

Have your say

Te Pūmanawa o Onehunga

- Includes:
- A new community hall, and
 - A new town square



Provide your feedback by 1 September 2026



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What we are proposing

We are working to enhance Onehunga as a great place to live, work, play, visit, and do business.

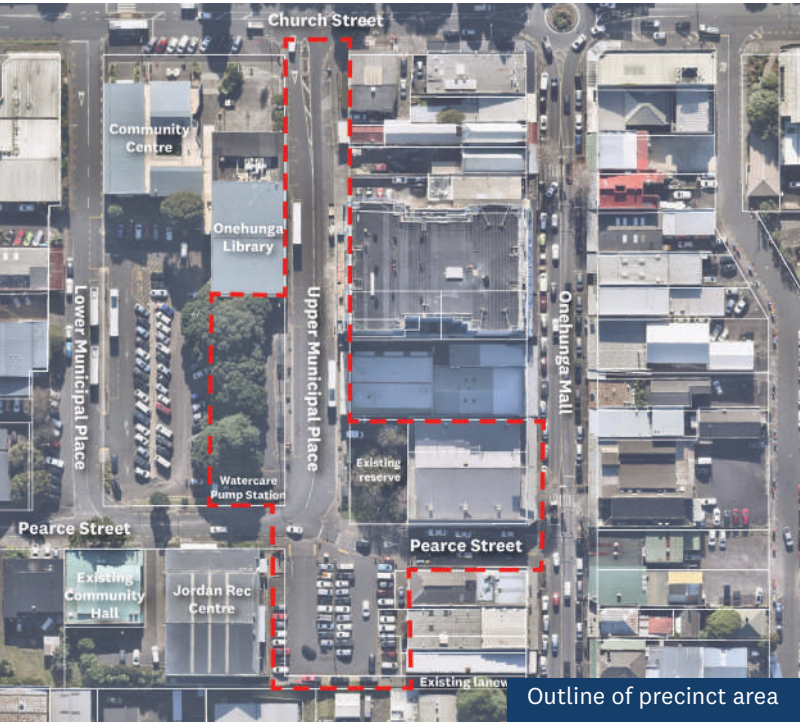
We are developing plans for a new precinct, located between Church Street and Princes Street, called Te Pūmanawa o Onehunga.

Meaning “the heart and essence of Onehunga”, Te Pūmanawa o Onehunga is envisioned as the beating heart of Onehunga — a place that connects land and sea, from maunga to moana. It highlights Waihopuahopua as a space where mauri (life force) activates the panapana (heartbeat), and where wai (freshwater) flows beneath the surface of Onehunga.

The precinct will create a central community area for Onehunga that builds on and connects to existing community facilities with the addition of new spaces and amenities. The precinct will create a well-connected central community area where people of all ages can meet and participate in a wide range of activities and events.

The first stage of the precinct will deliver:

- A new multi-purpose community hall, replacing the Pearce Street Hall, and
- A new town square, providing space for community events and gatherings in Onehunga.



Why is this being proposed?

Onehunga has a wide range of community facilities, but it is important that these continue to meet the needs of a growing and changing community. An Auckland Council assessment of current and future community and indoor recreation needs in Onehunga identified a clear need for improved facilities and spaces.

While the town square will be a new community facility, the community hall will be built to replace the existing Pearce Street Hall. Originally built in the 1970s, the current hall received mixed feedback during Council’s recent assessment. While users responded positively to its layout and accessibility, they highlighted concerns about the building’s overall condition, which is poor due to its age and high level of use over 50 years.



What we’ve heard from you so far

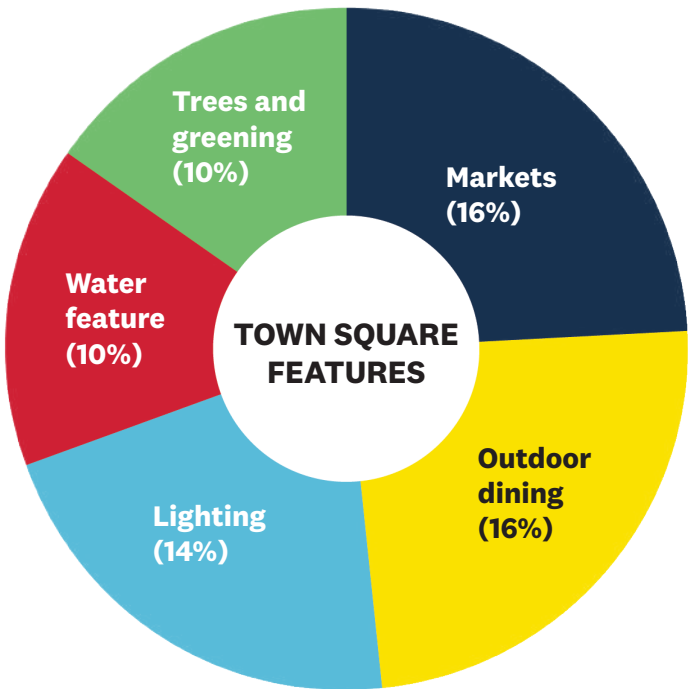
Over the past few years, we have been working on early concepts for the precinct and gathering feedback from the community to help shape the design and layout.



We have surveyed regular users of Pearce Street Hall to understand which facilities they value most and what they would like included in the new hall. We’ve attended community events such as 312 Day, the Onehunga Festival, and Music on the Mall to hear what people would like to see in a town square.

And we have held workshops with representatives from the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board, Onehunga Business Association, Member of the New Zealand Parliament for Onehunga, Bike Onehunga, Onehunga Community Patrol, the Onehunga Enhancement Society, and others to work through the concept designs we’re sharing with you now.

Community polling results



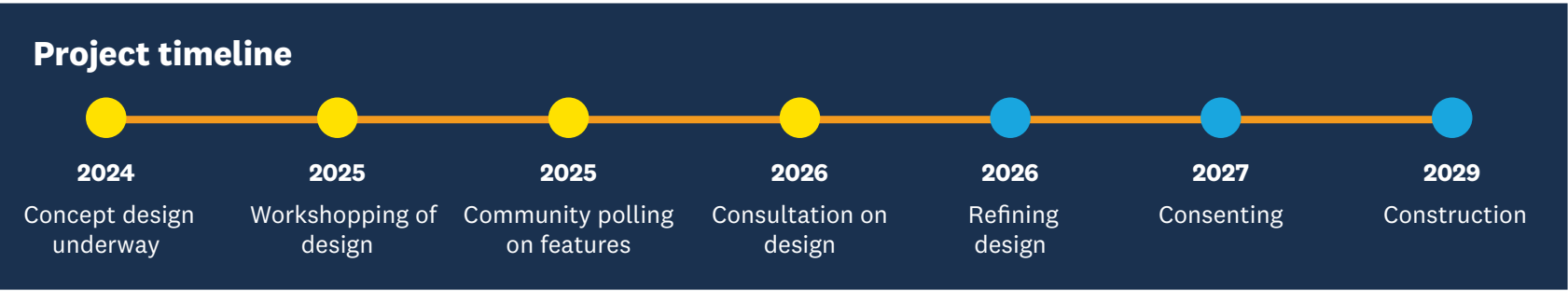
Other voted options included: Stage, shade, cycle facilities, art, amphitheater space and move-able seating.

Future precinct plans

The plan for the precinct is for it to be developed in stages, with the town square and community hall being the first elements delivered.

Future stages are planned to include:

- A dedicated outdoor youth space/hangout area
- A north-south walking and cycling connection that links to the Waiapu Precinct to the north and the Onehunga Train Station to the south
- A separate project is also underway to explore a new indoor recreation facility to replace the Sir William Jordan Recreation Centre.



Community Hall

The new community hall will provide greater flexibility than the existing hall and support a wider range of uses. It is expected to encourage activities such as events and markets that connect directly with the new town square, host public and local board meetings, and offer a broader range of arts and cultural performances.

The hall is proposed to be located next to the existing Watercare pump station, with an entry deck constructed over the pump station.

The facilities could include:

- Hall and stage
- Foyer
- Kitchen
- Meeting room
- Public and accessible toilets
- Storage areas
- Green rooms
- Outdoor deck area



Parking and streetscape changes

There will be changes to car parking in the area, with part of Pearce Street being used for the development of the town square, and part of Upper Municipal Place being used for the development of the community hall.

The recreation centre car park will be reconfigured to create better walking connections, with half designated specifically for recreation centre users and the other half for new hospitality and retail developments in the area.

A new pedestrian crossing will be created to connect the town square to the hall, and a new loading zone will be added. There will also be changes to bus stops on Upper Municipal Place.

Once the new community hall has been built, the Pearce Street Hall site will be deconstructed and then converted into a new temporary parking area.



Town Square

The town square will strengthen connections to Onehunga Mall, the surrounding community facilities and be able to host markets and events. The design draws inspiration from the area’s connection to water and lava flows and will integrate many existing features. The existing oak tree and Elizabeth Yates mural will be retained and highlighted as part of the design.

140 Onehunga Mall, the Look Sharp building, is being acquired by council to enable this project.

The features could include:

- A central puna (water) feature
- A new art installation
- Space for regular markets
- Outdoor stage area
- Covered outdoor dining area
- Seating
- Planting
- Lighting



Have your say

We are keen to hear from the community to ensure that the proposed facilities can be used and loved for generations to come. If you would like to share your thoughts, you can have your say by 1 September 2026 by:

- Providing feedback online at akhaveyoursay.nz or by scanning the QR code
- Scanning and emailing your completed form to audocommunications@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
- Posting your completed form to:
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Auckland Council
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- Dropping off your completed form to the Onehunga Community Centre
- Coming to talk to us at one of our **drop-in sessions**:
 - Onehunga Community Centre
Friday 21 August
11am - 1pm
 - Onehunga Community Centre
Saturday 29 August
10am - 12pm



