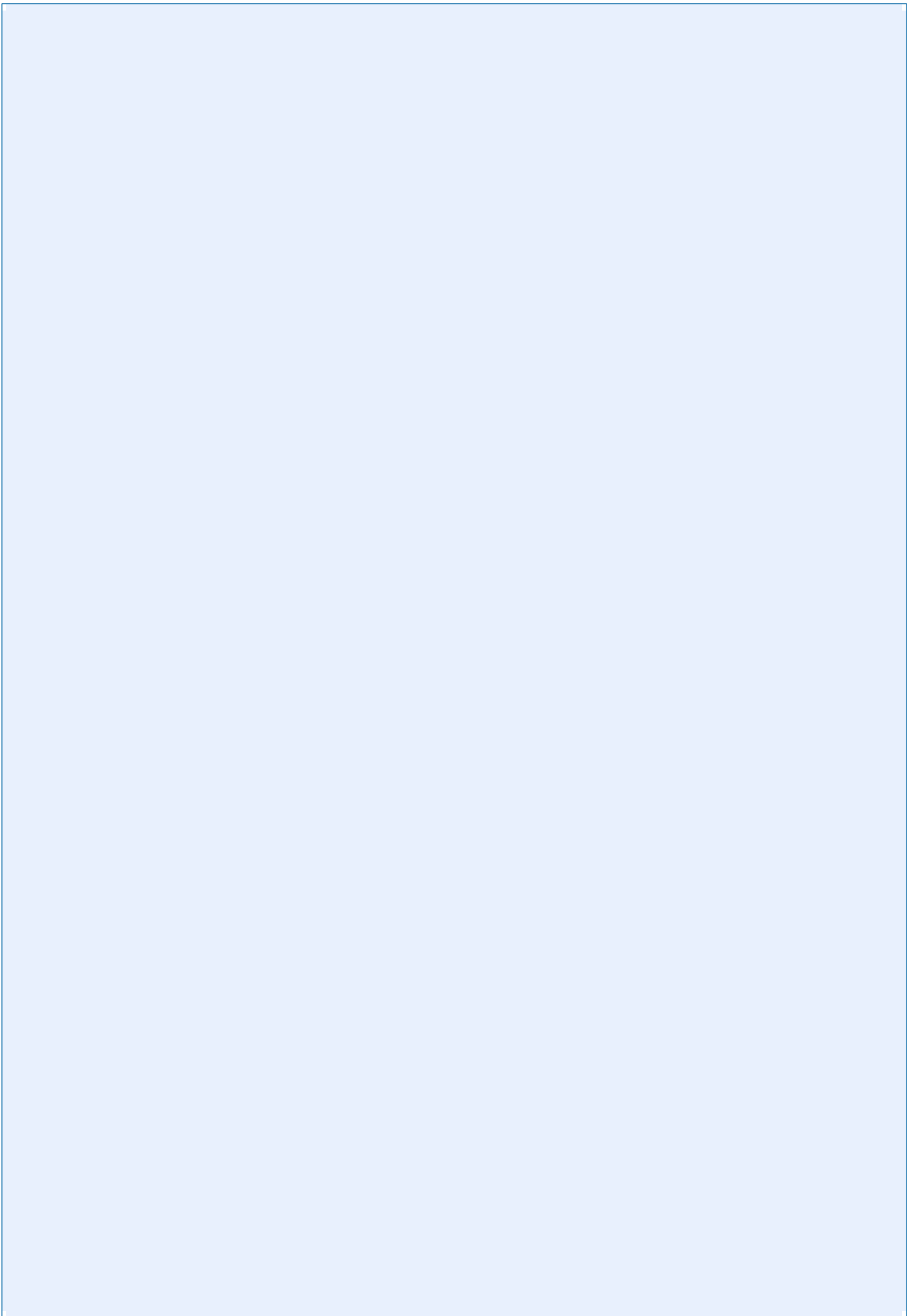


Chair's Report

Environment and Community Committee
2016-2019





Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua

Care for the land, care for people, go forward

Environment and Community Committee 2016 – 2019

The Environment and Community Committee deals with strategy and policy-making that relates to the environmental, social, economic and cultural activities of Auckland as well as matters that are not the responsibility of another committee or the Governing Body.

Chair's Foreword



Councillor Penny Hulse

Chair, Environment and Community Committee, 2016-2019

I've been extremely privileged to chair Auckland Council's Environment and Community Committee this term. Leading this committee has given me the opportunity to work in two areas dear to my heart: people and the environment.

Tāmaki Makaurau needs both strong communities and a healthy environment. They are not separate from one another. People need a healthy environment to thrive, for recreation opportunities and for mental and physical health. And our environment thrives when we look after it; when we minimise waste, recycle and reduce our carbon footprint. Each supports the other.

I'm proud of the work this committee has achieved in this term. Here is a small sample of what we've done:

- Adopted a Regional Pest Management Plan to help control pests.
- Declared a climate emergency. We're following this up by developing and consulting on *Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Action Framework*, which sets out a plan to keep the temperature rise within 1.5 degrees Celsius and get Auckland to net zero emissions by 2050.
- Opened a multi-purpose facility, Te Manawa, in Westgate the first of its kind in Tāmaki Makaurau – a community hub and library, providing a space and resources to explore, connect and grow.
- Established the Safeswim programme, which manages public health and safety by delivering real-time beach and water quality information to help people decide where to swim.
- Provided Regional Environment and Natural Heritage grants to fund work enhancing Auckland's environment, especially projects focused on sustainable living.
- Acquired 67 new parks and open spaces with a combined land area of 251.4 hectares over the last three financial years, giving Aucklanders more space for recreation and enjoyment.
- Increased the council's Regional Historic Heritage Fund, to help look after Auckland's heritage.
- Adopted the Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018
- Implemented many new projects to restore our natural environment and improve water quality through work enabled by targeted rates, such as combating kauri dieback, funding community environmental initiatives, and advancing major new infrastructure to reduce contamination and wastewater overflows into the Waitematā Harbour.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank Mayor Phil Goff for his leadership to enable us to progress important work to restore our natural environment and improve our water quality. For too long our eco-systems have been neglected in the interests of short-term expediency. Mayor Goff made the wise decision to propose targeted rates to meet these urgent challenges head on – and I was happy to see that a majority of Aucklanders agreed!

I'm also grateful that he entrusted me to chair this committee. It has been wonderful working alongside people and community organisations right across Tāmaki Makaurau to bring about positive change – thank you for all the work you do.

Thank you to the local boards and my fellow councillors, particularly my fellow Waitākere Ward Councillor Linda Cooper. Also, my committee Deputy Chair Alf Filipaina, whom I have relied on extensively and he's been an absolute rock.

When the Mayor asked Alf and me to chair this committee, one of the first things we did was visit our staff working in the areas of environment and community in Te Wharau o Horotiu / Bledisloe House. We committed to these teams that we would elevate the profile of their work, and I hope we have gone a good way to achieve that. I offer my thanks to the many council staff who have supported the work of this committee, it is a privilege to work with these dedicated and highly skilled experts. While I've been looking back on the great progress we've made together this term, I don't for one second think we are where we need to be. There is still so much to do.

There are still plant and animal pests destroying our native eco-systems. Kauri dieback is a huge threat, one that we will need to fight for years to come. Too much waste is still going to landfill. Our waterways and beaches need cleaning up. Inequality and homelessness are massive challenges. Then there's the biggest threat of all – the climate crisis.

But I have hope. I'm hopeful because every day I meet people in the community who are working to solve the problems we face. Mostly I have huge faith in our youth how are pushing for action on climate change and the environment. Their leadership should drive us to work towards braver and more transformative change for the sake of not only future generations, but for the good of our community now!

As you may be aware, after 27 years in local government, I'm not standing for re-election. It has been an honour to serve the people of Auckland, particularly the people of the west. But even after I finish my term as councillor, I will continue to try to make Tāmaki Makaurau a better place, in whatever I do next and through my everyday actions.

Ngā mihi
Penny

Deputy Chair's Foreword

Councillor Alf Filipaina

Deputy Chair, Environment and Community Committee, 2016-2019



The achievements of this committee during this term have been truly impressive. I am proud to have been a part of it. From improving community safety, funding sports fields and programmes to improve water quality and restoring our streams, there's a lot we've covered.

I thank Mayor Phil Goff for placing a priority on addressing environmental and water quality issues for Tāmaki Makaurau through the 10-year Budget and other initiatives. This has been long overdue for Auckland.

I thank the communities, the advisory panels that we have worked with over the last three years, and the council staff who have enabled the committee's work.

The committee could not have achieved all it has without its chair. Penny Hulse has led the committee with resolve, hard work and an unwavering kindness for everyone she meets. When she finishes this term, she will be able to look back on a brilliant legacy of public good.

I wish her all the best. Her absence at the council table will be felt.

The decisions we made, the direction we set

The diversity of decision-making made by the committee this term illustrates the broad range of work falling under the committee's leadership. From establishing a strategic approach to sediment to planning an inter-regional marine pest management plan and discussions about our water future; the Environment and Community Committee has set the direction for a wide range of initiatives.



Declaring a climate emergency

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says we only have around 12 years to reduce global carbon emissions to limit temperature rises to 1.5 degrees. Choosing to join a growing community of cities around the world who have formally and publicly recognised the urgency for action on climate change, the committee unanimously voted to declare a climate emergency with the decision resulting in thunderous applause from a packed public gallery.

“By unanimously voting to declare a climate emergency we are signalling the council’s intention to put climate change at the front and centre of our decision making,” said Mayor Phil Goff.

Immediately following the declaration, the committee approved public consultation on *Te Taruke-a-Tawhiri: Auckland's Climate Action Framework*. The framework sets a pathway towards a climate-ready Tāmaki Makaurau and is a starting point for Aucklanders to work together to deliver our climate action efforts.

The framework sets out a plan to keep temperature rise within 1.5 degrees Celsius and get Auckland to net zero emissions by 2050.

Smokefree please

Continuing work to improve the health of smokers was an easy decision for the committee. Knowing that smoking kills more people in our country each year than road crashes, alcohol, other drugs, suicide, murder, drowning and earthquakes combined, the committee approved an action plan to continue delivery of its 2017 Smokefree Policy and Implementation Plan.

Smokefree initiatives have been far less effective for Auckland's high priority groups, so a new, evidence-based, targeted approach, *Auahi kore hapori whānui – action for smokefree communities* was adopted by the committee.



“This is a fresh, innovative approach to increase our impact and target our funding and efforts towards the groups that we know are still smoking and need our backing to quit,” said Councillor Penny Hulse.

“Creating smokefree communities isn’t just about what we do, but also how we do it; that’s why this approach has been created alongside the groups that it seeks to support.”

Dang pests

Pest management is a vital tool for ensuring the protection of our precious biodiversity.

The pests that threaten the Auckland region, including plant, animal and pathogen pests, and the Biosecurity Act have changed in the past decade, so the committee adopted the new and improved *Regional Pest Management Plan 2019 – 2029*. The plan sets objectives and rules to manage over 400 pests in the region to protect Auckland's priority ecosystems, threatened species and primary production.

It includes programmes for managing pests on parks; kauri dieback; possums, cats, pest spread to the Hauraki Gulf Islands; on-island control for Aotea/Great Barrier, Waiheke and Kawau Islands and freshwater biosecurity.

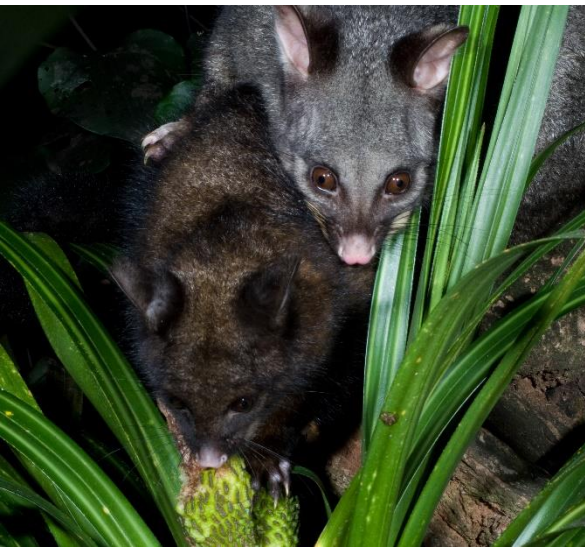


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“We know we’ve under-invested in protecting our native ecosystems for decades, which has led to biodiversity in our region declining. If we continue along that path, it’s a very real possibility that we’ll lose species forever.

Our new Pest Management Plan is more than just a rule book, it is a strategic direction to ensure that Auckland remains a leader in the protection of our ecosystems.”

Having our say

Taking opportunities to ‘have our say’ by providing feedback to external organisations and government departments on issues of importance to Tāmaki Makaurau often results in robust and focussed debate by committee members, who considered submissions on more than 26 different consultations this term.

Examples of submissions considered this term include:

- Child Poverty Reduction Bill
- Sale and Supply of Alcohol Amendment Bill
- Healthy Homes Standards for Rental Properties
- Clean Car Standard and Clean Car Discount
- Better Later Life / Oranga Kaumātua 2019-2034 (draft)
- Process Heat in NZ: opportunities and barriers to lowering emissions
- Reform of the Residential Tenancies Act
- National Disaster Resilience Strategy
- MARPOL Annex VI: Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships
- Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy-Proposed Outcomes Framework
- Phase out of single-use plastic bags
- Zero Carbon Bill
- Strategy for an ageing population
- Litter Amendment Bill

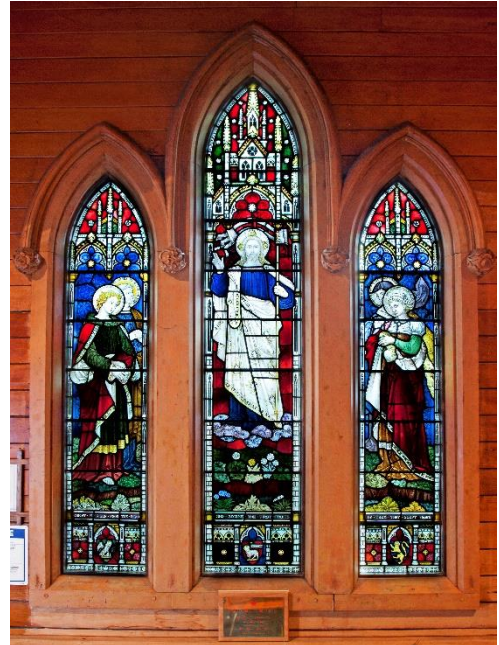
A helping hand for heritage

More than two-thirds of the Historic Heritage Schedule, over 1500 places, are maintained by private landowners. By helping to look after Auckland's heritage, private landowners provide a public benefit to all Aucklanders, but they also bear the costs of retention, maintenance, and repair.

The committee was unanimous in its decision to increase the Regional Historic Heritage fund from \$84,000 fund to an amount of up to \$500,000.

By voting for this significant increase, our councillors have signalled their desire for better outcomes for Auckland's Historic Heritage.

Image | Restoration of stained-glass window at Christ Church, Ellerslie funded by the Regional Historic Heritage Fund.



Waste is everyone's business

The committee adopted the *Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018: Working Together for Zero Waste*. The refreshed plan focuses on minimising Auckland's waste and achieving the vision of Zero Waste by 2040, taking care of people and the environment, and turning waste into resources.

“Our communities want Auckland Council to take leadership in reducing our impact on the environment and protect our beautiful natural assets for future generations, and minimising our waste is critical to doing so. This plan provides the framework for Aucklanders to work together to make sure this happens,” said Councillor Penny Hulse.

This plan forms the basis for the council's work planning for the next six years and outlines nine priority actions:

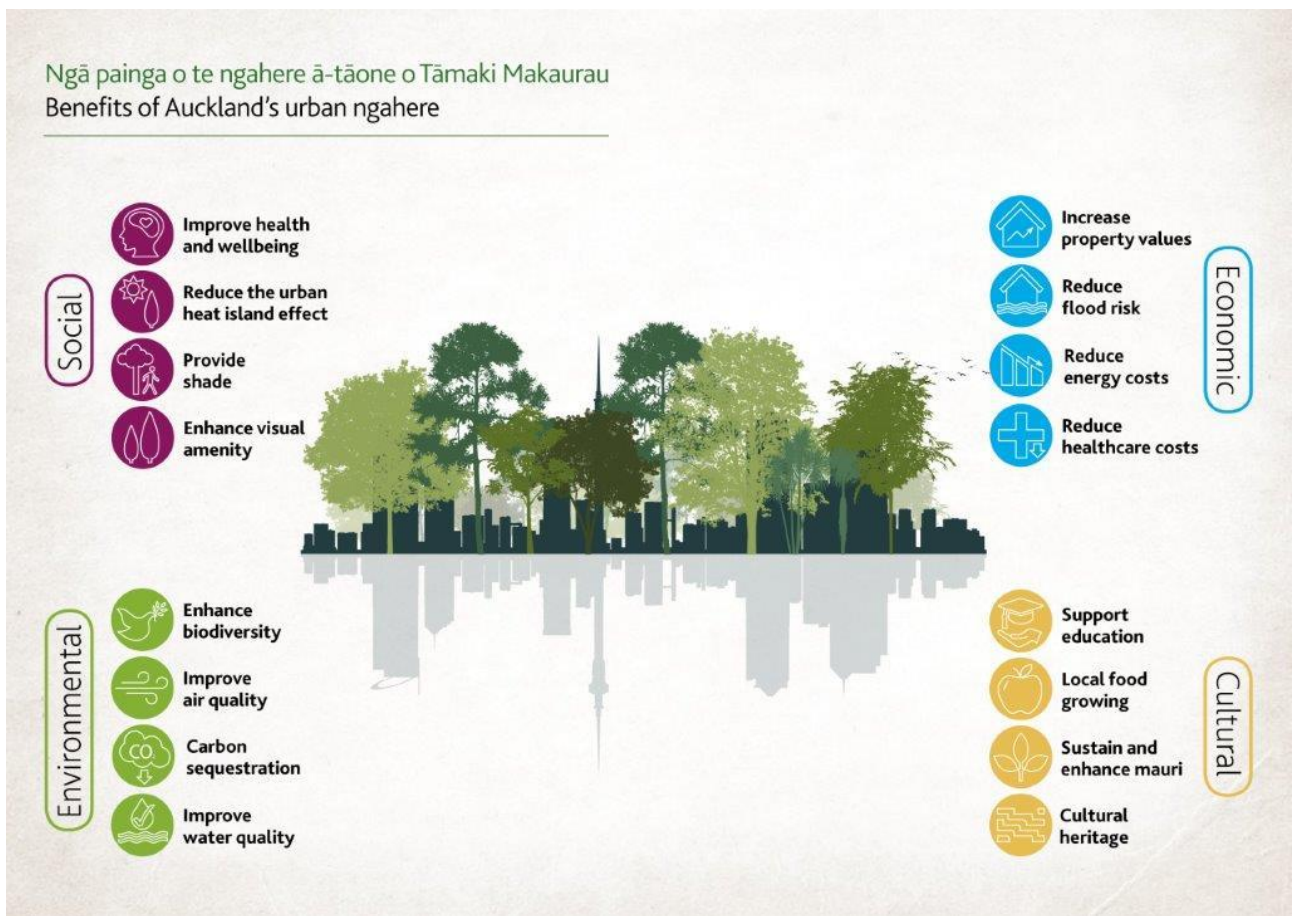
1. Advocate to central government for an increased waste levy
2. Advocate for product stewardship
3. Address three priority commercial waste streams (construction and demolition, organic and plastic waste), and emphasise council's role as a facilitator and partner in addressing commercial waste – not as a provider of services in the commercial space.
4. Continue transitioning to consistent kerbside waste and recycling services
5. Continue establishing the resource recovery network
6. Deliver the domestic collection of food scraps
7. Address Waste Diversion from Council Operations
8. Partner with others to achieve a Zero Waste Auckland
9. Address litter, illegal dumping and marine waste

We received 6,759 submissions on our draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

Auckland’s Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy

Aucklanders love trees. We sit under them, play on them, pick fruit from them and many of us even have favourites throughout the city, but there are pressures and issues facing our city’s trees. The committed adopted the Urban Ngahere Strategy as a comprehensive regulatory and non-regulatory approach to enhancing the urban forest and green infrastructure of Tāmaki Makaurau by increasing tree canopy cover around the city.

The objective of the strategy is to have average tree canopy cover of 30 per cent across our urban area, and we’re aiming for all local board areas to have more than 15 per cent canopy cover.



Actions in the strategy are grouped under three themes:

KNOWING: access to better data and understanding

GROWING: increasing canopy and leveraging partnerships

PROTECTING: direct and indirect ways to better protect trees.

Our partnerships, our people, our community

This committee is about people. Our work is about partnering with mana whenua, communities, business, local boards and central government, and we listen.

Public and local board input

Presentations given by the public and local boards at the start of committee meetings is encouraged and valued. This term, we have received 90 public input items and around 32 local board input items.

We thank everyone who gave us feedback by sharing their ideas, experiences, concerns, opportunities, issues, wants and needs. We appreciate it all.

The importance of marae for Tāmaki Makaurau

The primary purpose of the Marae Infrastructure Programme is to deliver safe, healthy and warm marae. We want to support marae achieving Building Warrant of Fitness requirements and increase code compliance where possible. The programme, 10 years in duration, will target four marae per year.

In addition, there are several significant outcomes which the programme promotes:

- Whānau connections to marae are maintained and enhanced
- Marae continue as hubs for Māori and the wider community
- Marae function as focal points for Māori social, economic and cultural leadership
- Marae can extend whanaungatanga to the wider community in times of need
- Value for money and leverage is achieved by a delivery approach focused on working with internal service providers and external funding partners (Government, philanthropy, business).

The programme is aimed at existing mana whenua and mataawaka marae within Tāmaki Makaurau. It focuses on physical works related to the whareniui (meeting house), wharekai (dining hall), wharepaku (ablutions), and associated infrastructure such as water and wastewater systems.



Image courtesy of Piritahi Marae

Creating our city of music

We joined the UNESCO Creative Cities Network and Auckland is officially a City of Music.



“From indie folk and brass bands to waiata aroha, the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and Lorde, there’s no doubt music is a part of us. It goes right to Auckland’s roots, with waiata woven into our history and everyday culture.

“Supporting Auckland as a creative city and growing our music industry will enrich city life, the cultural landscape and build community identity and liveability for all Aucklanders,” said Councillor Alf Filipaina.

Auckland, an age-friendly city

Understanding that Tāmaki Makaurau will be home to larger numbers and greater proportions of ethnically and culturally diverse older people over the next few decades, the committee resolved to join the World Health Organisation Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

With our older population growing faster than any other age-group, predicted to increase from 11 per cent in 2013 to 19 per cent by 2046, the committee has illustrated a commitment to a continuous improvement process for creating age-friendly environments; with the expectation that an age-friendly Tāmaki Makaurau is more inclusive and beneficial for everyone, regardless of age.



Mobility scooters are free to use at Auckland Botanic Gardens in Manurewa.

Accessible and active | Sport and Recreations Grants Programme



The Regional Sport and Recreation Grants Programme has been running for four years and has over this time allocated 28 regional grants and distributed over \$2 million. The investment aims to inspire younger Aucklanders to be more physically active and increase affordable and accessible opportunities to do so.

This year, 13 organisations across Tāmaki Makaurau received a combined \$508,000 of operational funding as part of the committee's allocation of the regional sport and recreation grants programme.

We love to love our libraries!

All our libraries are about reaching people where they are and connecting them with what they need – our promise is to be welcoming to all. As Auckland changes, we change with it. Our local libraries and services reflect the distinct communities of our city.

Te Manawa – a first for Auckland



The committee is justifiably very proud of our newly-opened multi-purpose facility – Te Manawa.

The first of its kind in Auckland, Te Manawa is both a community hub and library built for the city of the future and generations to come.

Our libraries on the move – mobile libraries

The committee approved a new mobile and libraries access service for Tāmaki Makaurau that increased staff from four full-time drivers to 11 fulltime equivalents and improved the previous 9am to 5pm weekday schedule to seven days a week, adding two smaller brand-new vans on top of three large buses.

This new direction takes mobile libraries to places where they will have the greatest impact - not just schools but cultural, sporting and family events, with buses bringing along giant games and chill-out zones to entertain the kids!



Auckland Libraries also operate pop-up libraries in 39 aged care facilities and retirement villages across the city, as part of the mobile and access service.

Kia Māia te Whai | Dare to Explore

The committee was proud to support Kia Māia te Whai / Dare to Explore. The free, summer reading programme is an easy and fun way for 5 to 12-year olds to beat boredom, encourage a love of learning and help maintain reading levels over school holidays.

The programme has had around 34,618 participants during the committee's term

Buying and selling parks and open space

The committee approved 67 open space acquisitions over the past three financial years. These will be brand new spaces for Aucklanders to play and enjoy sport and recreation. It's an absolute myth that we are getting rid of large tracts of parks and open space. We are actively expanding our parks and open space network as Auckland grows and develops.

The committee strongly believes in the value of parks and open space, that's why approval was given for expenditure of more than \$44 million for just this purpose.

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
Total spent	47,600,000	43,710,000	44,200,000	135,510,000
Number of parks	34	20	13	67
Land area (hectares)	31.5	190.7	29.19	251.4

The No.1 field at Eden Park (where the All Blacks haven't lost a game since 1994!) is around 1.6 hectares. Imagine 157 Eden Parks, that's about how much land we have acquired for new parks and open space.

Type of park	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
Neighbourhood park	16	9	8	33
Suburb/sport park	2	3	4	9
Pocket park	1	4		5
Accessway	7	0	1	8
Additional to existing parks	4	3	0	7
Conservation, scenic	3	0	0	3
Destination	0	1	0	1
Civic space	0	0	1	1



Totara Heights Park. Image courtesy of Bespoke Landscape Architects

Helping those who help others

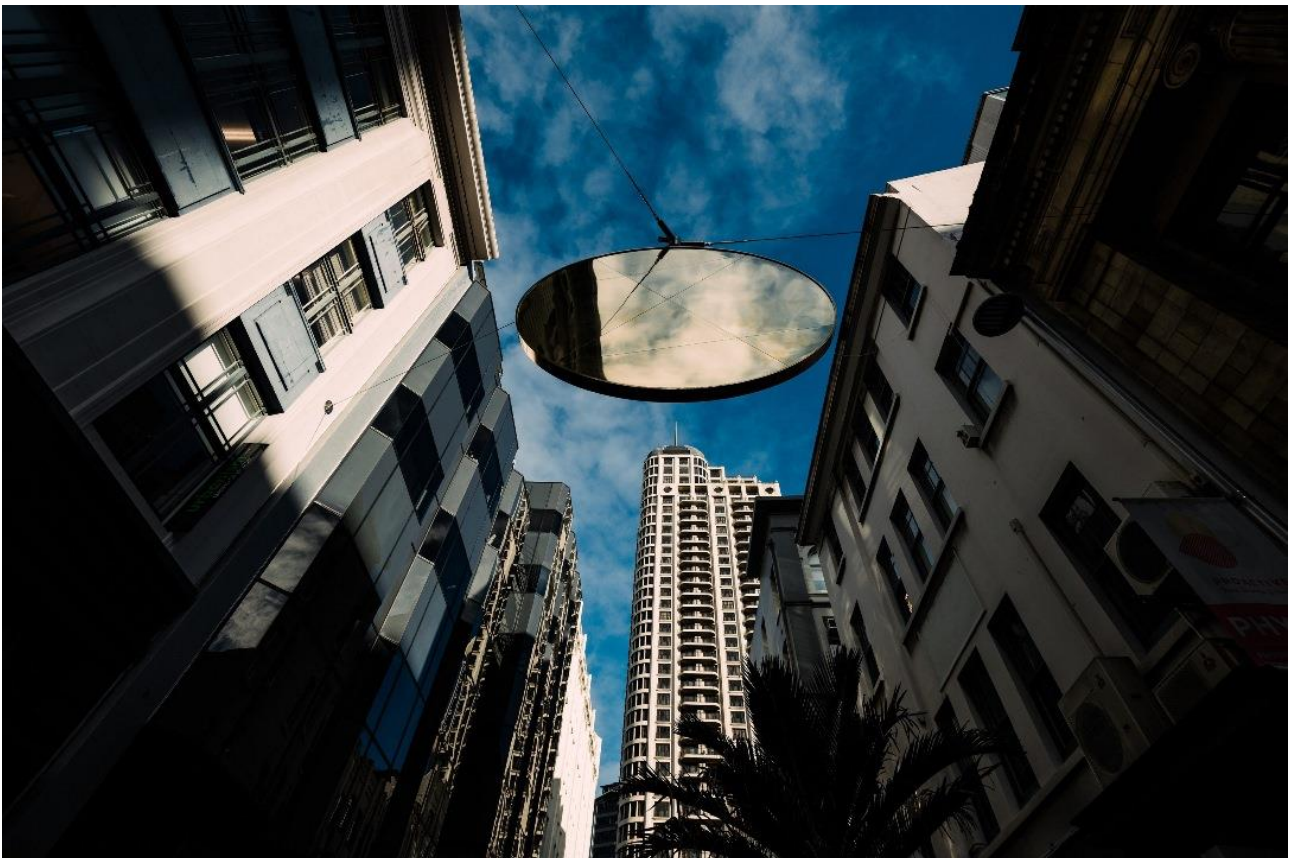
The committee allocated \$200,000 in funding to the Auckland Citizens Advice Bureaux Incorporated (ACABx). This was allocated with:

- \$100,000 distributed to local bureaux to maintain levels of services, allocated on a targeted basis
- \$60,000 to develop and test new service models to improve services
- \$40,000 to enable ACABx to work with council on the review of the population-based funding model and development of a regional network provision framework.

Public art

Art and artists are a significant part of Auckland's creativity and dynamism. Public art is the process and result of engaging artists' creativity and ideas in developing Auckland's contemporary public realm. – Auckland Council Public Art Policy 2013.

This committee oversees the public art regional work programme, which is complemented by local boards allocating budget for the arts too. Planning, creation and installation of artworks can take many years from the first idea through to unveiling, and an art piece can evolve along the way.



“Public art connects a community more deeply to a place. The artist has done a great job of highlighting the impressive heritage architecture and character of the central Auckland area. Next time you're walking through O'Connell Street, take the time to look up and appreciate these important chronicles of our past.” Councillor Penny Hulse talking about *Light Weight O*, 2018, an artwork by Catherine Griffiths on O'Connell Street (pictured). A Waitemata Local Board project.

A selection of art works completed during this term:



1. *Upon a Pond* 2017, by Seung Yul Oh. Albany Stadium Pool. Upper Harbour Local Board
2. *Drop a Loop* 2017, by Seung Yul Oh. Albany Stadium Pool. Upper Harbour Local Board
3. *Don't Dream It's Over* 2017, by Janet Lilo. Karangahape Road. Waitematā Local Board



4. *Te Huinga* 2017, by Chris Bailey. Fearon Park, Mount Roskill, Puketapapa Local Board
5. *Justice* 2017, by Lisa Reihana. Ellen Melville Centre, Auckland Central. Waitematā Local Board

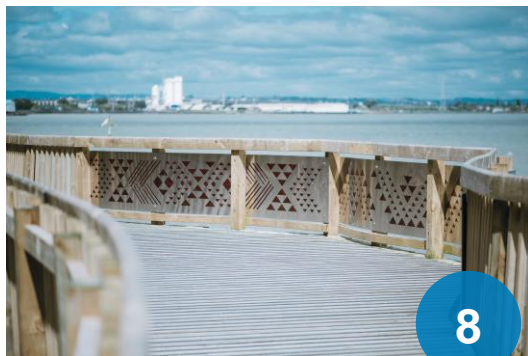


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- 6. *Pop Drop* 2017, by Alt Group and Jasmx. Installation at Karanga Plaza, Wynyard Quarter. Waitematā Local Board
- 7. *Rainbow Machine* 2018, by Sarosh Mulla, Patrick Loo, and Shahriar Asdollah-Zadeh. Installation at Ending HIV Big Gay Out, Coyle Park. Albert-Eden Local Board
- 8. *Ka hi te Manuka* 2017, by Henriata Nicholas and Marc Lenton. Waikowhai Coastal Walkway, Hillsborough. Puketāpapa Local Board
- 9. *Boy Walking* 2019, by Ronnie van Hout. Potters Park, Balmoral. Albert-Eden Local Board



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10. *Soapbox* 2019, by Olivia Collinson, Vanessa Coxhead, Stephanie Darlington, Prue Fea, Jayne Kersten, and Madeleine Racz in collaboration with Jasmx. Killarney Park, Takapuna. Devonport-Takapuna Local Board
11. *Community Fale* 2019, by Sopolimalama Filipe Tohi, and McCoy + Heine Architects Limited. Te Auaunga / Oakley Creek. Albert-Eden and Puketāpapa Local Boards. Image courtesy of McCoy + Heine Architects Limited.



Our environment

“We only have one environment, so we need to look after it. We are investing \$763 million over ten years to restore our natural environment and clean up our waterways,” said Mayor Phil Goff.

Public consultation on natural environment and water quality targeted rates proved what the committee has always believed, protecting and enhancing our environment is of utmost importance to Aucklanders.

More biosecurity dogs, tracks made safe for kauri and major new infrastructure to reduce contamination and overflows into the Waitemātā Harbour are just a few of the examples of work being made possible from the council's natural environment and water quality targeted rates. The targeted rates have made a substantial difference to the work we have been able to do to protect and enhance Auckland's environment.

Making a difference with targeted rates

Natural Environment Targeted Rate – a few facts

- 26km of tracks made kauri-safe in the Waitākere and Hunua Ranges and other regional parks
- 8 closed tracks reopened in the Waitākere Ranges
- 88 per cent of kauri forest on council land under active management
- 7019 kauri trees treated with phosphate
- 12 per cent of all planned kauri track upgrades completed
- 3 new dogs and their handlers joined the biosecurity dog squad, to help keep the Hauraki Gulf Islands pest free
- \$1.4 million provided to support 110 community initiatives
- 18 per cent of all planned hygiene stations installed or nearing completion



Kauri dieback cleaning station, Arataki.

- 610 boat hulls surveyed to encourage cleaning to reduce the risk of spread of marine pests
- Three-fold increase in support to community groups and landowners providing tools for biodiversity management and restoration
- \$1 million increase for possum control in regional parks
- More than 1040 rat traps set by the Eastern Bays Songbird Project to protect birds and native wildlife
- More than 120 local parks and 'buffer' zones prioritised for expanded weed and pest animal control
- \$740,000 awarded to 34 successful applicants through the new Community Coordination and Facilitation Grant
- Three-fold increase in deer, goat and possum control on mainland
- 116 breeding pairs of kōkako in and around the Hunua Ranges Regional Park, up from 55 in 2014
- \$200,000 top-up to the Regional Environment and Natural Heritage Grant to fund priority projects

Water Quality Targeted Rate – a few figures

- \$50 million in capital works procured by the Western Isthmus project in Daldy Street and Freemans Bay projects in Auckland Central, which will reduce contamination and overflows into the harbour
- \$360,000 in grants have been given to 26 community groups and landowners who protect and restore urban and rural waterways
- 215 outlets screened on 28 beaches for further investigations
- 90ha of storm and wastewater networks inspected to help make beaches cleaner and safer for swimming



D'Oyly Reserve
Stormwater Project,
Stanmore Bay

- 43,000 properties with private onsite wastewater systems have been identified by the contaminant reduction programme from legacy council documents
- 25km of fenceline was delivered by the Wairoa Waterways Protection Fund Extension project, protecting: 4.8ha of land from stock entering waterways
- Design work is underway to retrofit treatment devices into the existing stormwater network within the Glen Innes town centre
- A regional compliance programme has been set up with targeted investigations running in four high-risk catchments
- 40 per cent of contaminants (sediment and metals) to be reduced from those treated catchments
- 98 per cent litter to be captured from the Glen Innes town centre by end of 2020.

Kōkako population thriving

One of the success stories of the Hunua pest control programme has been the resurgence of the kōkako population within the forest.

In 1994, only one breeding pair of kōkako remained in the Hunua Ranges. At the end of 2018, a census carried out within the Kōkako Management Area counted 106 pairs, nearly double the 55 pairs that were counted in 2014. This result illustrates how effective pest control can save a unique species from near extinction.



The programme to protect Kohukohunui (the Hunua Ranges regional parklands) has been significantly expanded due to the Natural Environment Targeted Rate. This additional funding enabled the inclusion of more land in the aerial pest control operation and the introduction of ground-based control on private land which was commenced following the aerial operation and which will be ongoing.

Saving our forests

A considerable focus for the committee this term has been implementing policies, plans and projects to help save our beloved native forests from lethal pathogens.



A disease that the committee has focussed on is kauri dieback, with several of our region's kauri forests infected. The disease, spread by the smallest speck of soil from the boots of trampers, leisure walkers and animal hooves, infects the roots of giant kauri trees, starving them of nutrients. In response, the committee has dedicated significant resource and time working to protect kauri.

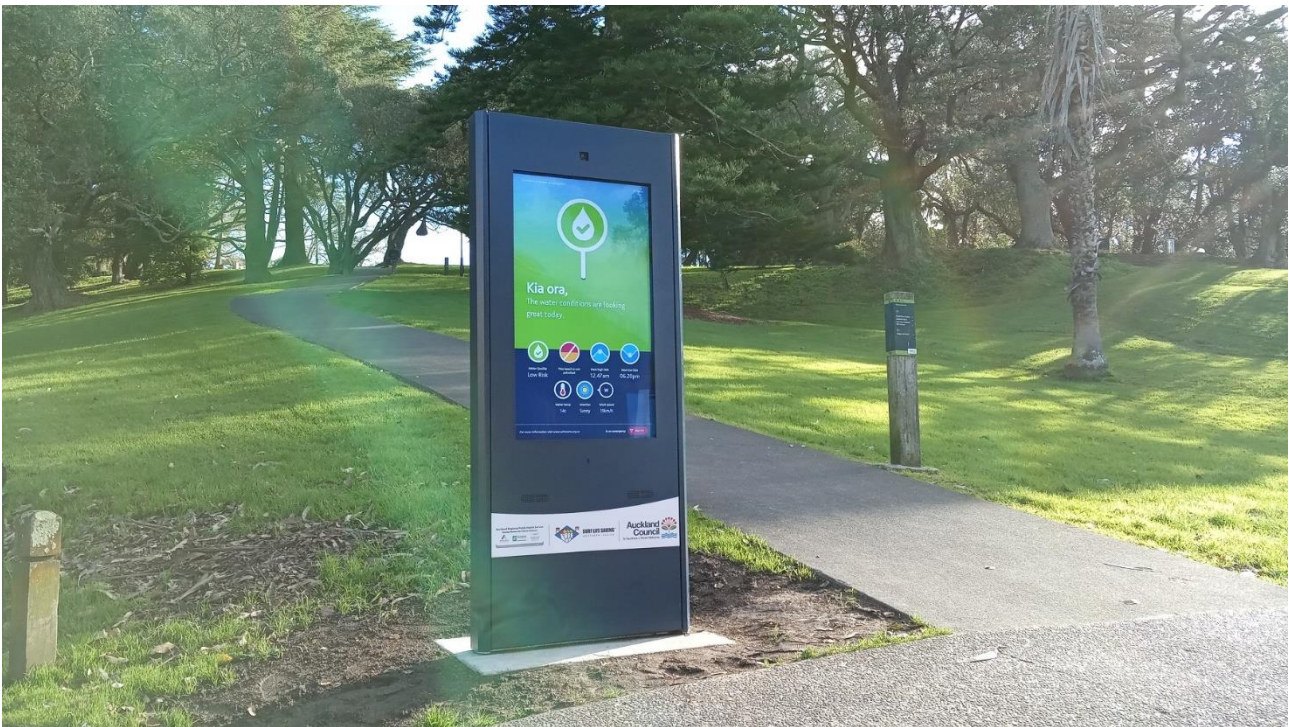
The decisions were tough. Several tracks and some local parks across Auckland have been temporarily closed or rerouted as part of efforts to protect kauri against the risk of the disease.

There is much work to be done and the journey will be long, but with ongoing dedication and the support and help of everyone who cares about Auckland's forests, the mighty kauri will remain king of the forest for future generations to enjoy.

The committee also acknowledges the work of many local boards who are working to combat and prevent the spread of kauri dieback. This includes supporting the closure of some tracks in local parks as a proactive and precautionary approach to increase efforts to mitigate the spread of the disease in the region.

Safeswim

"We are proud to be rolling out more of Safeswim digital signs; it will clearly indicate the status of the beach for people without access to a phone or internet and help Aucklanders decide where to swim. While we are working hard to improve Auckland's water quality, it is critical people can still enjoy our beaches by making informed decisions before entering the water," said Councillor Penny Hulse



Auckland Council's Safeswim programme manages public health and safety by delivering real-time beach information and water quality forecasts to help beachgoers decide which locations to swim at based on current conditions.

The committee gave the green light for the installation of additional real-time digital information signs is great news for popular swimming destinations and swim event organisers. It will allow recreational swimmers or those competing in popular swim events to be communicated to en-masse with the latest water conditions. It will also be useful at locations, where from time to time, there are water quality issues.

Embracing energy efficiency

Every Aucklanders deserves a warm dry home. To date, the committee has supported over 23,700 homeowners to make energy-efficient retrofits. The council's Retrofit Your Home programme currently delivers funding support to around 2800 homes in Tāmaki Makaurau each year.

This year the committee approved eight new interventions to the programme including options for solar panels, solar water heating and LED lighting. These additions will help create healthier and more energy-efficient homes. The immediate benefits of the programme include energy savings and the health benefits associated with warmer, drier homes.

Councillor Penny Hulse, says that the programme will make homes more resilient to the impacts of climate change and will contribute to a reduction in carbon emissions.



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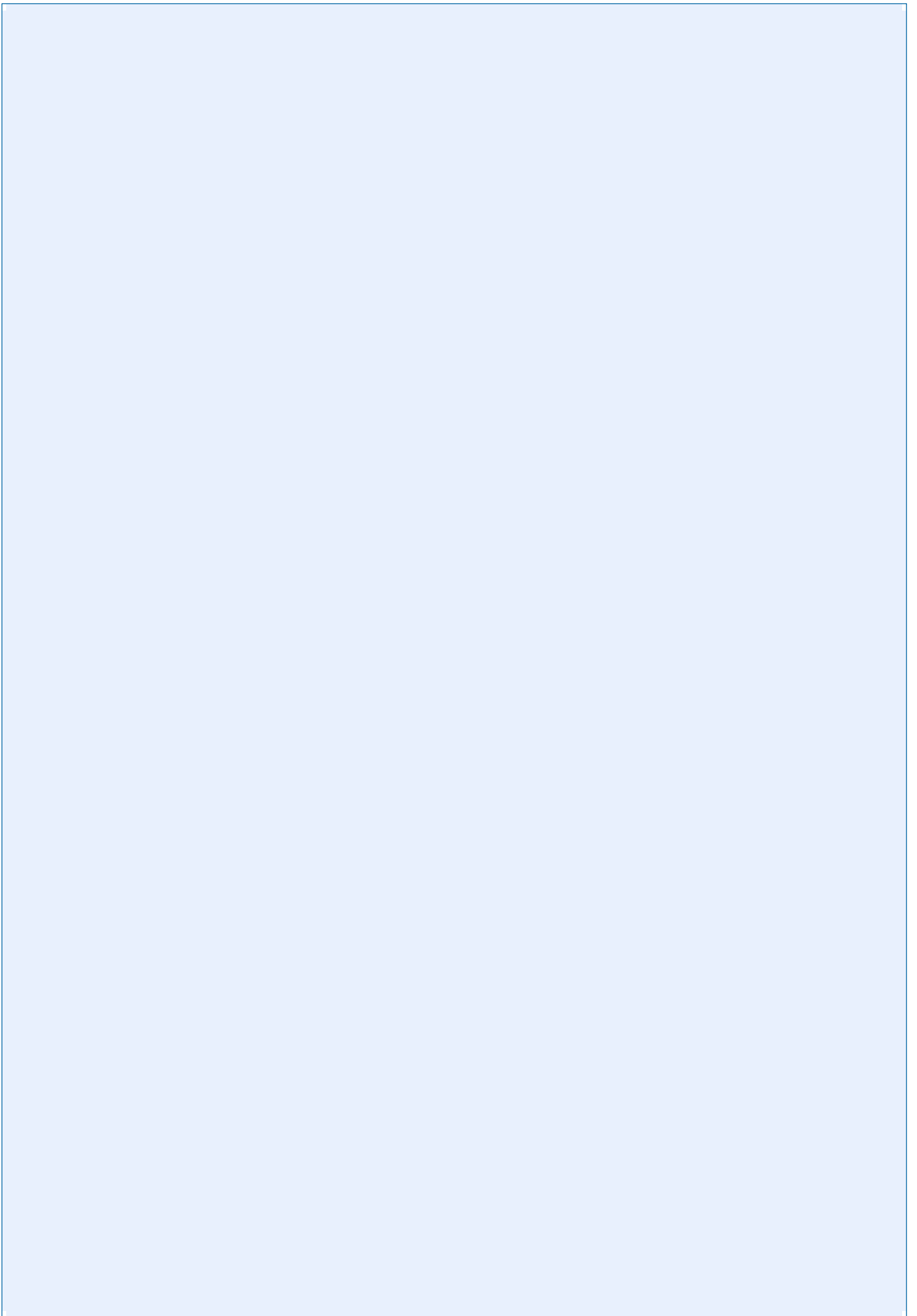
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