



MĀNGERE

Stronger Together

FLOOD RECOVERY PLAN





MĀNGERE RECOVERY PLAN 2026



*Community-led recovery for
our people, our whānau, our community*

Tēnā
koutou
katoa

Tālofa
lava

Mālō
e lelei

Kia
orana

Fakaalofa
lahi atu

Bula
vinaka

⇒ and warm greetings. ⇐



This plan was developed by the
Māngere Recovery Leadership Rōpū
and belongs to our community.



We acknowledge the many
community organisations, faith
leaders, schools, and local groups
who support and stand alongside
our whānau.



We appreciate the support
and funding from our partners
and funders.



Most of all, we acknowledge
our people and our whānau.
Together, we show strength,
care, and resilience in the
face of challenges.



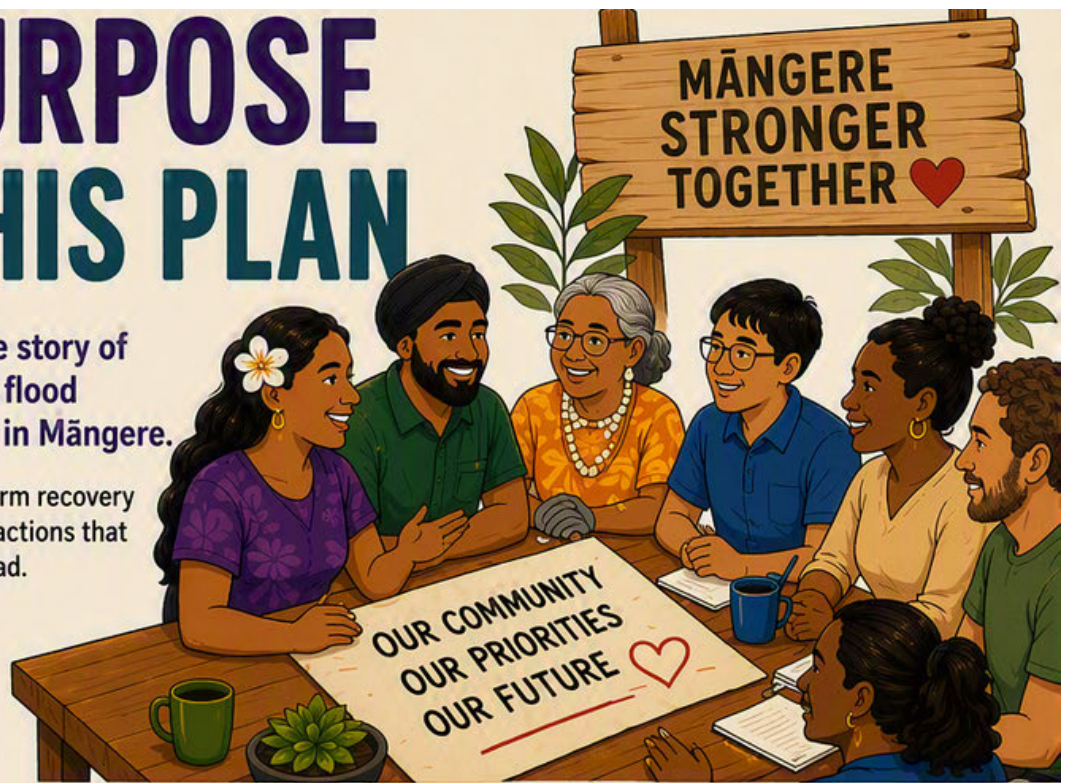
TOGETHER WE RECOVER ♥ TOGETHER WE PREPARE ♥ TOGETHER WE THRIVE

STRONGER MĀNGERE ♥ STRONGER WHĀNAU ♥ STRONGER FUTURE

1. PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

This plan tells the story of our community's flood recovery journey in Māngere.

It sets out the long-term recovery priorities, needs and actions that our community will lead.



WE GROUND THIS PLAN IN WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE 2023 FLOODS.

We recognise the strength, leadership and capability of our community.



OUR COMMUNITY RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY.



OUR PEOPLE
opened their homes.



CHURCHES
became support hubs.



LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
stepped in to support whānau.

THIS PLAN BUILDS ON THAT RESPONSE.

It supports a recovery that our community leads, with council and partners working alongside us.



*Nāku te rourou, nāu te rourou,
ka ora ai te iwi.*

With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.

2. WHAT HAPPENED IN OUR COMMUNITY

In early 2023, severe weather caused widespread flooding across Tāmaki Makaurau. Our Māngere community experienced some of the most significant impacts.

Floodwaters rose quickly and without warning. Streets turned into rivers. Homes filled with water. Many of our whānau evacuated in the middle of the night, often leaving behind most of their belongings.



At least
463
people were
displaced



and more than
200
homes were
made unsafe.



"You can imagine the mental health state of people who have had to squash up in one room, and we're not talking small families".



OUR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCED:



Displacement, housing instability and overcrowding in homes



Immediate and long-term financial pressure



Disconnection from cultural and community networks



Ongoing emotional and psychological impacts

In the years that followed the floods **34 homes** have been purchased by council due to an "intolerable risk to life" but many homes continue to be at some risk of flooding again in the future.



THESE IMPACTS WERE SHAPED BY EXISTING CHALLENGES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY:



A deprivation index of 9.5 compared to 5.4 across Auckland



Median incomes approximately \$10,000 lower than the regional average

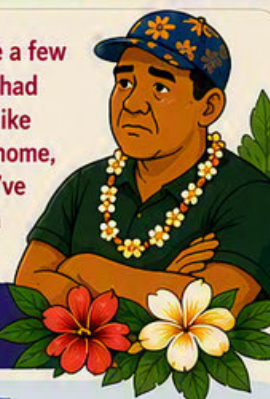


High levels of renting and limited financial buffers



Diverse language and communication preferences

"There's quite a few families that had side hustles [like nail salon] at home, and now they've lost that extra income."



For many of our whānau, the floods did not just create new challenges – they deepened existing ones.

Māngere received more civil defence emergency relief payments than any other area in Auckland,

reflecting the scale of need experienced by our whānau during and after the floods. This highlights the significant financial impact across our community.



TODAY, MANY OF OUR PEOPLE ARE STILL NAVIGATING:



Housing issues



Financial pressure and unresolved insurance claims



Many of our tamariki continue to experience fear and anxiety during heavy rain.

RECOVERY IS ONGOING.
IT REQUIRES LONG-TERM,
COMMUNITY-LED ACTION.



3. HOW THIS PLAN WAS DEVELOPED

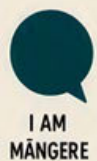


The Rōpū is made up of trusted local leaders, organisations, and residents who hold strong relationships with our people, our whānau, and our community.



This plan was developed by the **Māngere Recovery Leadership Rōpū** alongside residents, whānau, community organisations, faith groups, schools, and community leaders.

OUR MĀNGERE RECOVERY LEADERSHIP RŌPŪ INCLUDES:



Each bringing their own strengths, networks, and lived experience. ❤️

INSIGHTS WERE GATHERED FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES TO ENSURE THIS PLAN REFLECTS LIVED EXPERIENCE.

- 1 Community engagement led by I Am Māngere, including street chats and wānanga.



- 2 Findings from the Dovetail Community Needs Assessment.



- 3 One-on-one kōrero with community groups and faith-based organisations.



- 4 Insights from the Tāmaki Makaurau Storm Recovery Navigation Service.



ENGAGEMENT TOOK PLACE ACROSS MULTIPLE SETTINGS

ensuring a broad cross-section of our community contributed.



Many voices. Many stories.
One community shaping our future.



OUR COMMUNITY CONNECTS THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS, TRUST, AND SHARED SPACES

We listened.

We shared.

We shaped this plan.



This approach provides a strong understanding of both challenges and strengths.



OUR CHALLENGES



OUR STRENGTHS



OUR SOLUTIONS



OUR FUTURE



TOGETHER WE LISTEN. TOGETHER WE LEARN. TOGETHER WE LEAD. ❤️

4.

OWNERSHIP AND USE OF THIS PLAN

Our Māngere community
owns this plan. ❤️

Any local organisation or resident group,
can use this plan to:



Guide recovery initiatives



Align programmes
and services



Use as evidence or appendices
for funding applications



Advocate for resources



Our ongoing recovery needs



Leadership and
Capability Building



5.

OUR ONGOING RECOVERY NEEDS

“ It is about restoring wellbeing,
rebuilding connections, and
strengthening our ability to
move forward together. ”



1

RESTORING WELLBEING

Supporting the
health, safety and
wellbeing of our
whānau and
community.



2

REBUILDING CONNECTIONS

Bringing people
together,
strengthening
relationships and
rebuilding trust.



3

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY CAPABILITY

Growing our skills,
knowledge and
ability to lead
our own future.



4

SUPPORTING OUR TAMARIKI AND RANGATAHI

Investing in our
children and young
people so they
can thrive and
lead tomorrow.



5

LEADERSHIP AND CAPABILITY BUILDING

Building local
leadership, skills,
confidence and
capability to support
long-term recovery
and resilience.



6

BUILDING A RESILIENT FUTURE

Preparing for the
future with strong
homes, a healthy
environment and
ready, resilient
communities.



TOGETHER WE HEAL. TOGETHER WE GROW. TOGETHER WE THRIVE.
MĀNGERE STRONGER TOGETHER! ❤️





PRIORITY 1: SOCIAL CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

“There’s a big need around wellbeing, especially for our tamariki when it rains.”



The flooding disrupted relationships, routines, and a sense of safety.



Many of our whānau were displaced or remain in difficult housing situations. These experiences have affected wellbeing and belonging.



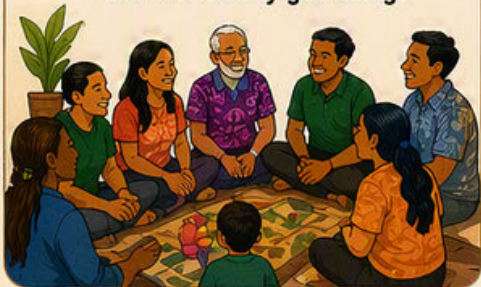
Our community needs spaces to reconnect, heal, and support one another.



WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE IN OUR COMMUNITY:



- 1** Bringing our people together through hui, talanoa, fono, and community gatherings



- 2** Supporting displaced whānau to reconnect with Māngere support networks



- 3** Reaching out to elders, vulnerable groups, and those experiencing isolation



- 4** Supporting wellbeing initiatives by faith-based organisations, marae, cultural or local community groups



- 5** Creating safe spaces for connection and support



- 6** Providing culturally grounded wellbeing support



**STRONGER CONNECTIONS.
STRONGER WHĀNAU.
STRONGER MĀNGERE.**

When we care for each other,
we all thrive.



PRIORITY 2: LEADERSHIP AND CAPABILITY BUILDING

STRONGER LEADERS
STRONGER WHĀNAU
STRONGER MĀNGERE ♥

Our community is strongest when leadership comes from within.

Local leaders, organisations and residents played a critical role during the floods and continue to support whānau through recovery.



GROUNDING IN WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE 2023 FLOODS

We recognise the leadership, strength and capability demonstrated by our community during the response and recovery.



WHAT LEADERSHIP BUILDING LOOKS LIKE



SUPPORT EXISTING LEADERS

- Build skills and confidence
- Advocate for whānau
- Connect people with resources



GROW NEW LEADERS

- Support rangatahi leadership
- Strengthen grassroots organisers
- Create pathways for participation



REFLECT MĀNGERE'S DIVERSITY

- Pacific communities
- Māori communities
- Faith communities
- Multicultural communities
- Young people

COMMUNITY-LED RECOVERY

Recovery is strongest when local people help shape decisions, guide action and influence investment in their community.



Council and partner organisations work alongside communities, supporting local leadership and community-led action.



**MĀNGERE
STRONGER
TOGETHER**

PRIORITY 3:

EDUCATION & SELF-ADVOCACY

Our Knowledge. Our Voice. Our Future. ♥

OUR VOICES
OUR KNOWLEDGE
OUR FUTURE
♥

“

Many people didn't understand flood risks or know where to get information and support.

♥

WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE IN MĀNGERE



LEARNING TOGETHER

Building knowledge and confidence through community-led learning.



CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Understanding our local waterways, flood risks, and how we can protect and care for them together.



UNDERSTANDING RECOVERY

Helping whānau understand support, funding, and recovery processes.



FINANCIAL SKILLS

Building financial literacy and long-term resilience.



LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY

Strengthening local leadership and empowering community voice.



OUR PRIORITY

Equip residents and whānau with the knowledge, confidence, and tools to:

- Understand recovery and available support
- Care for and understand their environment
- Build financial capability
- Advocate for themselves and others
- Strengthen community resilience



EDUCATE



EMPOWER



ADVOCATE



RECOVER TOGETHER

PRIORITY 4

COMMUNITY-LED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE



“ We know what can happen now,
and we need to be better prepared.”

Community feedback from Māngere residents



WHAT WE HEARD FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Many whānau remain concerned about future flooding and severe weather events.



Preparedness means more than emergency supplies. It includes building knowledge, protecting our environment, strengthening relationships, and supporting our another before emergencies happen.



Understanding our local environment helps us better prepare for future weather events.

WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE IN OUR COMMUNITY

1 LEARN & PREPARE



Community emergency workshops



Household readiness plans



Emergency kit guidance



2 STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Local support networks



Community response planning



Neighbourhood preparedness



3 UNDERSTAND AND CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT



Streams and waterways education



Environmental awareness



Kaitiakitanga and shared responsibility



4 IMPROVE FOR THE FUTURE



Learning from past flood events



Advocating for stronger infrastructure



Flood protection and resilience initiatives



UNDERSTANDING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Our streams, waterways and local landscape influence how water moves through Māngere. By learning more about our environment and caring for it together, we can reduce risks and strengthen community resilience for future generations.



WHEN WE PREPARE TOGETHER, WE RECOVER TOGETHER

Building a safer, stronger and more resilient Māngere.



He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.