, let's leverage the heck out of that and let's staff it all locally.

I'm proud of Auckland's diversity, but know there's work to do here – I would love diversity to be important to everybody. We can easily celebrate diversity by going to an event, for example, but I would love for us all to be comfortable enough with diversity to be able to have challenging conversations with people in our lives.

I love going up to the Waitākeres, and Hunua is an absolute favourite of mine. I love finding those little gems. Did you know there's a waterfall in Waterview?

REBECCA CAROE, 55, marketer, Hobsonville.

I see Auckland as becoming a world city – somewhere with a unique identity and charisma that is designed to benefit residents, visitors and business. I'd love us to be world-leading in green tech and smart city management, especially for transport.

The region's biggest opportunities come from continued immigration and enabling new New Zealanders (like me) to settle, find work and develop friendships while ensuring that there's enough housing, schools and healthcare to support our growing population.

Attitudes really matter, and I think most people want Auckland to succeed – it's just a case of how easy it is to persuade us to change habits like taking the bus instead of driving, or living in a flat rather than in a house on a quarter-acre section.

I am really proud of the city's views and the extraordinary diversity of people who live here. Together, we make lots of tiny sub-cities aligned with our interests, our sports, our origins and our passions. I like being able to go to a Pasifika night market one day and to a world-class classical-music performance the next.

I always take visitors up Mt Eden to see the extent of the city – the Hauraki Gulf and the Waitākere Ranges – and then we go to the Auckland War Memorial Museum to see a little bit of history, a few fun indigenous animals, and the Māori collection explaining the westwards Pacific migration. After that, we find some amazing food to eat (that's easy) and stroll along the waterfront in the Wynyard Quarter and the Viaduct. If there's time, we go for a city beach swim or a drive around the eastern bays and end up in a bar sampling some local brews.



JAY LAUPOLA, 34, diesel mechanic, Manurewa.

Auckland is the country's money maker – we always have been. I've been here my whole life. I feel there are more opportunities here for jobs and security.

I like the city's fast pace. I make the most of life here with work, work, work. And paddling with the Pakuranga Outrigger Canoe Club – that's my life. Our main aim is to finish a race in Takapuna. The first time, we flipped twice, and the second year, we sank, so it'd definitely make the most of my year if we finished this time.

Ten years from now, I'm hoping the traffic in Auckland will be better. It sucks getting anywhere at present. It seems like they put in new motorways and tunnels all the time but are always a step behind.

I'd also like South Auckland to be accepted more as a part of Auckland – you always hear it getting stigmatised. Our community should be more integrated.

TOBY CHOW, 32, insurance adviser, Greenlane.

My ideal future Auckland is more immersive and more connected. I feel that in 10 years' time, we could have a better-connected public transport network that creates more socialising between all the different Auckland regions, and better access to libraries and public spaces. Also, I think some of the drainage and piping around Auckland needs to be revisited.

I believe Aucklanders are wasting too much time in traffic and we're losing too much productivity. I think the different hubs that can be developed around Auckland and connected with one another are our biggest opportunities.

I'm very proud of how clean and welcoming Auckland is. Having travelled to a lot of different places



around the world, I've noticed a lot of cities have very, very rough city centres, whereas in Auckland, we have developed a lot of cool ideas like public artworks.

The coastline from our city centre to Mission Bay is a gorgeous walk or ride. I would also advise people to do a day trip to Waiheke and also visit Auckland Museum, or maybe Cornwall Park – that gives a view of all of the surrounding area.

OUR RECOVERY BUDGET

We're preparing our 10-year Budget 2021-2031, outlining our plan for operating and delivering services over the next decade. Our plans include leading our region's response to climate change, responding to housing and growth, investing in our communities and protecting our environment. More than ever before, it's important we hear what Aucklanders think of these plans.



We are proposing to spend \$31 billion of capital investment on key services, ageing assets and building new infrastructure to support population growth and enhance our communities. And, while we're not starting from scratch, we want to speed up our progress on addressing the impacts of climate change. Our research shows this is a major concern for Aucklanders, so we propose to increase investment in this area by around \$150 million.

As well as the devastating human cost, COVID-19 has created financial uncertainty around the world and Auckland Council has not been immune. Like many businesses and organisations, our revenue has dropped significantly. We expect this to continue over the next three years and are forecasting a total reduction of around \$1 billion. To offset this, we

want to continue to make savings, temporarily increase our borrowing and sell off any surplus property where we can. We also propose a one-off 5 per cent increase in average general rates for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. After this, we suggest continuing with the average general rates increase of 3.5 per cent per year. Combined, these actions will enable us to continue delivering essential services, retain hundreds of millions of dollars in government subsidies, and support our region's recovery.

In recent years, we've also worked to increase water quality in our harbours, beaches and streams and protect and improve our natural environment. This has been paid for by the targeted rates introduced in 2018. We propose to continue to invest in these areas by extending

these rates until at least 2028, and in the case of water quality, to increase the rate each year so we can make more progress sooner.

Last year's Emergency Budget was an immediate response to COVID-19, but while we continue to manage the financial impacts, we also need to focus on the future. That's why we're looking at the 10-year Budget 2021-2031 as a 'Recovery Budget'.

Proposals in the Recovery Budget cover a wide variety of topics that could affect you and your whānau, so please let us know if we've got it right.


You have until 22 March to have your say, so get in touch – we want to hear from you. To find out more or to attend an event or webinar, go to [akhaveyoursay.nz/recoverybudget](https://www.akhaveyoursay.nz/recoverybudget)

Translated summaries of the consultation document and feedback form are available in te reo Māori, Korean, simplified Chinese, Samoan and Tongan – copies are available from [akhaveyoursay.nz/recoverybudget](https://www.akhaveyoursay.nz/recoverybudget), libraries and service centres, by emailing akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz, or by calling **09 301 0101**. New Zealand Sign Language video and accessible versions are also available.

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10-year Budget 2021-2031 Feedback form



We want your feedback

Feedback must be received by 12pm midday Monday 22 March 2021. Please read the Consultation Document available at akhaveyoursay.nz/recoverybudget or at any library, service centre, or by phoning **09 301 0101** before you give feedback. It has more information about the issues and choices that we want your feedback on. Please refer to the online rates guide at akhaveyoursay.nz/ratesguide and the Glossary of terms on page 80 of the Consultation Document.

All questions are optional. We encourage you to give feedback online at akhaveyoursay.nz/recoverybudget, or you can complete this form and return it to us using one of these options:

- Email**
Scan your completed form and email it to akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
- In person**
Drop your completed form off at your local library or service centre.
- By post**
Place your completed form in an envelope and send it to freepost address: AK Have Your Say, Auckland Council, Freepost Authority 182382, Private Bag 92 300, Auckland 1142.

Your feedback will be included in public documents. All other personal details will remain private.

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Email or postal address: _____

Your local board: _____

Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation or business?
(If yes, this confirms you have the authority to submit on the organisation's behalf)

Yes No

Name of organisation or business: _____

The following information is optional but will help us know whether we are hearing from all Aucklanders.

Are you: Female Male Gender diverse

What age group do you belong to?

- Under 15 15-24 25-34 35-44
 45-54 55-64 65-74 75+

Which of the following describes your ethnicity?

(Please select as many as apply)

- Pākehā/NZ European
 Māori – which iwi/Hapū do you affiliate with?

- Chinese South East Asian
 Samoan Tongan
 Indian Korean
 Cook Islands Māori
 Other (please specify) _____

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Proposed Recovery Budget

To answer the following question please refer to pages 17 to 29 of the Consultation Document

Our proposed 10-year Budget would see capital investment of \$31 billion in Auckland over the next 10 years. This would allow us to deliver key services Aucklanders rely on, renew our ageing assets, have a focused approach to building infrastructure to support population growth, and make progress on addressing the challenges of climate change and environmental sustainability.

As a result of COVID-19, it is projected that our revenue will be impacted by around \$1 billion. In light of this, and to provide the investment outlined above, we are proposing a one-off 5 per cent average general rates increase for 2021/2022, rather than the previously planned 3.5 per cent increase. The increases would return to 3.5 per cent each year thereafter. We are also proposing to increase our borrowing in the short term, continue to make cost savings and sell more surplus property.

Without this greater use of rates and debt, around \$900 million of much needed investment in Auckland would be delayed from the next three years to later in the decade.

This would slow Auckland's recovery, put our services and assets at risk, lose hundreds of millions of dollars in matching government subsidies, and limit our response to our climate and environmental challenges.

What is your opinion on the proposed Recovery Budget?

Support Do not support Other Don't know

Tell us why:

Climate change

To answer this question please refer to pages 30-31 of the Consultation Document

Through Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan, we heard Aucklanders want greater action on climate change. The proposed 10-year Budget includes additional investment to respond to the challenges of climate change.

The proposed additional investment will mean we do not need to buy any more diesel buses and it will help us replace our diesel buses with electric and hydrogen buses sooner. It will also help us divert more waste from landfill, plant over 2 million more native trees, and other initiatives.

What is your opinion on this proposal to invest more in responding to climate change?

Support the proposed increased investment

Do not support increased investment

Other Don't know

Tell us why:

Water quality

To answer this question please refer to pages 35-36 of the Consultation Document.

Since 2018 the Water Quality Targeted Rate has allowed us to fund initiatives to improve the water quality of our harbours, beaches and streams. This was initially intended to run from 2018 to 2028. We are proposing to extend the Water Quality Targeted Rate until June 2031.

Extending the targeted rate

Extending this targeted rate to June 2031 will help continue to improve water quality in other areas of the city, including coastal water quality from Hobson Bay to St Heliers, as well as the Manukau Harbour. Extending this targeted rate would enable this additional work to begin in 2028/2029.

Increasing the targeted rate

To start construction on major new water-quality projects six years earlier (in 2022/2023), and to increase our investment in regional water quality programmes across all of Auckland, we are also proposing to increase this targeted rate annually in line with proposed average increases in average general rates.

What is your opinion on this proposal?

Support the extension and the increase

Support the extension only

Do not support either change Other Don't know

Tell us why:

Community investment

To answer this question please refer to pages 33-34 of the Consultation Document

We have hundreds of community facilities like libraries, halls, community centres, community houses, arts venues, and assets in our parks that are getting older and some are in urgent need of repair. The cost of operating, repairing or rebuilding these assets over the next 10 years could leave no money for anything new or upgraded. To maintain our current assets and upgrade or provide new assets, rates would likely need to be increased over time.

We propose a new approach for community services, such as leasing or shared facilities, that does not rely as much on us building and maintaining physical assets. This will reduce our carbon footprint and lower our costs by partnering with others to deliver services and deliver more community services online.

Over time, we propose to consolidate the number of our community facilities and services (which may result in some facilities being closed) and instead focus on multi-use facilities and online services to provide for our diverse communities.

What is your opinion on this proposal?

Support Do not support Other Don't know

Tell us why:

Rating policy

The following are some of our proposed changes to the way we charge rates on properties. These changes affect each property differently. They may, or may not, affect your property.

To see how your rates may change, or for more information on these and other proposals before answering, please read Part Four (pages 38-47) of the Consultation Document or go to our rates guide at akhaveyoursay.nz/ratesguide.

What is your opinion on the following rating policy proposals?	Support	Do not support	Other	Don't know
Extending the Natural Environment Targeted Rate until June 2031 to invest further in measures such as addressing the spread of kauri dieback, and predator and weed control.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extending the Urban Rating Area so land that has an operative urban zoning, or which has resource consent to be developed for urban use now (except for Warkworth), pays the same urban rates as nearby properties that have access to a similar level of service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charging farm and lifestyle properties in the Urban Rating Area residential rates so they pay the same urban rates as nearby properties that have access to a similar level of service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extending the City Centre Targeted Rate until June 2031 to maintain our investment in upgrading the city centre.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introducing the Rodney Drainage Targeted Rate on the land in Te Arai and Okahukura that benefits from the stormwater services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Upper Harbour Local Board is proposing a new bus service between Paremoremo and Albany, funded by a targeted rate. Which of the following options do you support?

Support option 1 – targeted rate of \$238 for each separate dwelling or business on a property for properties located up to 500m walking distance of a proposed bus stop

Support option 2 – targeted rate of \$153 for each separate dwelling or business on a property for properties located in the wider Paremoremo and Lucas Heights area of Upper Harbour Local Board

Do not support either option

Don't know

Tell us why:

Do you live in the affected area?

Yes No

We are proposing other changes to rates and fees, including the introduction of the Electricity Network Resilience Targeted Rate on Vector to fund the council's tree management programme around the Vector overhead power lines and options to reinstate the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate. Do you have any comments on any of our proposed changes to rates and fees charges (see pages 35, 36, 39-47)? Please be clear which proposal you are talking about.

Local boards

To answer this question please refer to Part Six (pages 55-66) of the Consultation Document

Which local board area does your feedback relate to?

Tell us your thoughts on our proposed priorities for the local board area in 2021/2022 and our key advocacy initiatives – have we got it right?

I support all priorities I support most priorities

I do not support most priorities

I do not support any priorities

Other Don't know

Tell us why:

What is important to you?

Do you have feedback on any other issues, including our proposals on housing and growth infrastructure or strategic assets (pages 32, 48-53)?



Need more room? You can attach extra pages, but please make sure they are A4 and also include your name and contact information.

LOCAL NEWS / AROUND AUCKLAND

Toka Puia – more than a car park

Takapuna shoppers, residents and businesses have embraced the new Toka Puia car park in Northcroft Street with enthusiasm.

Only a quick walk from the bustling suburb's business and retail centre, it provides 420 short-stay car parks to replace the 250 parks at 40 Anzac Street, which will be redeveloped into a new town square, homes, businesses and eateries.

“Toka Puia's flexible and multi-use nature is a special feature of this building, with its many bike parks, electric bike charging facilities, changing rooms and electric car share vehicles,” says North Shore Ward Councillor Chris Darby.

“Takapuna is a step closer to having the distinctive connected and thriving town centre it deserves, against the backdrop of Auckland's best urban beach.”

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chair Aidan Bennett says Toka Puia “marks further progress for our growing centre, freeing up precious space for a new town square and development that will serve the community for years to come, while ensuring Takapuna's current and future parking needs are well



looked after”.

The car-park project was a collaboration between Panuku Development Auckland, Auckland Transport and mana whenua Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, who also gifted the name. It references volcanic rock (‘toka’) and a spring (‘puia’) that originally flowed from it on nearby Maungauika / North Head.

The golden lattice pattern that adorns the external facade of Toka

Puia pays homage to the patterns on the gas-storage facility that occupied the site from 1915.

The internal walls of the car park are a canvas for artwork depicting the indigenous history of Takapuna, guided by the storytelling of mana whenua. These creative works are being crafted by mana whenua-nominated artists Tessa Harris and Graham Tipene and will be installed in the coming months.

Myrtle rust found in Waitākere Ranges

The fungal disease myrtle rust has been discovered in the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park, infecting one of New Zealand's most highly susceptible native myrtles, *Lophomyrtus bullata*, commonly known as ramarama.

The species is nationally threatened and its conservation status is classified as critical.



Myrtle rust can infect and eventually kill hundreds of species in the plant family Myrtaceae, which in New Zealand includes mānuka, pōhutukawa, rātā and kānuka. To date, pōhutukawa have not been badly affected in the Auckland region.

“This fungus is wind-borne and the discovery in the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park was not a matter of if, but when,” says Councillor Richard Hills. “Despite the inevitability, this will be distressing for many of our communities who are concerned that our native taonga could be affected.”

Auckland Council's Environmental Services and Regional Parks teams are assessing

the site to determine what to do next in response to the discovery.

What to do if you think you see myrtle rust:

- don't touch the plant or come into close contact where you may inadvertently transfer the rust to your clothing or gear
- take a photo of the plant, including infected leaves or other parts, and a close-up of the spores
- submit your images to the iNaturalist website – experts will confirm the infection.

For more information, visit the Auckland Council website or email biosecurity@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Refills save money, help nature

Almost every block in the Auckland city centre has a water fountain or other place where you can refill your water bottle for free. As well, Auckland Council's pools, leisure centres, libraries and other facilities have refill stations.

An estimated 828 million single-use plastic bottles are thrown away each year in New Zealand. That's equivalent to 165 Olympic swimming pools full of plastic waste, according to RefillNZ, which is working with enviro-friendly businesses, councils and others to make it easier for people to refill their reusable bottles rather than buy disposable plastic ones.

If we each used a refillable bottle just 1 in 3 times, we'd save more than 250 million plastic bottles a year, says RefillNZ, which has launched the Refill Challenge to help everyone switch to tap water.

Sign up on its website, refillnz.org.nz, and you can track the money you are saving by switching, and see how much plastic waste you are preventing. There are prizes to be won.



The website also lists all the public drinking fountains and the nearly 200 cafes and council facilities in Auckland where you can fill up when you're out and about.

Refill NZ founder Jill Ford says

that in New Zealand, "we're lucky to have some of the highest-quality drinking water in the world. Avoiding bottled water is a great way to protect and enjoy our environment".

More drinking water for the Auckland region

A former water-treatment site is back supplying drinking water to Auckland from the Hays Creek Dam in the Hūnua Ranges.

The first third of a \$57 million Watercare project – a temporary plant at the old Papakura water-treatment site – has been completed and is processing six million litres a day.

Last year's severe drought spurred Watercare to accelerate its plan to recommission the Papakura operation and to draw drinking water from the dam again.

The original 1950s plant was taken out of service in 2005 as it could not meet new, more-rigorous drinking-water standards.

Work began last July to demolish the old plant and construct a pipeline to take water from the new facility to the Papakura network. Once site-preparation works were done, the temporary treatment plant itself took just 32 days to take shape.

By Christmas, the water main was complete and the first stages of water treatment were being tested.

Watercare Head of Operations Excellence Priyan Perera (pictured) says despite considerable traffic disruption, the pipeline was completed without a single complaint from road users.

"We are very proud of that. We worked to communicate as much



as possible with locals and they were very understanding and supportive of our work. Completing it quickly certainly helps."

With the commissioning of the temporary plant, contractors are now turning their attention to building the permanent facility, which will be able to treat 12 million litres of water a day.



WE ARE SAILING!

The 36th America’s Cup is about so much more than yacht racing. From helping to accelerate the revitalisation of downtown Auckland, including developing new public spaces and expanding infrastructure to support the marine and events industries, right through to education programmes for schoolkids, its benefits are many.

Sarah Dunn goes behind the scenes at the America’s Cup.

Many Aucklanders will remember how, in 1995 and again in 2000, the America’s Cup swallowed the city’s harbour and the Viaduct precinct whole. When Sir Peter Blake led Team New Zealand to victory, it created a lasting benefit that wasn’t just cultural.

“I think most Aucklanders understand that the America’s Cup, over time, has had a significant impact on the central city – in particular, the Viaduct Harbour, which was developed on the back of previous America’s Cups,” says Steve Armitage, Auckland Unlimited General Manager Destination.

So, Armitage says, when the opportunity to host the 36th America’s Cup came up, the Auckland Council group quickly understood that this meant not just a world-class event, but a chance to re-examine the waterfront’s ongoing development.

The council and the government formed the Wynyard Edge Alliance with Downer and McConnell Dowell and designers Beca and Tonkin & Taylor to deliver the Cup infrastructure. Armitage says the success of this alliance, with its work completed ahead of schedule and

within budget, has demonstrated how the private and public sectors can work together to deliver in the public interest.

“We felt that this unlocked an opportunity for Auckland to be one of the premier on-water events destinations in the world. So the investment and infrastructure to host the event itself are significant, because we feel it paves the way for us to realise our ambition for a more accessible and inviting waterfront for Aucklanders to enjoy.”

While COVID-19 has affected aspects of the Cup, Armitage says that to still be able to host an international sporting event of the scale of the series is something Aucklanders can be proud of.

“It’s great to see three years of planning with our partners culminate in such a magnificent event showcasing Auckland and New Zealand to the world.

“We have had a great team of people working on this, with representatives from across the Auckland Council group, including Auckland Unlimited, Panuku and Auckland Transport, as well as Crown agencies such as the Ministry of Business, Innovation and



Employment, the police, Fire and Emergency New Zealand and St John.”

Armitage says while much of the world may not be permitted to visit Auckland, it’s avidly watching.

“The reaction to the America’s Cup events and, particularly, the way we have been able to showcase Auckland – not just the city centre and the hubs where people have been congregating to watch the racing, but the wider Hauraki Gulf and the islands – have really got people’s attention here and around the globe.

“And that’s, ultimately, the ambition we have. We want Auckland to be well regarded, not just by the city’s own people but by folk who may aspire to visit here.”



SUMMER OF SUPPORT

Major 2021 events like the America's Cup mean Auckland Council has been able to accelerate delivery of projects such as the development of infrastructure in the Viaduct Harbour and Wynyard Basin.

Halsey Wharf

Halsey Wharf is home to Emirates Team New Zealand's base, the Viaduct Events Centre. The centre's utilities were upgraded to support the team, and berths and pontoons were installed nearby so race boats and support vessels could be launched.

The Wynyard Edge Alliance – a council/government/private-sector consortium – installed 17 superyacht moorings along the western side of the wharf and installed breakwaters at the end of it and Wynyard Wharf to ensure Auckland keeps pace with overseas centres that also host such large pleasure craft.

On average, each superyacht



visiting New Zealand spends \$2.7 million. After it became clear COVID-19 would reduce the number coming from overseas for the Cup, Panuku Development Auckland worked with event organisers to

introduce a revised berthage rate for locals at the Silo and Viaduct marinas. Of the 77 berths, 25 have been filled with overseas visitors and the rest by local vessels keen to keep their spots at the heart of the action.



Hobson Wharf

Hobson Wharf was extended last year to house the Challenger of Record, the Italian syndicate Luna Rossa.

A number of breakwaters (in-water barriers) were also constructed to create a more tranquil environment in the outer Viaduct Harbour so the racing boats could be launched safely.

The breakwater on the north-eastern corner of Hobson Wharf protects the New Zealand Maritime Museum's historic-vessel collection in Hobson Basin.

Wynyard Wharf

Wynyard Wharf has been transformed to hold the remaining syndicates' challenger bases. The Wynyard Edge Alliance's work included strengthening repairs on the wharf's underside to ensure it could bear the weight of the construction equipment and the syndicate cranes used to launch and lift out the racing boats.

The alliance also built platforms for the team bases, yard space, bridges connecting Wynyard Point and Wynyard Wharf, and floating infrastructure such as pontoons. The syndicates have received full utilities, paving, fencing and lighting.



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MAKE THE MOST OF THE AMERICA'S CUP

The competition for the world's oldest international sporting trophy is intense. We show you where to watch the races, how to get there, and how to get involved.

Where to watch

The most important thing to bear in mind when planning to watch the America's Cup races, says Auckland Transport's Campaigns Manager, Rob Pitney, is that race timing and locations can be unpredictable. There are five possible courses for the races, which are scheduled to take place between 4pm and 6pm. The course selection will be made around 10am each race day based on the conditions, and will be posted on the americascup.com website.

The best viewing locations are:

- Course A: Milford and Takapuna
- Course B: Cheltenham Beach and Narrow Neck Beach
- Courses C and D: Devonport and Maungauika / North Head, and Takaparawhau / Bastion Point and Tāmaki Drive
- Course D: Saint Heliers – Achilles Point
- Course E: Maraetai.

Pitney says Course C has been singled out by event organisers as the favourite and provides great viewing for onlookers. It runs between Maungauika / North Head and Mission Bay, so Devonport and along Tāmaki Drive are excellent vantage points.

As part of Auckland Unlimited's region-wide Summernova Festival Series, some key on-land vantage spots have been made extra

special during the Cup, with food stalls, music, storytelling and more. This includes Love Your Maunga ki Mangauika on North Head, Waterbourne Beach Festival on Takapuna Beach Reserve, and Kotahi at Ōrākei Marae.

Pitney warns that traffic can get busy near some courses, so it's best to take public transport, walk or cycle. You can even get a limited-edition America's Cup AT HOP card.





How to get there

If you travel by bicycle, Auckland Transport is rolling out the red carpet for you, providing valet bicycle parking at North Head and near the Cup village.

The valet parking facilities at Devonport can hold up to 200 bicycles, says AT's Rob Pitney.

"You can take a bike all the way around to Tāmaki Drive or wherever, and the valet parking will be there to keep your bike nice and safe so it's there when you come to ride it home."

If you have a boat and are hoping to view the action from the water, register your details on the Cup website to stay updated with all the key race information, including speed restrictions and no-anchoring areas.

People hoping to use ferries to get close to the action will be sadly disappointed, Pitney says. The ferries will detour around the racing to keep out of the way of pleasure craft, and there will be some delays to services.

Fans can watch the races on the big screens at places like Aotea Square, Silo Park or the Cup village at the Viaduct Harbour. Entry is free.



People with access needs can scope out each site's accessible features via Auckland Unlimited and Be. Lab's guide at aucklandnz.com/36th-america-cup/access-information-racegoers.

Bearing in mind that the races may not be straightforward, the best way to make a plan for viewing them is through Auckland Transport's website at [AT.govt.nz/america-cup](https://at.govt.nz/america-cup). All you need to do is click on the link that corresponds to the appropriate course and you'll find detailed instructions on how to get there.

The AT Mobile app will also help you plan your journeys. You can keep track of any project-related disruption through at.govt.nz/betterway.

Getting in behind

The 36th America's Cup has presented Auckland's business community and residents with an exciting opportunity to get involved in a major event watched on television and online by sports fans – and potential post-COVID visitors to New Zealand – all around the world.

More than 400 Auckland City Skippers, for example, have volunteered their time to make sure that everything runs smoothly on the water and throughout the city.

And hospitality, commercial and retail enterprises have dressed up their premises to show their support not only for Emirates Team New Zealand but also for the challengers from the United States, the United Kingdom and Italy who have spent so much time and money in our city.

To help businesses maximise the Cup's revenue-earning opportunities, Auckland Unlimited has a comprehensive website for them, aucklandnz.com/36th-america-cup/business-resources.

And to help Auckland's youngsters savour the excitement of Cup action, the New Zealand Maritime Museum



has staged the Blue Water, Black Magic exhibition at its premises on the waterfront.

As well, Yachting New Zealand has worked with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, the Department of Conservation and Sport NZ to reinvent the 'Have a Go' schools programme. This was initiated following Emirates Team New Zealand's first America's Cup win with the aim of fulfilling yachting legend Sir Peter Blake's vision of every New Zealand child getting the chance to try sailing. The first module, 'Kōkōkaha – Powered by Wind', was made available to schools and kura throughout New Zealand from term one this year.

The best seats in town

With its open parkland and commanding views over Bastion Point towards North Head, Ōrākei Marae may well be the perfect place to watch the races. And Auckland is in luck: this America's Cup, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei is inviting the community in for a family-friendly 'Kia Kotahi' programme of viewing events.

"We're really mindful that we've had people in the past who've never come up to Ōrākei or even to the marae," says Lisa Davis (pictured), the iwi's special projects manager. "So we want people to come. We want to know you as well as you know us."

Kia Kotahi is running on the two weekends of the America's Cup – 6-7 March and 13-14 March – when the iwi will host marae tours, food stalls, plus arts and crafts activities such as weaving, carving and flying manu aute (traditional Māori kites).

There is also a large outdoor screen so visitors can see the races up close as well as on the Waitematā Harbour below.

Davis says Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei's involvement with the Cup stems not just from its long-standing relationship with Emirates Team New Zealand CEO Grant Dalton but from its respect for what the moana provides.

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei has an important role in offering spiritual protection to the harbour, Davis says, and in welcoming manuhiri visiting for the Cup. Before the series began, it blessed each of the courses and also each team base in the America's Cup village.



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WHAT'S ON MARCH-APRIL 2021



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Enjoy free movies at **Movies in Parks** (until 27 Mar), including *Frozen 2* and *Captain Marvel*. **Music in Parks** (until 28 Mar) continues its free afternoon gigs with The Jordan Luck Band, Manuel Bundy and more. Visit moviesinparks.co.nz and musicinparks.co.nz for the full programme.



The 36th **America's Cup Match** (6-15 Mar) sees the defender take on the winner of the PRADA Cup Challenger Selection Series in an epic battle to keep or claim the America's Cup.



Celebrate St Patrick's Day with the free **St Patrick's Parade** (Sat 13 Mar) in the city centre, **Celt-Fest** (Sat 13 Mar) at Uxbridge Arts & Culture in Mellons Bay and Irish dance show **Celtica** (Wed 17 Mar) at Bruce Mason Centre in Takapuna.

Waterbourne Beach Festival (until 21 Mar) at Takapuna Beach Reserve includes **Kai Moana Seafood Week** (8-14 Mar), **Big Beach Day** (Sat 13 Mar) and **Italiano Food Week** (15-21 Mar).

Howick Village HOP (Sat 13 Mar) has classic cars on display, plus markets, music, dancing, food stalls and more.

With a range of entertainment, activities, competitions and stalls, **Kumeu Show** (Sat 13 & Sun 14 Mar) has something for the whole family.

Bring a picnic to enjoy the free summer sounds of **Brass at the Falls** (Sun 14, 21 & 28 Mar) at Falls Park in Henderson.

NZ Opera presents the beautiful and haunting new work **Ihita'i 'Avei'a - Star Navigator** (Fri 19 & Sat 20 Mar) by Tim Finn at Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau.

EcoFest North and **EcoFest West** (20 Mar - 18 Apr) are filled with free or low-cost and family-friendly environmental activities, workshops and more.

Come Fly a Kite (Sun 21 Mar) at Harbourview-Orangihina Park in Te Atatu Peninsula has food stalls, free family entertainment and a fantastic array of kites.

Enjoy free music and dance performances at the 23rd **Lakeside Multicultural Festival** (Sun 21 Mar) at The PumpHouse in Takapuna.



Designed to unify, uplift and inspire you, **Auckland Arts Festival** (4-21 Mar) presents a world-class, all-Aotearoa, curated collection of more than 70 events.



Pasifika Festival (Sat 13 & Sun 14 Mar) is a free celebration of the Pacific region's diverse cultures with performances, markets, food stalls and more at Western Springs Park.

For local and affordable activities to keep the kids entertained during the **autumn school holidays**, visit ourauckland.nz/schoolholidays.

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Titirangi Festival of Music (Fri 26 & Sat 27 Mar) has free arts and music activities for the whole family, and paid events with artists including Hollie Smith and Anika Moa.



World of Cultures (19-28 Mar) is a region-wide 10-day festival, focusing on the rich diversity of cultures within Tāmaki Makaurau. It closes with **CultureFest** (Sun 28 Mar), previously Auckland International Cultural Festival, a free celebration of more than 55 cultures at Mt Roskill War Memorial Park.



Sealegs Onetangi Beach Races (Sun 28 Mar) on Waiheke island is a free day out on the beach with the fun of the races and lots of family activities.

I Love Takapuna Easter Carnival (Sat 27 Mar) is a free family fun day in Takapuna, including an egg hunt, live music and more.

L.A.B (Sat 27 Mar) will perform their biggest outdoor show to date at Mt Smart Stadium's Upper Field.

Nepal Festival (Sat 27 Mar) is a free community event with food and craft stalls, music, dancing and more at Aotea Square in the city centre.

Join hundreds of families at the **Eye on Nature Whānau Day** (Sat 27 Mar), a free eco educational event at Auckland Botanic Gardens in Manurewa.

For free, family-friendly exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops, check out **Waitākere Arts Expo** (1-6 Apr) at Corban Estate Arts Centre in Henderson.

Waiheke Jazz Festival (2-5 Apr) presents a range of music at four curated events, one on each day of Easter weekend.

Van Gogh Alive (15 Apr - 6 May) at Spark Arena is no ordinary art exhibition. The artist's masterpieces come to life, giving the sensation of walking right into his paintings.



Go behind the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in the award-winning musical **Jersey Boys** (17 Apr - 16 May) at The Civic in the city centre.

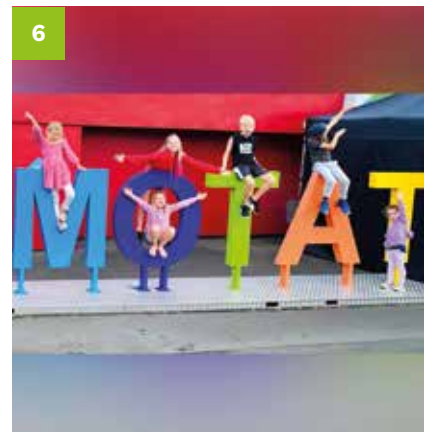
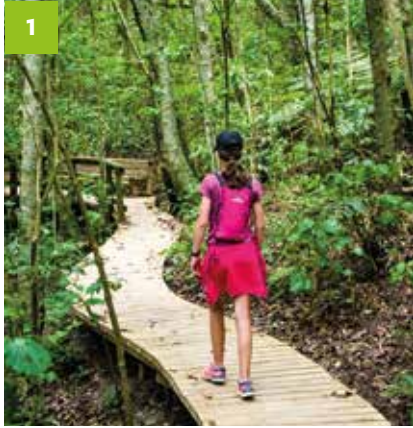


Auckland secondary schools' cultural festival **ASB Polyfest** (14-17 Apr) features performances, arts and crafts, and food stalls at Manukau Sports Bowl.

For details of **Anzac Day parades and services** (Sun 25 Apr) being held across the region, visit ouraukland.nz/anzacday.

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