

## **Green light for Panmure regeneration plan**

A plan to revitalise Panmure that will improve transport connections to and from the town centre, reinvigorate the mainstreet and reconnect the community with its surrounding natural features has been given the green light.

Auckland Council's Planning Committee gave the go ahead in March for the city's regeneration agency Panuku Development Auckland to lead the refresh of Panmure town centre in partnership with the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board, Auckland Council and mana whenua.

Panuku will work closely with Tāmaki Regeneration Company (TRC), which will deliver 7500 new homes across Tāmaki over the next 15-20 years.

Throughout the project, Panuku will also partner with Auckland Transport, which expects to begin the next phase of the Auckland Manukau Eastern Transport Initiative (AMETI) Eastern Busway from Panmure to Pakuranga in mid-2018.

In April, the finance and performance committee approved the sale a number of properties as part of the unlock Panmure project, further supporting the plan for regeneration to get underway.

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Chair Chris Makoare says says the Local Board is looking forward to working with Panuku and the community to bring the plan to life.

"This plan realises a shared vision of creating a thriving and vibrant mainstreet with improved community facilities and transport connections, while strengthening links to local natural features.

"It's an exciting project that will actively involve the wider community and produce an outcome that we can all be proud of."

Panuku Chief Operating Officer David Rankin says the plan sets out what lies ahead for Panmure for the next 15-20 years, during which time the population is expected to almost double. “Panmure is a well-located town centre with strong public transport and road links to the wider Auckland region.

“Our aim is to deliver a high quality urban neighbourhood that reconnects the community with Panmure’s many local facilities and makes the most of its unique location between two stunning natural features that include Mount Wellington and Panmure Basin.”

A multi-purpose community facility with a civic space is envisaged at the heart of the town centre where the community could access key services such as a library and a community centre.

Mixed-use housing development will increase the number of homes and expand the diversity of services on offer to the community.

TRC Chief Executive John Holyoake says he is excited to be working alongside Panuku on the revitalisation of Panmure, and, in unlocking the potential of the local business area, more people will be drawn into the town centre, which has the potential to create new jobs for Tāmaki residents.

“The project is key to the success of TRC’s Tāmaki Regeneration Programme which will deliver thousands of new homes across Tāmaki and all the additional investment in infrastructure and community amenity needed. This is not the end goal,” says Holyoake.

“The physical redevelopment of a community is primarily a tool to transform the lives of the people living here now, and for generations to come.”

For more information on the future plan for Panmure town centre, visit: [www.panuku.co.nz/panmure](http://www.panuku.co.nz/panmure).