

# News from Rodney Local Board

October 2012



## Playcentre extension at Waimauku

Landowner consent was given to Te Akoranga Playcentre in Waimauku to upgrade its building in Glasgow Park. The playcentre will include more toilets and a new changing area, a bigger deck and a new water tank.

## Long-tailed bats in Rodney

A species of small long-tailed bats endemic to New Zealand are happily living in Rodney. For the first time, Auckland Council's region-wide survey of bat populations found bats nesting in Riverhead. There are also nests in Mt Tamahunga and the Dome Valley. Long-tailed bats are vulnerable and Auckland Council will develop initiatives to protect them.



Long-tailed bats are alive and well in Rodney.

## Local Board Transport Capital Programme

Auckland Transport has allocated \$369,260 towards local transport projects this financial year. Rodney Local Board is considering transport projects that would benefit from this funding.



## Plan updates

An update on the implementation of the Auckland Plan, the progress on the development of the Unitary Plan, and details on the process to collect information on the location of Auckland's Rural Urban Boundary was provided to the September business meeting. In October meetings are being held with targeted stakeholders from around the Rodney area to discuss key concepts proposed in the Unitary Plan.



Rodney Local Board Member Brenda Steele, right, talks with resident Dianne McLeod during the Auckland Plan Roadshow.

# Auckland Council's Annual Report 2011/2012

Rodney Local Board's significant achievements over the last financial year will be detailed in our Annual Report 2011/2012.

## Achievements and events:

- Participation in the Treaty of Waitangi Settlement Ngati Whatua o Kaipara and signing at Aotea, Shelly Beach
- Establishment of a joint management approach and the confirmation of the Kaipara Harbour Joint Political Committee for the Kaipara Harbour
- Warkworth Town Hall engagement process.

## Capital projects:

- Warkworth Showgrounds hockey turf development
- Construction of Shelly Beach amenities block
- Car park sealing at Ahuroa, Kaipara Flats, Wellsford and Shelly Beach
- Playground upgrades at Helensville, Sandspit and Parakai
- Hardcourt development at Sinclair Park, Kaukapakapa
- Community hall upgrades
- Whangateau Domain sea wall upgrade.



Warkworth Town Hall engagement



Shelly Beach amenities block

## Other news

### New connections to Helensville wastewater plant given green light

Watercare Services has lifted restrictions on new connections to the upgraded Helensville Wastewater Treatment Plant. Our council-controlled organisation has worked closely with Rodney Local Board and the community to solve compliance and environmental issues at the plant and \$5 million of staged upgrades will ensure that the plant has the infrastructure to cater for projected growth.



Rodney Local Board Member Brenda Steele (left) meets with Watercare staff and Dianne Kidd, chairwoman of the Helensville District Health Trust at the Helensville Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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