Consultation on the draft Local Board Plans 2026

Written Feedback

Rodney Volume #6

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

No

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?
(Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,More local activities and events,Safer roads

4. **Overall, how well does the draft Rodney Local Board Plan, as a whole, reflect the priorities of your community?**

   Quite well

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I have no more feedback

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Nothing really.

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   Recreational areas and improve parks

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I think more focus should be given to youth, including better sports facilities, more community events, improved public transport, safer roads, and protecting Rodney's natural environment while planning for growth

3. **Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)**

   Better community facilities,Better walking/cycling connections,Better public transport options

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   Quite well

5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

   The draft plan is a good start. I would like to see a stronger focus on youth, public transport, road safety, community spaces, and protecting Rodney's natural environment while planning for future growth

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Creating instead of improving, but that being said improving could also be creating

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?
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Better community facilities,Improved parks and public spaces,Other, please specify:Improving Infrastructure

4. **Overall, how well does the draft Rodney Local Board Plan, as a whole, reflect the priorities of your community?**

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Roading

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,Other, please specify:Better roading, resurfacing and fixing potholes and damage parts

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   Not very well

5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

   Fixing damaged road surfaces and sealing problem gravel roads will make for safer roads

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   I am keen to see further progress with regard to the community's proposed development plan for the ex forestry land at Ti Point. In its present state it will constitute a major fire risk this summer

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Safer roads,Other, please specify:Better advocacy for the people of Rodney. Improved training (clearing of streams)

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Not well at all

5. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?

This is a plan full of waffle, driven by ideology that is way outside the remit of what a local board is for. Examples:

1. Maori Outcomes and commitment to the Treaty. It seems uneducated and woke (colonisation apologists) on the board are disconnect from reality. The treaty was signed between select Maori Chiefs and the Crown at the time. It was not a treaty signed between Maori and the Rodney Board. It is just absolute nonsense. As a Rodney rate payer, I expect the board to look at outcomes for ALL OF US.

2. Climate change emission reductions. This is not the job of local board. This is already driven by Central Government for which the people in your community already pay in taxes/insurance through the ********** Emission Trading scheme. Why waste more of OUR money, even talking about this nonsense.

FOCUS ON YOUR JOB AND WHY YOU ARE ELECTED:

1. Roads, are in a terrible state. Tar bleeds and potholes cause accidents. We deserve our money to go into decent roading corridors.

2. Streams and water ways need to be cleaned out. This had been shockingly neglected by the Board over the past 15 years. When waterways and streams are blocked with debris then it is inevitable that flooding will occur when it rains.

3. ADVOCACY. STAND UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY, GIVE US A VOICE WHEN DECISIONS ARE MADE BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT / AUCKLAND COUNCIL (and it CCO's) THAT IMPACT OUR WAY OF LIVING. IT IS A DISGRACE THE TRAFFIC THROUGH KUMEU AND 1000'S OF HOUSES ARE STILL BEING BUILT. SAME CAN BE SAID ABOUT PINE VALLEY- SILVERDALE SH1 CONNECTION (WICH IS GETTING WORST EVERY YEAR) POLITICIAN HAVE FAILED US WHO HAVE LIVED IN RODNEY FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS. STAND UP, WORK FOR THOSE WHO HAVE VOTED. STOP THE WAFFLE IN LOCAL PLANS SUGGESTING THE BOARD CAN FIX IT. WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT MARK DENNIS AND HIS LITTLE FOOTPATH PROJECTS WHERE HE ACTIVELY WASTES OUR MONEY. THIS IS ABOUT LEADERSHIP AND STRONG ADVOCACY TO THOSE WHO CAN ACTUALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In conclusion, spend the money of key infrastructure like roading and waterways. Advocate for the needs of our community.

There I have done a better plan for you right here. Copy and paste, and you will fit on 1 A4 page which will save paper when printing and save trees (to put a smile on the woke tree hugging lefties on the board)- in all seriousness JOIN THE REAL WORLD

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Infrastructure BEFORE development please!

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   Please include horse riders in all parks. Too many are cyclists only or walkers.

   We cannot ride on the road anymore. As there are too many idiots who scream past us, hit our horses. And kill/maim us. Horses and riders die on the roads. We are the most vulnerable road user group but the least protected!

   Having safe areas in which to ride and enjoy the great outdoors, just like bike riders should be a priority. We want to encourage more children to ride too. And enjoy hacking out on their horses rather than sitting at home playing video games.

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3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)

More local activities and events

4. **Overall, how well does the draft Rodney Local Board Plan, as a whole, reflect the priorities of your community?**

   Very well

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3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?
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Better community facilities,Improved parks and public spaces,Other, please specify:Better boating facilities at Port Albert, in particular the boat ramp needs re-doing and modernising as has been done at many other places

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   I don’t know

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As a local rural resident of Rodney we feel that this plan does not reflect nor provide much consideration or benefit for the rural residents. There seems to be no mention of sealing rural roads, connecting sealed routes with other sealed roads from safety and reliability of transit and alternatives for travel, particularly in storm, flooding or natural disaster events.

The flooding of the streams and rivers even in moderate rain; is exacerbated by debris washed into rivers by high water and from the damming of fallen trees. As residents we have found that contacting Healthy Waters for help in emergency dam clearance that we have had a negative response, and have had had to take individual action.

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,More local activities and events,Safer roads

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There is very little in the plan for Rural Communites. Joining unsealed roads to sealed roads, regarding enviroment safety, many of our roads flood (tidal). Community Groups need support to help their individual community to advance with communication. WVA needs a hub for its community the plan does not reflect any help for Community Groups to advance.Many rural communites have a huge early settler background history, the Plan gives no support for Heritage other than Maori, Rodney has very high extensive collections of early European settlement, Scottish, Bohemian, English etc, and yet the Plan gives no acknowledgement to the Museums and the support they require to remain viable, of which are mainly run by unpaid volunteers. Community Groups need support to help their individual community to advance with communication.

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?
(Select up to 3 options)

Improved parks and public spaces,Better public transport options,Other, please specify:For the Redvale Landfill to cease operations. Their fastrack application to extend the duration of operation must not be approved and council should support alternative options for Auckland's waste, such as Hampton Downs.

4. Overall, how well does the draft Rodney Local Board Plan, as a whole, reflect the priorities of your community?

5. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?

I would like the Rodney Local Board to consider and allocate funding for two improvements at Green Road Park:

1. The establishment of a designated unfenced off-leash dog exercise area.

2. The creation of a pedestrian entrance at the northern end of Green Road to improve safe access to the park.

Designated Unfenced Off-Leash Dog Exercise Area

Dairy Flat is experiencing significant residential growth, and with that growth comes increasing demand for recreational facilities that support the needs of local residents and their families, including dog owners. Green Road Park is one of the largest public open spaces in the area and presents an excellent opportunity to provide a designated off-leash dog exercise area for the community.

I recognise that Green Road Park is currently operated as a working farm, with council-funded grazing of sheep and cattle. However, I do not believe this should prevent the provision of a dedicated dog exercise area within the park.

There is a relatively flat area at the northern end of the park that appears less suitable for productive farming and could potentially be designated as an off-leash dog area without materially affecting farming operations elsewhere on the property. By locating the facility away from grazing areas, any conflict between dogs and livestock can be minimised or avoided altogether.

It is important to note that Green Road Park is public parkland. While grazing may provide some maintenance and management benefits, the primary purpose of public reserves is to provide recreational, environmental, and community benefits for residents. Farming should complement those objectives rather than limit opportunities for appropriate public recreation.

As Dairy Flat continues to grow, it is important that recreational use of the park evolves to meet the needs of the community. The fact that parts of the reserve are currently used for grazing should not automatically rule out recreational improvements that can coexist with farming activities.

Many parks throughout Auckland successfully accommodate multiple uses through sensible planning, signage, and designated activity areas. A carefully selected off-leash area would allow dog owners to enjoy the park responsibly while protecting livestock and preserving farming operations on the remainder of the reserve.

Why the Off-Leash Area Should Be Unfenced

I specifically request that any off-leash dog exercise area be established as an unfenced area rather than a fenced dog park.

An unfenced area would:

* Be significantly less expensive to establish and maintain.

* Preserve the open rural character of Green Road Park.

* Integrate more naturally into the wider park environment.

* Encourage owners to actively supervise and exercise their dogs rather than simply containing them within a fenced enclosure.

Experience at some fenced dog parks suggests that fenced facilities can unintentionally encourage inappropriate use. Some have become known as places where owners leave dogs for extended periods while attending to other activities. This can result in poor supervision, overcrowding, conflicts between dogs, excessive barking, and a less enjoyable experience for responsible users.

By contrast, unfenced off-leash areas encourage owners to remain engaged with their dogs and use the space as intended—for exercise, walking, training, and recreation.

Auckland already has successful examples of unfenced off-leash areas. The off-leash area at the Auckland Botanic Gardens is widely used and demonstrates that well-managed unfenced spaces can provide excellent outcomes for both dogs and owners while maintaining the character and amenity of the surrounding parkland.

An unfenced off-leash area would therefore provide a more cost-effective, practical, and appropriate solution for Green Road Park than a fully fenced dog park.

An off-leash dog exercise area would provide numerous community benefits, including:

* Increased opportunities for exercise and wellbeing for both people and dogs.

* Greater use and enjoyment of public open space.

* Increased social interaction and community connection.

* A valuable recreational facility for existing residents and the growing population of Dairy Flat.

* A relatively low-cost recreational improvement compared with many other park developments.

I therefore request that funding be allocated to investigate, consult on, and establish a designated unfenced off-leash dog exercise area within Green Road Park.

Northern Green Road Pedestrian Access

I also request that funding be allocated to investigate and construct a pedestrian entrance into Green Road Park from the northern end of Green Road.

Currently, residents living near the northern end of Green Road must walk a considerable distance on Green Road to access the existing entrance and car park. This creates an unnecessary safety risk because Green Road has an 80 km/h speed limit and no footpath.

Pedestrians are required to walk on the grass verge, which is often uneven and difficult to navigate. Parts of the verge are also used by horses, making the walking surface muddy, rutted, and potentially hazardous, particularly for children, older residents, and those with limited mobility.

A northern pedestrian entrance would:

* Provide safer and more convenient access to the park.

* Reduce the need for residents to walk long distances alongside fast-moving traffic.

* Encourage greater use of the park by walkers, runners, families, and dog owners.

* Improve accessibility for a growing residential population.

* Allow local residents to access a public reserve directly from their neighbourhood rather than being forced to enter via the existing car park.

A simple pedestrian entrance at the northern end of the park would represent a relatively modest investment while delivering significant benefits to local residents and improving access to a valuable public asset.

Conclusion

Green Road Park is a significant public reserve with considerable potential to serve the recreational needs of the Dairy Flat community. As the area continues to grow, it is important that investment in the park reflects the needs of residents as well as existing land management practices.

I respectfully request that the Rodney Local Board allocate funding to:

* Investigate and establish a designated unfenced off-leash dog exercise area within Green Road Park, preferably within the flatter northern portion of the reserve where impacts on farming operations would be minimal.

* Investigate and construct a pedestrian entrance from the northern end of Green Road.

These improvements would enhance recreation, accessibility, safety, and community wellbeing while ensuring that Green Road Park better fulfils its role as a public reserve for current and future generations.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

The concrete ramp at Port Albert needs an upgrade. It has exposed steel rods and the mud can be unsafe also.

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?

(Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,Improved parks and public spaces,Other, please specify:Boat ramp at Port albert

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

Rodney has far too many unsealed roads. There is seemingly no desire nor firm plan to seal roads untill they are all completed. Rural roads in general are narrow, have deep ditches, no space for foot traffic etc.

3. **Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)**

   More environmental restoration,Improved parks and public spaces,Other, please specify:the list is far to extensive to list here.

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   Not well at all

5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

   The draft has a staff "yes minister" look and does not reflect a thriving, forward looking plan. It is simply an aspirational 35 page load of pacifying poof. Council is not a 'social agency' and needs to redifine its role.

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

With the large number of equestrians in the Rodney area, we need more facilities available locally for them. With our roads much busier these days, road riding is no longer as safe as it once was, to exercise our horses. There needs to be more bridleways in our area for horses, and for horses to be included in any existing or future development of trails, paths or greenways etc.

3. **Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)**

   Improved parks and public spaces,Better public transport options,Other, please specify:Better facilities available for the large number of equestrians in the area, safe areas to ride, inclusion in existing and future tracks and trails. especially in the Warkworth, Matakana and Leigh areas where there are very few places available to ride and such a huge number of equestrians living.

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   Not very well

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   Again, the need for more and better equestrian facilities is well overdue in our area. Road riding is no longer safe on many of our roads. Not all riders are able to transport horses long distances to get to dedicated facilities. We need safe, accessible, year round all weather places to ride in our local areas. There are many areas locally that could be developed or made available for horse riding, especially in our rural areas .

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

More facilities for people to rider horses.. to support riders being outside and exercising and safe while they do so

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?

(Select up to 3 options)

Improved parks and public spaces,Other, please specify:We absolutely need more equestrian facilities in warkworth and rodney

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5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

   Equestrian People will start to leave this area or spend their time and money in other regions if council does not get in behind our group. Pony clubs need more support and also Woodhill sands needs reopening or replacing asap. It is frankly ridiculous at the current state of equestrian activity support in this area. Council needs to fix this asap

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3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?
(Select up to 3 options)

More local activities and events,More environmental restoration,Better public transport options

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

The Council should include the importance of our heritage to demonstrate how the base from which Warkworth and the surrounding areas have developed

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?

(Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,More environmental restoration,Other, please specify:More support for the Warkworth and District Museum

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5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

   Disappointing to read that some members of the Local Board were unfamiliar with Warkworth's two gems the Warkworth and District Museum and the magnificent Parry Kauri Park.

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,Support for local businesses,Better walking/cycling connections

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   Not well at all

5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

   We pay the most rates and get the least.

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3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?
(Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,Better walking/cycling connections,Other, please specify:Public pool, indoor sports arena please

4. **Overall, how well does the draft Rodney Local Board Plan, as a whole, reflect the priorities of your community?**

   Quite well

5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

   Please can we build a public pool and indoor sports arena, especially for children, but to build healthy communities.

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3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,Safer roads

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   Yes. Please see uploaded document

Submissions to the Rodney Local Board Plan 2026

My first submission relates to the **Community** aspects of the Board's Plan.

I agree with the challenges the Plan identifies and the opportunities that exist to improve our Community for the benefit of all. The Plan's ambitions for equitable outcomes for all is laudable but will not be achieved by just an equitable distribution of resources. Some groups in the community need and deserve more support than others. Those with disabilities for example.

Rodney Inclusive Communities Initiative (RICI) is an organisation in our community promoting inclusion and accessibility and supporting the wellbeing of the disabled and their families. I submit that the Board offers support, including financial support, to RICI to help it achieve its mission.

My second submission relates to **Transport** aspects of the Board's Plan, and more particularly roading.

The Plan acknowledges there has been long standing under investment in our rural roading network. Wright Road Matakana is a case in point. Why Wright Road has not featured on any schedule for sealing is bewildering, especially given the Unsealed Road Improvement Programme now in place. Wright Road should already be sealed, given the considerable rate-take from properties on the road and the traffic using it. Now the Community-Led Integrated Catchment Management for the Matakana and Glen Eden Rivers has highlighted environmental benefits if Wright Road was sealed.

I would encourage the Board to re-address its road sealing priorities.

I am the co-owner of a small property in [redacted].

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Lack of future vision.... cycle lanes, train infrastructure, green spaces, quality environmental developments, keep local businesses alive

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?

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More environmental restoration,Better walking/cycling connections,Better public transport options

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   Look at countries like Denmark, Sweden, Norway Netherlands, Germany, in regards to town planning.. instead of the useless building concepts from America or Britain... they are outdated and don't work!!! Start investing wisely and build future smart, clean, sustainable and green! NZ has everything to be the best and healthiest place on earth but the NZ government and local councils ********** it up.. over and over again... our rivers are polluted, our beaches are polluted and depleted, we have the shittiest roads here, we have no cycle lanes or proper train links.... Come on... we can do so much better!!! We have the money but are to short sided and stingy to spend it.. stop it and act and build future wise!! NZ should be the cleanest, greenest, most sustainable and safest place on earth .. instead of being heavily polluted and sold out to China, India and some ultra wealthy Americans

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High Qulaity Sports Facilties

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)

Improved parks and public spaces,Better public transport options,Other, please specify:Improved Sports Faciltiies for Growing Communities

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   As a member of the Warkworht Football Club, it is in high need for a significant improvement in facilties to cope with the growing community and popularity in the sport. Tjhis includes All-weather and all-season playing options

   Improved and additional sports fields

   Better field lighting

   A fit-for-purpose clubhouse

   Modern changing rooms and facilities that are worthy of our growing community

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Better community facilities,More environmental restoration,Improved parks and public spaces

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   We need improved sports facilities as the area is growing and so many people are driving significant distances to access facilities. Facilities need to be able to keep pace with demand. I've observed at the local football club the huge growth which has occurred there over the last few years from so many families moving into the area. It's been great to see some investment in additional well draining fields, however, with the amount of use that is only going to increase an all-weather and all-season playing option is needed along with better flood lighting and a decent club room that is actually fit for purpose. This is becoming such a community hub but there's no room! The changing rooms and facilities are no longer adequate for the demand. There is a great opportunity here Which would benefit so many people and groups in the community and prevent so much driving across Auckland to use facilities that should be provided for in Warkworth.

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your draft plan mentions. "promote physical activity by increasing play options" for young people. Such facilities as a Skatepark would therefore be valuable

3. **Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)**

   More environmental restoration,Improved parks and public spaces,Other, please specify:horse riding

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   Very well

5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

   I am impressed with the careful planning and general community awareness evidenced in the plan 9also shown in the December early engagement issue.

   Awareness of the community's wishes is paramount for a good plan.

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Better community facilities,Improved parks and public spaces,Better walking/cycling connections

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   Warkworth Football Club strongly supports the Rodney Local Board's commitment to maintaining sports fields and community facilities. However, Warkworth is experiencing rapid population growth, and football participation continues to increase across all age groups, particularly among girls and women.

   We ask the Rodney Local Board to prioritise:

   Planning and funding for a fourth full sized pitch (floodlit) at Shoesmith domain - ideally artificial turf so training and games can be plated day and night 7 days a week without deteriorating the pitch

   A new Clubhouse and modern changing facilities at Shoesmith Domain;

   Investment in parking and safe access for players and spectators;

   Recognition of volunteer-led sports clubs as essential contributors to community wellbeing, youth development and social connection.

   Investing in community sport delivers long-term health, wellbeing and social benefits while helping meet the needs of one of Auckland's fastest-growing communities.

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Footpaths, swimming pool, well lit park,

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?
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Improved parks and public spaces,Support for local businesses,Better public transport options

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   Need a town square kind of idea - too hard with all the shops being along one main road. One big square with cute cafes and stores and a bar facing into it to be enjoyed by all.

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Other, please specify:Better Walking/Cycling & Equestrian Connections. Please dont forget about the Equestrians.

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   The plan provides a broad vision, but I wonder how much has changed since it was first developed six years ago. It outlines many worthwhile social aspirations and values, but as always, the real impact lies in the detail of how those aspirations are implemented.

   One area I believe deserves greater recognition is the role of animals in our rural communities. As a predominantly rural region, our planning should acknowledge that animals are not simply part of the landscape. They are fundamental to our identity, our economy, and our way of life.

   Without explicitly recognising this, there is a risk that our rural communities gradually become extensions of suburban Auckland. As more people move from urban areas into the countryside, there can be increasing complaints about the very things that define rural living for example: horses on the roads, livestock noises, animal odours, working dogs, and the everyday realities of farming and animal ownership. Over time, these pressures can lead to restrictions that erode the character of our rural communities.

   I would like to see the plan promote an expectation of understanding and tolerance. Choosing to live in a rural area means accepting that animals are an integral part of that environment. The rural lifestyle should not be expected to change simply because some aspects may be unfamiliar or inconvenient to newcomers. Instead, the plan should actively protect and celebrate the unique character of our rural communities, ensuring that the presence of animals and rural activities remains a valued and enduring part of our region.

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YES I object to the way you are trying to constrain feedback, to suit your agenda.

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?
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   I object to this:

   There are three considerations for all decisions and investments :

   • Māori outcomes • Climate outcomes • Equitable outcomes

   Who gave you the right to establish these?

   Did ratepayers vote for these?

   For a start, how can you promote equitable outcomes, when we're forced to pay more for the CRL than other Aucklanders who will regularly use it, because the charge is based on our CV, not where we live!

   WHY haven't YOU, as our representatives, tried to fight this?

   AND I object to you putting Maori words ahead of English, implying our language is inferior!

   I also object to your emphasis on spending OUR money on subsidising public transport, when we're such a wide-spread diverse area where most people need to use their vehicles to get where they need to travel to.

   A perfect example of this wasteful strategy of yours is the hourly bus service along the CRH. Most of the time, the bus has 2 or less passengers! WHY don't you release stats on usage??

   Finally, I object to the way your survey questions seem to be trying to constrain feedback, to suit your agenda.

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   The Spit at Sandspit should be the jewel in Rodney's crown. Sadly it is badly neglected, please get rubbish removed, parking sorted and heed SRRA's recommendations for strategic planning.

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The Warkworth area wth an anticipated large increase in population needs an overall plan that has a vision for Warkworth that includes input from all the various sectors .

Development such as the new development near the new Matakana roundabout / Motorway housing area should not be consented without infrastructure in place . Why should ratepayers end up paying for this .

3. **Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?**
   (Select up to 3 options)

   Better community facilities,Support for local businesses,Other, please specify:It’s about time the Warkworth area had a Aquaitic facility

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   Spend some money on overall regional planning from some visionary planners with this experience .

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Protection of prime soils. New areas for housing should not be made over good quality productive land.

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?

(Select up to 3 options)

Better walking/cycling connections,Better public transport options,Other, please specify:Better lighting standards

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   I don’t know

5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

   Any lighting in our environment should comply with the increasing understanding of the detrimental effects on people and animals/insects, etc. This should include better monitoring of private lighting for appropriate compliance.

   There are Paper Roads that could serve the community well in terms of access to safe walking or riding routes, but these have been co-opted into people's private properties. These need to be reclaimed before they are lost to the rightful owners and made available.

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

Equestrain facilities improvement and creation/commitment to shared spaces for parks and trails/bridleways that equestrians can use in Warkworth/Matakana region. Note the future shared trail initiatives, as per the Greenways Path & Trails Plan Pūhoi to Pakiri in 2017.

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,Improved parks and public spaces,Other, please specify:Riding on public roads is now a safety hazard and facilities are not keeping up with the changing climate. Enhancing equestrian facilities and shared spaces would benefit the large and diverse equestrian community by giving them safe accessible pathways to grow and develop.

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We should support the growing diverse equestrian community as they would greatly benefit from dedicated facilities and shared spaces/trails as road riding continue to becore more unsafe with the built up areas. It would be great to make better use of Regional Parks by making them accessible for equestrians.

MAHURANGI EQUESTRIAN ADVOCATE GROUP

Equestrians in Rodney

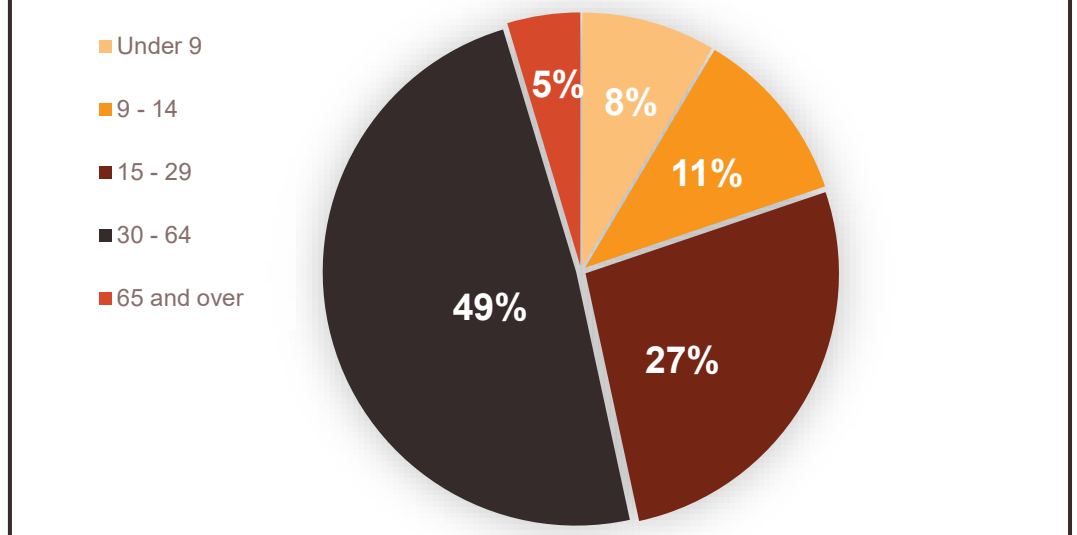
Intro

- For the new members of the board, the beginning of this presentation you may not have seen the first slides
- Apologies if repetition but it is important to summarise where we have evolved from
- The following slides summarise a survey we did on facebook alone to understand the equestrians in our area an justify the continue lease of Matakana Pony Club (MPC)
- The results, when presented to Greg Sayers, evolved in to Mahurangi Equestrian Advocate Group (MEAG)
- As MEAG, we have actively involved ourselves with the Regional Parks, MCTT, local elections etc.
- We would like to be Stakeholders for Equestrians in the Rodney area

Key results from a questionnaire on behalf of Matakana PC

- Riders are multi-generational; kids, mothers and grandmothers
- Riders are primarily female[1]

Number of Riders in your household and ages:



MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION [2]
The overall membership profile for ESNZ and NZPCA is summarised below:

ESNZ	33% AGED UNDER 18	44% AGED 19-50	92% FEMALE
NZPCA	45% AGED UNDER 18	44% AGED 26+	93% FEMALE



Women and girls' participation

Our aim is to see more women and girls physically active through play, active recreation and sport.

SPORT NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Government

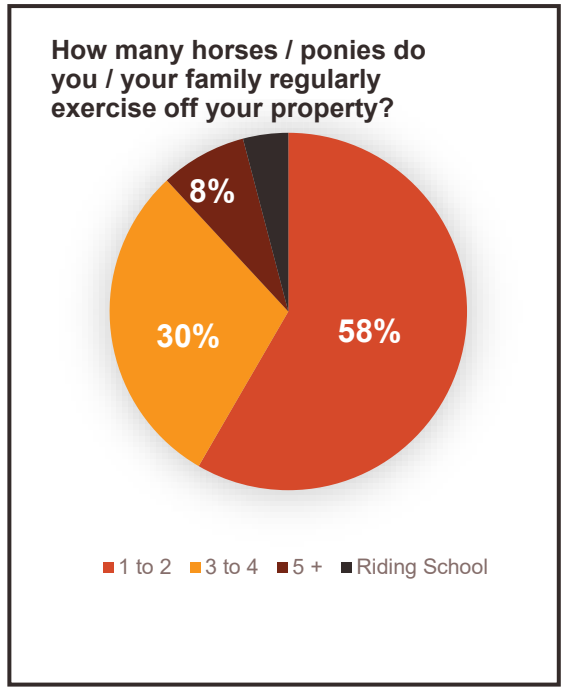
"We know that women and girls are underrepresented in decision-making roles within sport and active recreation, there are clear participation differences, and opportunities for females in sport and active recreation are not always fair and equal"
PETER MISKIMMIN, CEO SPORT NZ, OCTOBER 2018

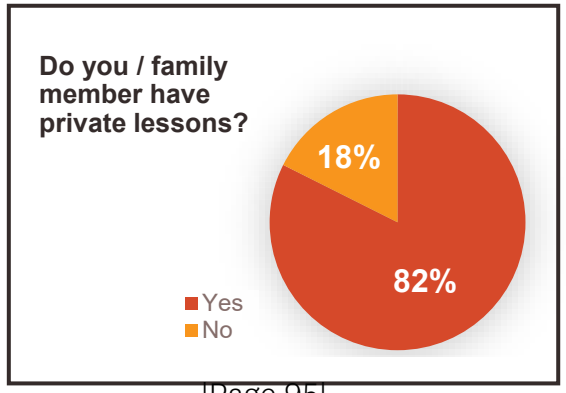
- Vision – "Enabling women and girls to realise their potential in and through sport and active recreation."
- Three key priority areas that underpin the strategy:
  1. Leadership – more women and girls are leading, working, coaching and volunteering at all levels.
  2. Participation – more women and girls are physically active.
  3. Value and Visibility – women and girls in sport and active recreation are valued and visible.

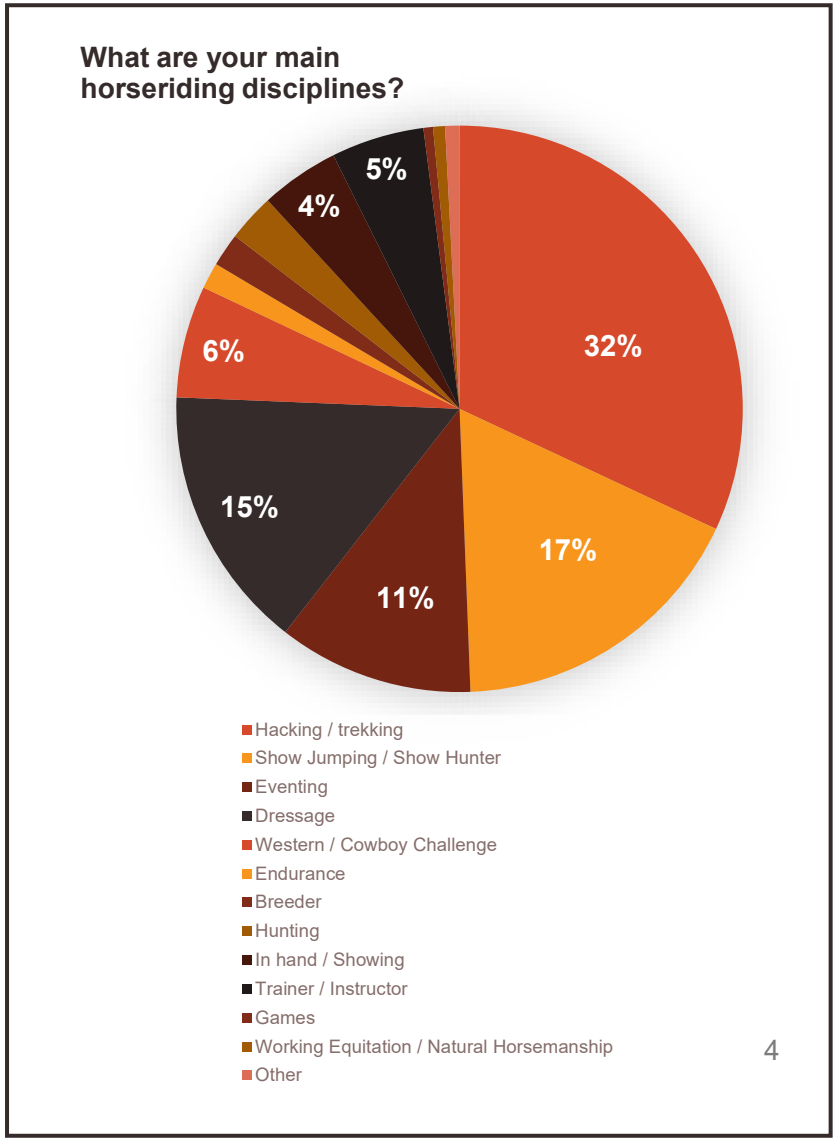
1: 100% of Matakana PC members are female / 98.5% of questionnaire respondents are female
2: National Equestrian Facilities Strategy 2023

Key results from a questionnaire on behalf of Matakana PC

- Around the 739 horses identified in the Warkworth area are exercised OFF the property
  - NB: This is not a total number of horses owned by responders. There will be horses on properties that are young, retired, brood mares etc. that are not included in this number – we are trying to ascertain shared, public access, not horse ownership.
- Of the large list of riding disciplines, around 455 require an all weather equestrian facility to conduct their sport
- 82% invest in private lessons, requiring an all weather equestrian facility

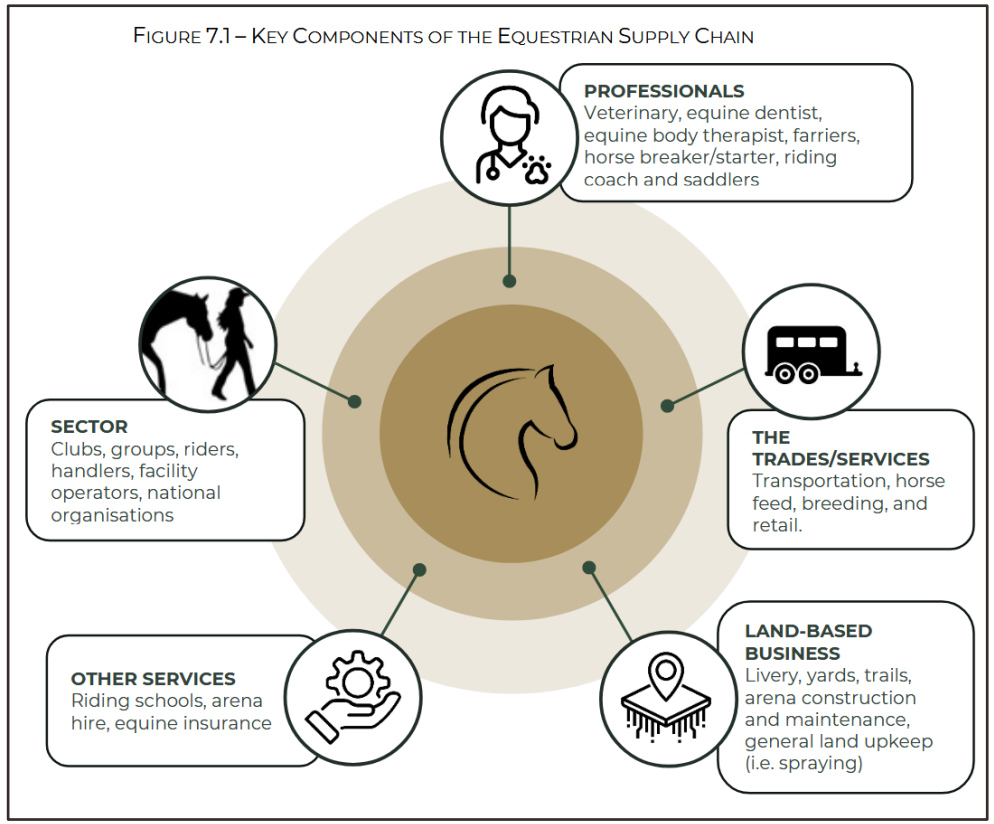






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- Equestrians make a substantial economic contribution at the local, regional, and national levels, distinguishing them from many other sports and recreational activities. Key components of the equestrian supply chain are outlined in Figure 7.1[1]
- Some of the key findings in a 2012 University of Waikato research document[2] *(13 years ago so these numbers will be considerably higher now):*
  - Estimated 80,000 sport horses in New Zealand
  - $12,500 average total annual spend per horse
  - Contributes over $1 billion to the New Zealand economy annually, this is greater than 0.5% of GDP
  - Directly sustains the equivalent of 12,000 full time equivalent (FTE's) jobs
  - Sport horse owning land owners spent an additional $5 billion on land purchases to support their interests





Total Spend = $17,231 per horse pa

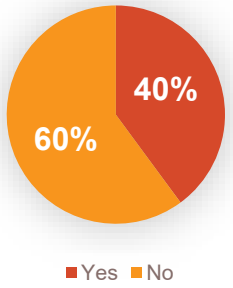
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2: Economic Impact Report on the New Zealand Sport Horse Industry July, 2012

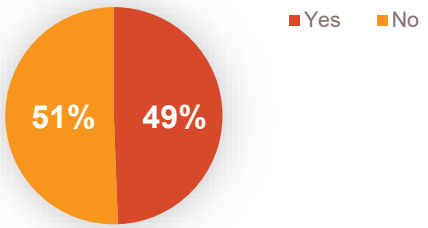
Key results from a questionnaire on behalf of Matakana PC

- Existing statistics do not represent full equestrian activity in our area and this questionnaire helps to fill the gaps:
  - 55% or respondents do not have a family member belonging to NZPCA
  - 60% or respondents do not have a family member belonging to ESNZ
  - 92% of people said ‘yes’ to riding in Regional Parks or public spaces but only 49% have a permit
- In this area, the only Regional Park with a dedicated parking and marked horse tracks is Ātui Creek (NB: Pacific Rd now significantly improved)
- Other public spaces identified do not have horse parking or designated areas
- 80% of respondents would use the Matakana Coastal Trail
  - NB: The 19% ‘Maybe’ will be because their horses are unsuitable to mix with cyclists – equestrians won’t put themselves or others at risk.

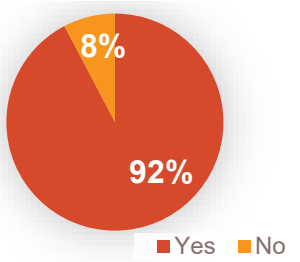
Are you registered with ESNZ?



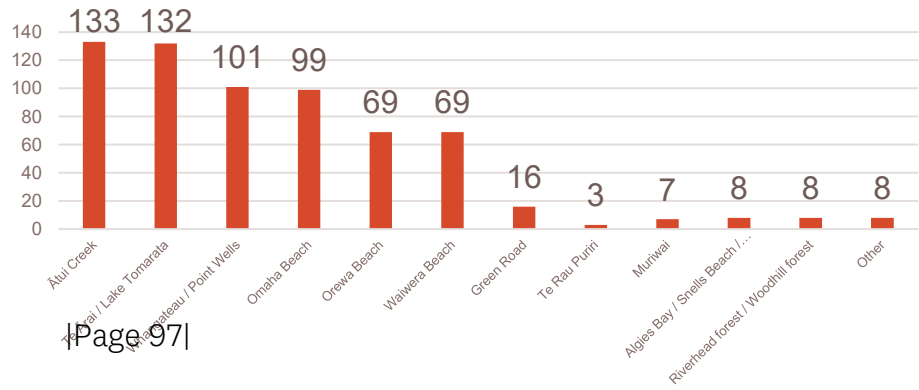
Do you / family member own a Auckland Regional Council Horse Riding Pass?



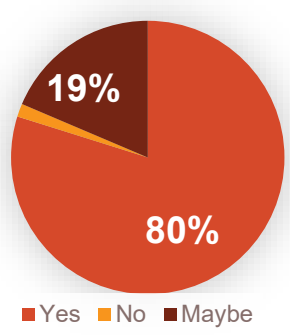
Do you / family member ride in any of the Regional Parks or Public spaces?



If yes, which ones?



Would you ride on the **Matakana Coastal Trail**, a shared pathway with bicycles and pedestrians (currently under construction) if horses were allowed?



National Equestrian Facilities Strategy 2023

- Rodney is under resourced and opportunities exist:

- There are a high number of sites to overall land mass in Auckland comparative to the rest of country (with higher membership per site).

Recommendation 1: *some opportunities appear to exist for exploring the possible consolidation of sites across wider Rodney. Short drive times/overlapping catchment areas and varying levels of membership exist. This will require more detailed analysis and stakeholder engagement.*

Recommendation 2*: Future provision should be explored within Rodney to reduce travel barriers (with focus placed on both day-to-day use and events to provide continuity of use) – this should be completed alongside Recommendation 1.*



- We are aware of the current *Auckland Council Equestrian Provision Study - Rodney Local Board Area* which is greatly appreciated. This gauges the need for facilities, but not necessarily the need for shared **Cycleways, Walkways and Bridleways**

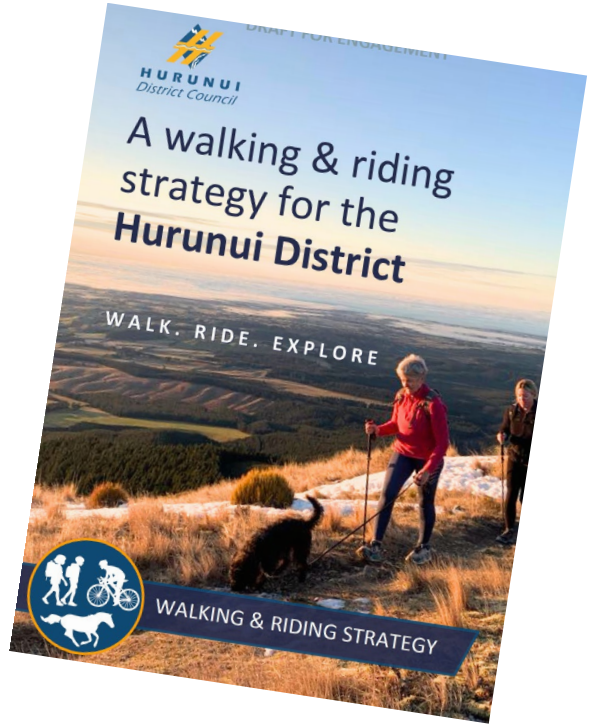
- This is how the MEAG was formed with the aim to be a Stakeholder with the Local Board to provide advice when required and work together to find solutions to shared facilities

- Many councils in NZ do not understand equestrians and have made decisions without considering them, plus the cost of maintenance. Kapiti is a classic example of when all users can come together and share open spaces successfully.

Kapiti Coast Example

- A combined **Cycleways, Walkways and Bridleways Strategy** is successfully being used in Kāpiti Coast District, endorsed by the council and other agencies.
  "This strategy takes a broad view of walking so that people with physical or cognitive disabilities, limited or no vision or hearing and those in wheelchairs or on mobility scooters are included. Walking, cycling and horse riding are vital for healthy, happy individuals and safe, vibrant and sustainable communities. Providing facilities and support for these activities is a priority for the Kāpiti Coast District Council"[1].
- As with Kāpiti Coast, these bridleways become a visitor destination, bringing more to the community
- Tourism is now higher with cyclists, walkers, equestrian visiting the region and it is becoming a more attractive place to live for *Health and Wellbeing* and economic reasons
- There is now a 'Trail Trust' comprising of all user groups, that help with the maintenance costs so the council do not need to fund it all
- Equestrians need the least amount of track consideration – tracks do not need to be formed unless a wet area – Pacific Road is a great example of how the Regional Parks are gradually making it easier with tracks, dedicated parking areas and mounting blocks. They are actively asking MEAG's advice which is much appreciated.

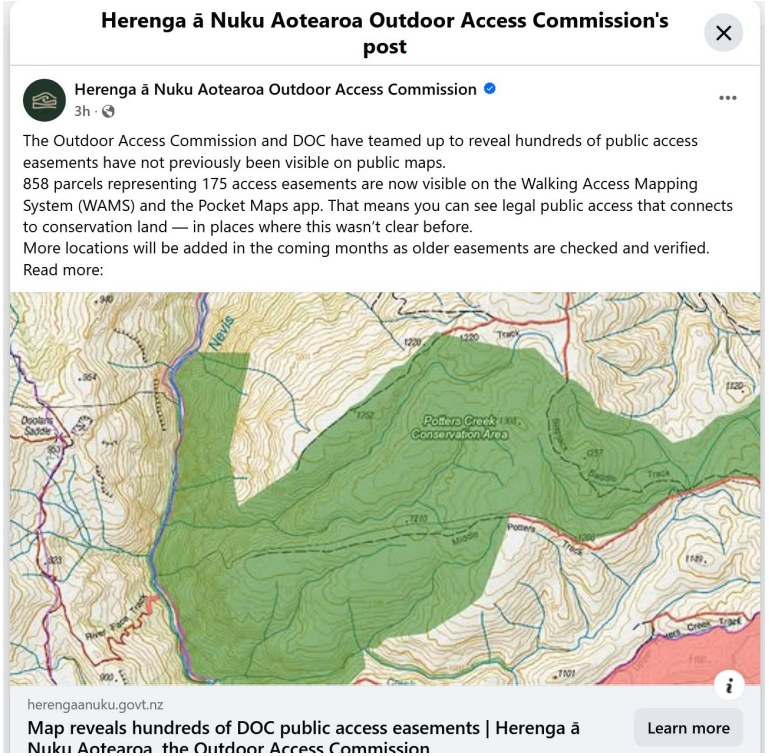




1: Kāpiti Coast: Choosing Futures. Cycleways, Walkways & Bridleways Strategy Dec 2009

Unformed legal roads

- We have also actively been actively corresponding with Herenga ā Nuku and attended live seminars of how to work with the local council
- Unformed legal roads provide the key for multi- users to share a space, as per the example with Kaipiti
- Ideally we would like 5 loop rides in our local area – other equestrians in the area will also have their wish list
- There are opportunities at:
  - Ti Point (10 ha – could be planted, shared use, more tracks) – could have access to the ‘gravel pit’ which also has access to the harbour
  - the Dome Valley
  - plus other identified routes in the local area to us
- Further routes can be identified in other Rodney areas

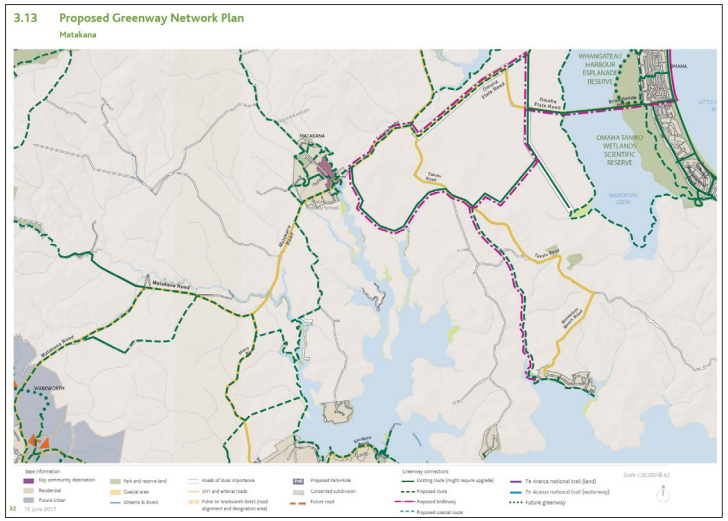


Rodney Greenways

- There are several proposed bridleways in the Rodney Greenways Plan: https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/content/dam/ac/docs/about-council/local-boards/rodney/puhoi-pakiri-greenways-part-one.pdf
- One of our questions was why were we excluded from the Greenways proposal run by the MCTT
- To the right is the summary of the meeting with Matakana Coastal Trail – this lack of real information, for no fault of the people involved, shows a need us to be a Stakeholder to advise
- The feedback was from MCTT was to exclude horses and take it off their website
- MEAG is part of the NZEAN and we are currently doing a fact sheet about myth and fact (which includes horse poo) – hopefully these info sheets will help councils and groups with their decisions
- We have had very positive meetings with the Regional Parks and making great progress

NEW ZEALAND EQUESTRIAN ADVOCACY NETWORK





Item
MEAG, represented by Naomi Marshall, was keen to have a discussion with Meg Eriksen who was representing the Matakana Coastal Trail Trust (MCTT) and clarify whether horses are allowed on parts of it, all of it or not at all. If there are concerns, what they are and whether they are these issues that the MCTT can be reassured on. The Matakana Coastal trail website has a vision statement which finishes with "A trail that offers walking, cycling, mountain biking and horse riding paths for residents, visitors and tourists." Contrary to that, there is a sign on the Tongue Farm road at the start of the section leading to Takatu that says no horse riding.
• Meg clarified that the MCTT is working on the Point Wells to Matakana section, when finished there is a period of works liability which with be from private funding before works liability transfers to the council. • The section that already exists from Matakana to Omaha via Tongue Farm Road, Takatu, Jones road was constructed with funding from MCG and council now are in charge of the maintenance and future trail. • Future section Puhoi to Mangawhai are still in the design and cost stage by MCTT.
The impression was that there were some concerns from MCTT board, members of council and RLB regarding horses on the trail network, these being: • Health and safety of children, bicycles and horse on a shared path. • Damage to the path from horses, considering that average weight is probably 400kg. The path is constructed of gap 20/40 and the cost liability of repairs. • An exposure to tetanus risk is a human fell, had a cut that came into contact with horse poo.
Naomi responded to the above concerns with: • Offering examples of successful shared walking, cycling, horse riding trails in NZ, Kapiti council is a leading example. • Horses would only walk on the trail. If you had an unpredictable horse (usually ones that are young or naturally excitable) you would not be considering going on a trail with cycles or through busy areas. • Recommendations of good signage on trails regarding rules like give way and Poo picking. • Reassurance that the veterinary council recommends all horses in NZ and Australia are vaccinated against tetanus. Tetanus is caused by bacterium Clostridium tetani which can be found in soil, dust and animal faeces. I understand Tetanus vaccinations are strongly recommended and publicly funded in NZ for children. I think the risk of someone falling, cutting themselves and then rolling in poo must be minimal and bear in mind the bacteria is present in our soils. I spoke to my vet as well, she had never heard of that happening. A bigger concern was dog faeces.

MAHURANGI EQUESTRIAN ADVOCATE GROUP

Future Action:
• Naomi to send links to Kapiti coast shared trail and Hurunui Trails to Meg • Meg to feedback to the MCTT board the following week and then feedback to Naomi

Development of Assets

- Upgrading car parking used by equestrians in areas such as Whangateau, Lake Tomarata, Omaha etc.
- Including horses in loop tracks
- Maintain adequate open space - drainage in Jubilee Park to allow all year round community use
- Equestrian all weather arena surface that allows all year riding

To conclude

- Please involve us with
  - Opportunities for multi use tracks
  - Beach by laws
  - Reserve by laws
  - Consider a Trust involving walkers, cyclists and equestrians
  - Let’s work together to make **Open Space** all year round, enjoyed by multi users, encouraging women, health & wellbeing and continue to create Rodney a destination and place to live

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Equestrian facilities and ability to use existing public spaces

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?
(Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,Improved parks and public spaces,Other, please specify:Retaining rural character rather than allowing wholesale development in random areas, especially where services are not available or planned in same timeframe

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   Please ensure rural character of Rodney area is not lost and the reasons people want to live here are retained (ie ability to farm, graze animals, grow food, green open spaces, ride horses, etc)

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   I would like to add my voice for a call to have a purpose-build swimming pool complex built in the Warkworth community. A swimming complex would provide a range of exercise from free swimming, learn to swim classes to aqua-aerobics classes to cater for children all the way to seniors. The response that we have plenty of beaches available for exercise does not allow for instruction or learning, lifeguard safety and lane swimming for those wanting to measure their exercise and progress. It also concerns me that at the present time, it is being suggested that ratepayers pay for this through their rates, however, I am not aware of any other suburb in Auckland who have had to pay for a swimming facility through additional rates. After residents of north Rodney already having to pay tolls to use a public highway, I don't believe it is fair to expect the same residents to have another rate top up to have a swimming pool which is readily available at many other suburbs in Auckland, with no additional expenses to their rates.

   I would also like to highlight that the slip in the road on Sandspit Road, just from the intersection at Hill Street, needs a permanent solution as this is a road hazard.

   Libraries need to be maintained as they are a valuable hub for our communities for lonely people seeking company, group education and one-on-one tutoring spaces, digital computer classes (particularly for seniors), tutoring spaces, teen hangout opportunities.

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Better community facilities,More local activities and events,Other, please specify:More support for a wider range of community facilities including highlighting their existance to the wider world around us

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   Your board plan begins with a mihi which acknowledges people and events of the past, but I see little in the plan to help keep those stories alive. There are several small museums in the Rodney district all of whom struggle to keep going. They are largely run by volunteers who give up a great deal of time to ensure our stories are told and to try to keep history relevant and accessible. Some thought to how the board could help fund some museum projects would be great. We have been told that a targeted rate is difficult to get past the post, but $1 per ratepayer per year will go a long way towards keeping the lights on in small regional museums.

   The "plan at a glance", refers to "all ages and abilities" yet it speaks more of youth needs and facilities than of any other age. I see the importance of this but the needs and facilties for an aging population are also very important.

   Increased facilities for increased population is all well and good, but using facilities we already have by making them more affordable and more widely accessible may be easier, quicker and cheaper. Public halls, paid for by local communities are poorly used as many find their costs beyond their affordibility. An Operations Research study may be able to better highlight where price drops will actually increase the income from some of these places and so help to fund their upkeep. The plan mentions greater use of the facilities we have - Many places like lodge halls, library and museum grounds, and even school facilities could be better utilised within their individual limits if understood by the wider community - .... this could bring in income for some of these places whilst removing some of the pressure on other places. It would require the board understanding the various places better to better utilise them whilst helping to keep them going.

   The plan talks about more open spaces and their enhancement. It is quickly followed by prioritising which facilities will be the maintained.. This sounds again like open spaces will get priority over buildings for communal events. It helps the younger population, but not the aging one. As one ages, the average person accesses less outdoor facilities and more indoor facilities are actually required.

   Many of the results of climatic issues have come about from a lack of understanding our of unique position in the Kaipara. The rivers have become smaller due to silting up. Stop banks have failed due to them not being maintained. Rivers and streams used to get "cleared" on a regular basis with draglines and such like and stop banks were maintained - both to help stop flooding. Now we have moved to labelling places as unliveable rather than facing the fact that

we need to work on how to mitigate or prevent the issues - if the Netherlands can contain the North Sea - we must have some solutions - costly solutions in the short term, but well worth their price in the long term. You have come up with some plans to mitigate flooding, but looking deeper into the reasons for increased flooding (other than pure climatic changes) might also be of use. The board has many ideas that will help the current flooding issues, but is it tinkering around the edges? I don't know, but I'd like you to be able to stand bck and ask yourselves how much it will actually help.

Heritage is an important part of a community's culture. A community's culture changes over time, as does it's population make-up. Each community should have a thriving museum to highlight these changes over time, but instead regional museums are left to produce low-budget exhibitions and struggle to survive because thay cannot create the vibrant displays of the bigger museums, they generally cannot employ managers and they run on pure volunteer energy. Imagine what could be done if there was some heritage funding other than purely for heritage buildings.and they could employ people to manage their facilities, or to create more captivating stories about our communities by understanding the current population make-up or employ (even for a short time) people who can create the imagined spaces. Heritage is instead forgotten, yet again in the plan.

It would be great to see all ages actually considered , rather than just given lip-service to, and if you visited a regional museum when a more mature group like U3A was going through, you might see the importance of making heritage an important part of your plan also.

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More environmental restoration,Better public transport options,Safer roads

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   Māori Events

   Look after our Fisherys and environment

   Put a cap on pint prices at local pubs

   Lower rates

   Keep funding stuff for kids

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Keep local parks clean and safe. More job opportunities for young people like training. More music and sports training

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   My family attend the Rodney community events more youth music events. More Maori culture events a Mahurangi community center

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   Maori art classes example flax weaving, poi making.

   Maori patterns, carving

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Re Natural environment - The species of mangroves in Whangateau Harbour collects sediment buildup. It does NOT support sea life and will eventually clog water flow.

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   Reference point wells sea wall - As work is to commence it should disestablish the old boat ramps off Harbour view road. It is NEVER used and is a weakness for surge protection. Some occasional swimmers use it. Access steps would still permit that activity

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- More toilets in Warkworth, end of Baxter St and Matakana, Diamond Jubilee Park and Welsford memorial Park

- Money spent on the old Wilson Cement Works Site

- Money Spent on repairing broken/cracked footpaths in North Rodney

- New footpaths where needed

- Re seal sandspit carpark

- Increase funding for road maintenance and deal new roads

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SUBMISSION ON DRAFT RODNEY LOCAL BOARD PLAN 2026-2029

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Introduction

- The Board knows I am an urban planner heavily involved with the work of MCPG. I have considerable experience in strategic, structure and urban development planning, working both as a Council planner and as a planning consultant.

- My main concern is the lack of coordinated planned and well managed growth under the direction of the Council. There is substantial pressure from the government to build more housing in and around Auckland city. This has been reflected in the decisions made by Council for intensification.

- As a result of this direction to have more housing in and around Warkworth, developments around the town are being created (The Ridge, Stubbs Farm, Warkworth South) effectively without the necessary infrastructure – and more importantly the community facilities - being in place. Now Arvida (having been turned down by Council and the Environment Court) is going to progress as a Fast Track development!! All these are increasing the pressure on infrastructure, public facilities and roading.

- Should all these developments proceed over the next 3-5 years, there will be difficulties in providing not only the basic infrastructure and roading but also the essential public services and facilities. There are huge cost implications for Council, other agencies and the ratepayers resulting from this situation.

- Developers do not pay enough from their development contributions to fund necessary community assets and services – currently a mere $20K per house site. Council is now looking at increasing that in Franklin to $90K. Even that is not enough.

- MCPG's economist/statistician has estimated it needs to be $200K to upgrade services and assets, such as reserves, playfields,

community centres, libraries that Council supplies. Even Mayor Wayne Brown has recognised this dilemma. There is also limited funding available for schools, health facilities, and emergency stations that are provided by other agencies.

- Council's Unitary Plan, Structure Plans and Plan Changes in themselves do not address the real planning issues facing this community with uncoordinated development growth.

- In its Strategic Plan, Council has determined that Warkworth is a strategic satellite town. However, I firmly believe that it is a rural township serving a wide area in the surrounding district; the character of which the community wish to retain.

- Council's planning team responsible for managing this growth has clearly indicated that there is no intention to change the Unitary Plan and the Warkworth Structure Plan, which are designed to guide the pattern of development. This has now been reinforced by the proposed amended Ch 120! There is thus no guidance as to how Warkworth town centre and surrounding development areas will grow in a managed fashion.

- These Zoning Plans do not show how and where the necessary infrastructure, roading and community assets will be to accommodate the growth in development. Even the Structure Plan does not contain sufficient detail to indicate the type and form of such housing, commercial development, future reserves, sports and community facilities, schools or health facilities.

- It is essential that a Spatial Development Plan is developed from the combined demands of the communities throughout the Warkworth-Mahurangi District. It is essential that Council and the Board listen to our communities. There has been limited recognition of local voices in the past. This must change. The Mayor himself has frequently said: *locals know local.* The Board (and Council) must take into account what our locals want. Advocacy on its own is not enough unless there are positive results.

- I have been responsible for creating a comprehensive survey questionnaire for each of the distinct community areas including Puhoi, Mahurangi East, Matakana/Omaha, Leigh and Cape,

Mahurangi South and the Warkworth urban area. These will identify the issues and requirements within those areas. The combined views will be presented to the Community and the Board.

- I want the Board to persuade the Governing Body that the current planning system does not provide Rodney's rural towns (not only Warkworth, but also Wellsford and Kumeu too) with a coordinated detailed Spatial Plan that clearly accommodates all the growth requirements. It must take a more proactive stand on this issue.

- I want the Board to act on this, reflecting on what its role is as the voice of the community at all times. This is being constantly stated in the opening statements of the Draft Local Board Plan 2026-9.

Comments on the Draft Local Board Plan

Introduction

Aims and Objectives

The objectives in the start of the Draft Local Board Plan need to be more specific, so the community knows how these will be implemented. It is essential that all plans should address issues and concerns raised by the community. This will become clear with a more appropriate, detailed consultation process.

These are initially outlined in the Chairperson's opening statement, setting the direction that the Board will take. They are worthy aims and bold promises. The question is how will they be achieved? That is not readily apparent from the Action Plan sections or funding allocations.

We know Rodney is growing, and with that growth comes both opportunity and pressure. We are seeing increasing demand on parks, facilities, roads and community spaces, alongside real challenges in maintaining the character that makes Rodney unique.

We will advocate strongly for the infrastructure our communities need, whether that is safer rural roads, better public transport connections or ensuring growth is matched with the services that help communities thrive.

Importantly, we recognise that we cannot do this alone. The strength of Rodney lies in its people, in volunteers, community groups, mana whenua and local leaders who already contribute so much. Our role is to enable, support and partner, so that together we can achieve more than any one organisation could on its own.

The Board needs to recognise the serious nature of the lack of coordinated planning and make full use of the incredible expertise and experience of professionals in Warkworth. Unfortunately, it has already approved the previous Annual's Plans programme of works. These works will not solve the severe problems facing the Warkworth area and town centre.

The Board must be more pro-active in demanding that the Governing Body (Council) give it more funding and the authority to fund those projects and activities. These need to focus on providing the more appropriate form of development, and the necessary services and facilities for the local community.

It is the locals (Board and community) that know what is best for the district and what is really needed to have an attractive and sustainable town centre and district.

It is impossible to work towards these objectives without having a clear vision and detailed coordinated Plan (of Action) such as is the essence of an Overall Spatial Development Plan/Strategy that is so essential.

The Board should do the spatial planning but as it has no staff to support it, it should utilise those experienced professional such as those that have offered their services as "local" (knows local) consultants, rather than funding more expensive out of town consultancies. As such, the Board can only be the "gatekeeper" as it does not have the ability or resources to do good planning or to direct work through tenders etc. Hence, I recommend that the Board seek to get this process changed.

Amendment required

The Plan Introduction should specify that the Board will provide the means for an overall Development Strategy to be implemented that reflects the community's demands and values.

The Plan at a Glance (p5)

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Again, this highlights the need for specific actions to be identified to ensure these aims are achieved. Such general statements are meaningless otherwise.

Action required

I also request that the Board urgently prepare a Spatial Development Plan for the broader Warkworth-Mahurangi District (as defined in the MCPG map attached), with its first (pilot) project being the Warkworth Town Centre Plan (as being promoted by MCPG).

Thus the Board to allocate funds for such planning work from funds allocated from a new fund that has to be created in this RLB Plan for development projects.

How the Plan will be used (p6)

The plan provides direction for the next three years and influences council's wider decision making. To deliver on it we will:

- *prioritise budgets and resources to focus on the initiatives in this plan*
- *work with our partners to deliver on the objectives in this plan.*

How will those priorities be established and how closely will the Board (and ultimately the Governing Body/Council) listen to the community, so that what the community wants and needs is

delivered? This can only be achieved if there is a detailed strategic coordinated Plan in place that will manage development growth effectively.

Action Required
The Board must demand that Council provide sufficient funds and more importantly authorise it to spend those funds on the development of the Development Plan itself, and on the various projects identified in an Action Plan. The Board must identify what their priorities are and how they have been determined.

Planning Focus

I have focussed on the following parts of the Plan to ensure that the objectives in the **Our Plan** section will be met. To attain many of these objectives is outside of the Board's authority, as it will require resources and funds that the Board may not have direct control over. Whilst the Board has already acknowledged this, it must take a more proactive role to ensure that those objectives will be met.

I want the Board to demand that the Plans and Projects designed to achieve the desired outcome will be delivered.
This can only occur if there is a fully coordinated district-wide Spatial Plan that provides the detailed form of development, along with fully integrated infrastructure and facilities.

The Board cannot rely any longer on the current Unitary Plan and Structure Plan to manage the growth of development in a sustainable and cost-effective manner. The following statements can only be achieved with such a coordinated Plan.

Built Environment

Opportunities (p20)
Planning and consenting processes provide opportunities to shape the design, quality and character of new housing and employment areas.
Warkworth's role as a rural growth hub provides opportunities to focus investment and design quality to create a well-serviced centre that supports surrounding rural and coastal communities.
Warkworth is a rural growth hub, not a satellite town for Auckland's urban style intensification. The draft Board Plan needs to indicate

that it is a Rural Service Centre and not the Satellite Centre that Council's Plans and Strategies have identified.

Despite Council's Planning team's reluctance to enable this to be undertaken, the Board must allocate the appropriate funds for the development of the Warkworth Town Centre Development Plan to ensure the success of the centre for the district. This will include the development of the riverside area and redevelopment of the Council buildings and land.

This is a key critical opportunity to create an attractive area for locals and visitors. New and enhanced buildings for the library and community centre should be developed here. Funding for investigation and design should be allocated within this 3year Plan.

Advocacy (p21)

Ensure Rodney's community priorities and local character are clearly understood and considered in decisions around planning and growth.
Advocate to make sure new development does not go ahead before essential infrastructure is in place — including for water, wastewater, and roads, and other community facilities like infrastructure for schools and healthcare provided by central government.
Advocate for investment and planning that provides equitable access to quality education, hospital services and essential care facilities across Rodney, addressing the unique challenges of a geographically large and mostly rural local board area.
Advocate for funding and other measures to ensure enough infrastructure is built alongside new housing in Rodney, so growth pays for itself and is well planned.

Action Required

Advocacy per se is meaningless unless the Board sends a strong message to the Governing Body that the current Plans and Strategies need to be modified and enhanced.

It is essential that our communities' priorities are met with fully coordinated planning, and with substantially more funding for actual development and building projects. This will ensure the successful management of the growth of the town centre and the surrounding districts. The wording of, and the funding allocation in, the Board's Plan has to reflect this and put in strong terms.

It is essential that additional funding from increased development contributions is required so that "growth will pay for growth". Such a statement is meaningless unless this occurs. The Board should push the Governing Body to press Government to provide the legislative power to achieve this.

The Plan therefore must include such strong statements.

Economic Development (p23)

Our economic development goals focus on supporting business resilience, growing sustainable tourism, strengthening local skills pathways and making sure that as Rodney grows, economic opportunities are accessible, vibrant and reflect the strengths of our communities and natural landscapes.

Objectives of looking at opportunities to support and growing the economy for businesses and tourism will require more than just advocacy. Advocacy per se is not enough, but nevertheless any such advocacy has to be very strongly worded.

In Advocacy, it recognises *Some local priorities that matter to our community are not part of our direct decision-making role. 'Advocacy' is how we influence other governance decision-makers to prioritise the things our community cares about.*

The Board will advocate *to ensure growth includes enough land for businesses and employment, enabling local jobs, reducing commuting and keeping economic spend local. This will be to the Governing Body*

Transport (p26)

Rodney's size, rural geography and limited public transport options mean transport is one of our biggest challenges. Safety concerns on rural roads, a lack of walking and cycling networks and limited access to public transport all affect daily life. Major upgrades offer new opportunities to better connect areas and improve resilience.

Our Priorities (p27-28)

Due to this uncertainty (of legislative changes), the Local Board's transport priorities are set out in a single category in this draft plan. There are significant challenges to achieve these objectives, with many priorities to resolve.

Create safer, more connected walking and cycling routes to key local destinations.

Expand and improve the ways people can reach public transport from rural communities and growth areas, such as park 'n ride and interchange locations.

Many of these will require significant advocacy to agencies such as NZTA and Council. The Board should work through its priorities with the Transport Forum, which includes the appropriate agencies.

Decisions on most transport issues must be made in the context of that coordinated Development Plan that MCPG is promoting.

Critical roading projects are the Hill Street intersection modifications to account for increases in traffic flows; some NOR's; Mansell Drive widening and intersections; town centre traffic flows (maybe one-way section); bus routes in and around the town centre.

The town centre needs new parking areas and extensions of parking buildings to compensate for the removal of car parks by riverside to enable a more attractive open space area. In the interim, make all parks to be P120 to encourage longer stays.

Funding (p29)

The critical aspect of proper management of growth is having the most appropriate form of funding to ensure that projects will be implemented in a coordinated manner.

The level of funding has been set in the past by the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan. The control of authority and funding to the Board has been set by the Governing Body in the Long Term Plan (2024-34).

Whilst the Board has many valid objectives, some of these cannot be achieved as the funding has not been readily available. That funding as allocated (see below) is not specific enough to ensure that these 3 year objectives might be met.

Levels of service (p30-31)

In identifying the activities - *local community services; local planning and development; local environmental management; and local governance* the Board states its support for

strong, diverse, and vibrant communities through libraries and literacy, arts and culture, parks, sport and recreation;

local town centres and communities to thrive by developing town centre plans and development, supporting Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), heritage plans and initiatives;
to engage with and represent their communities and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans;

All this will require working more closely with those experienced professionals and community organisations – again within the context of the community-led Development Plan. It cannot make decisions in isolation without that overall framework.

In determining its priorities, it will have to *take into account rising costs, limited resources and changing community needs.*
It has set itself a difficult task as follows:
When making financial decisions, the local board will:
• *prioritise actions that most strongly contribute to achieving the intended outcomes and goals of this local board plan*
• *consider value for money when making decisions about local services and assets within its decision-making responsibilities*
• *consider advice on ways to increase funding for services, activities and facilities from sources other than rates where appropriate,*
• *consider advice on opportunities to work with other local boards and external partners, where this supports shared goals*
• *consider advice on the ongoing suitability, performance and community value of local assets.*

Financial Overview (p32)

The allocation of around $26m each year for each of the next 3 years is very significant. Whilst the introduction states that *these estimates are indicative and subject to change. They are not to be relied as final as they will be subject to review and updates.*
This does not assist the community to understand what actual projects are going to be defined and implemented. That is because there is no detailed programme of works/projects established.

Operating expenditure for libraries shows a slight increase each year but it is not defined as to what that includes.

In capital expenditure for community services there is a slight fluctuation each year around the $10-$11m mark. What does this

include – renovations of the current library in Warkworth or a completely new building, or a new community/information centre?

I strongly recommend that the current library/service and information centre by the riverside should be redeveloped and expanded along with enhancement of the riverside reserve. Some funds should be allocated for investigations and design work.

Conclusion – What I am asking for!

- **Understanding of the need for a more detailed Spatial Plan that sets the Planning and Implementation context for the Draft Local Board Plan**

- **Clarification of proposed Projects as to their priorities and how these have been established**

- **Rationalisation of Funding Allocation to the projects included in the Development Plan concept**

- **Seek that Council develop a larger development contribution from new developments towards the provision of essential community services and facilities**

- **Promote greater authority from Council for the Board to make decisions to support our local community (locals know local) and reflect on what it is that it wants**

- **Significant exercise of real consultation with community to understand their concerns and values, and to take on board the results of the comprehensive MCPG community survey**

- **Supporting with appropriate actions and funding for the professionally established community-led Pilot**

Warkworth Town Centre Development Plan Project with urgency

- **Recognition that the Town Centre Plan previously funded by the Board has serious deficiencies. The Council, Board and the community cannot accept it as a real Development Strategy. It does not accommodate demands for facilities required to meet future growth.**

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3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?
(Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,Support for local businesses,Other, please specify:Venue hire rates to be reduced for local communities. Annual events please

4. **Overall, how well does the draft Rodney Local Board Plan, as a whole, reflect the priorities of your community?**

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Improved parks and public spaces,Better walking/cycling connections,Better public transport options

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Protection of historic heritage areas e.g cement works

(History of the Jane Grfinns, The River History)

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?

(Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,Improved parks and public spaces,Support for local businesses

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   Warkworth has heritage history which should be recorded and used for publicity to attract visitors to the area, which in turn promotes local business

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

Important focus areas: Community,Transport

Most Important Focus Area: Community.

Why is it Important: Because I work within the disability sector and believe in a more inclusive society.

Second Focus Area: Transport

Why is it Important: Because I see the need for a speedy train to and from the city at sensible times

3. **Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)**

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Other Feedback: I would like to see more 'disability led' art projects happening in the region.

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

Would like to see a community swimming pool as we are so near the sea but life savers are not always available. Also schools no longer have swimming pools for teaching students how to swim

3. **Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)**

   More environmental restoration,Support for local businesses,Safer roads

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   Quite well

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   I would like to see the shoulders on roads build up to road level as cars are biggers nowadays. The roads have not kept up with the increase width so cycling/walking along the roadside is hazardous.I would like to see the road entrance to the Whangalow Cemetary widened to make access easier on the coner. This is at a high point in the area in the ease of flooding or tsunami

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Local Board: Upper Harbour

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

Under Transport can we get replacement of aging infrastructure a priority.

Also, funding for road surface adhesion must take priority over all else.

Due to the geographical nature of Rodney the area is a favorable area for motorcycle riders.

A consistent road surface will improve the safety of operation of motorcycles in the area and reducing the burden on the ACC system.

3. **Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)**

   Better community facilities,Safer roads

4. **Overall, how well does the draft Rodney Local Board Plan, as a whole, reflect the priorities of your community?**

   Quite well

5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

these are so broad. what are you actually doing.

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,More environmental restoration,Improved parks and public spaces

4. **Overall, how well does the draft Rodney Local Board Plan, as a whole, reflect the priorities of your community?**

   I don’t know

5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)

Better community facilities,More local activities and events,Safer roads

4. **Overall, how well does the draft Rodney Local Board Plan, as a whole, reflect the priorities of your community?**

   Very well

5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

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Local Board: Waitākere Ranges

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

Trains

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney? (Select up to 3 options)

Better public transport options,Safer roads

4. Overall, how well does the draft Rodney Local Board Plan, as a whole, reflect the priorities of your community?

Not well at all

5. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?

Commuter trains to Helensville needed, the suggested bus rapid transport system is unusable for many.

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2. Is there anything you think is missing from these focus areas?

There isn't enough going into road maintenance and the speed limits are too low they need to be raised. Particularly the coatesville riverhead hwy should be increased to 80kmh.

3. Which improvements would you most like to see in Rodney?

(Select up to 3 options)

Other, please specify:Better road maintenance and higher speed limits.

4. **Overall, how well does the draft Rodney Local Board Plan, as a whole, reflect the priorities of your community?**

   Not very well

5. **Do you have any other feedback you would like to share about the draft local board plan?**

   Ensure all speed bumps are removed and traffic can flow faster.