

Coastal Reserves Management Plan Public Engagement Snapshot

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Key themes



Protecting the natural beauty and landscape

Respondents value the scenic beauty of coastal areas and express concerns about functional structures and poor maintenance affecting the environment and biodiversity. They suggest using ecological design, sustainable materials, and cultural elements to protect and enhance these areas.



Ecosystems, wildlife and nature

Coastal biodiversity is valued, but pollution, litter, invasive species, and poaching are major concerns. Respondents advocate for habitat restoration, penguin protection, pollution prevention, enhanced enforcement, community engagement, and better monitoring to sustain the coastal ecosystem.



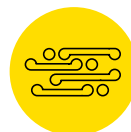
Climate change and resilience

Respondents are concerned about climate change impacts, such as erosion and sea-level rise. They support nature-based solutions, resilient structures, and improved warning systems, emphasizing community involvement and giving more space to dunes.



Access, parking and transport

While respondents appreciate easy access to coastal areas, they are concerned about eroded walkways, limited parking, poor public transport, and inadequate facilities for people with disabilities. Suggestions include more buses, connected cycle paths, increased parking, car-free zones, and improved accessibility.



Cultural identity

Respondents value the coast's cultural and historical significance, particularly Māori history, and feel it is under-recognised. They suggest integrating heritage into development, promoting educational programs, and ensuring mana whenua involvement to enhance community identity and pride.



Diverse coastal activities

Respondents enjoy the diverse coastal activities and seek tailored improvements to their specific activities. Walkers and runners seek better track connections and amenities. Swimmers and surfers desire improved facilities such as solar-heated showers, while boating enthusiasts call for upgraded boat ramps and storage. There is also interest in more cafes and food trucks, with caution against over-commercialisation.



Amenities and facilities

Respondents appreciate existing amenities but identify gaps and maintenance issues. They suggest fill gaps in toilets, showers, seating, and bins, improving maintenance, adding inclusive facilities, and creating more family-friendly and sheltered areas.



Behaviour and safety

While respondents enjoy coastal freedom, they have safety concerns like theft, vandalism, and poor lighting, especially in Te Kopahou Reserve. They suggest installing CCTV, improving lighting, enhancing fire safety, and promoting responsible behavior.



Financial concerns

Respondents express concerns about high Council rates and urge the council to focus on essential services, particularly fixing the pipes, and managing within a budget.

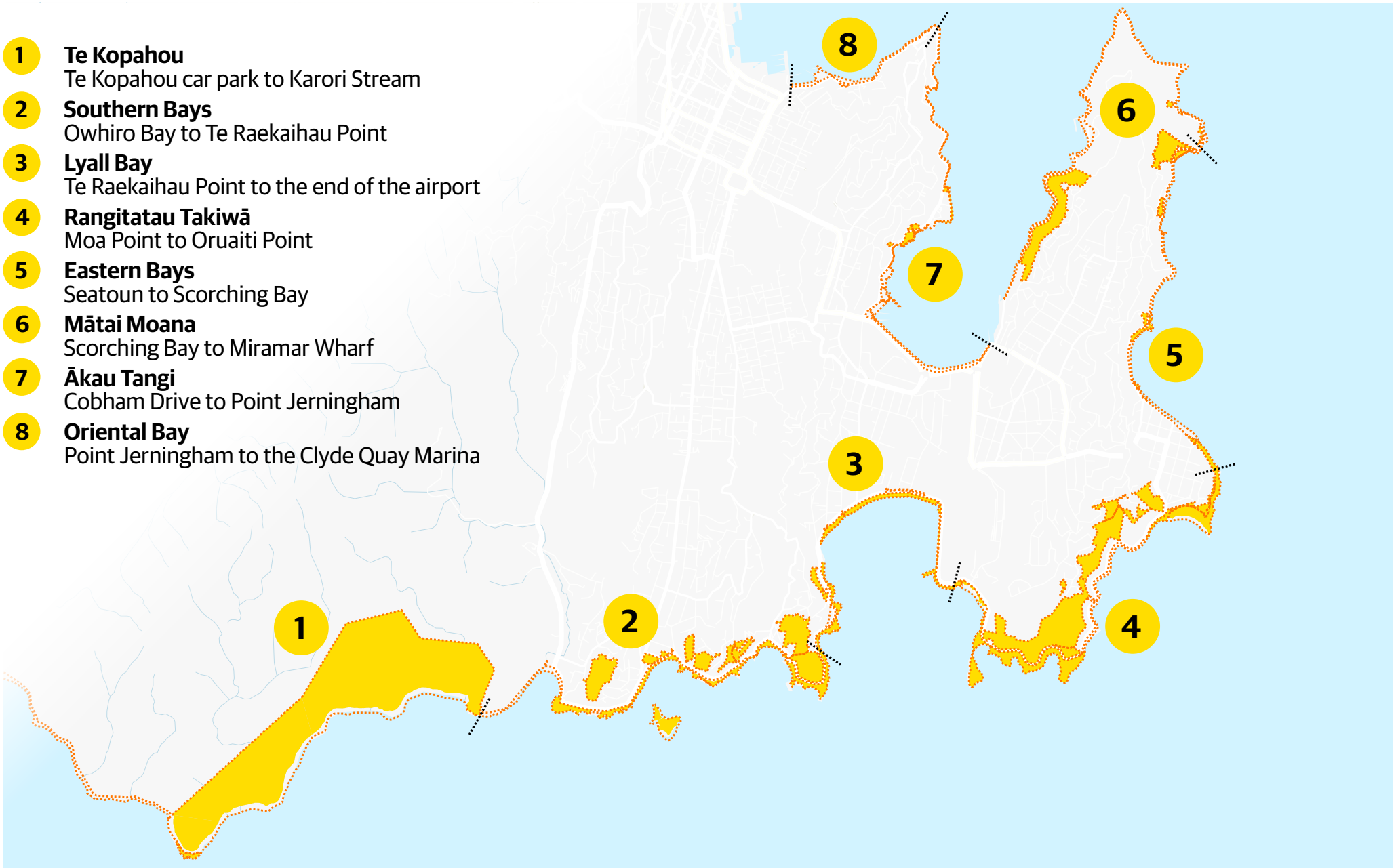


Community partnership and stewardship

The active community involvement in coastal stewardship is highlighted, but challenges include limited resources and sustaining engagement. Opportunities include fostering collaborative projects and providing support for community-led initiatives to boost stewardship.

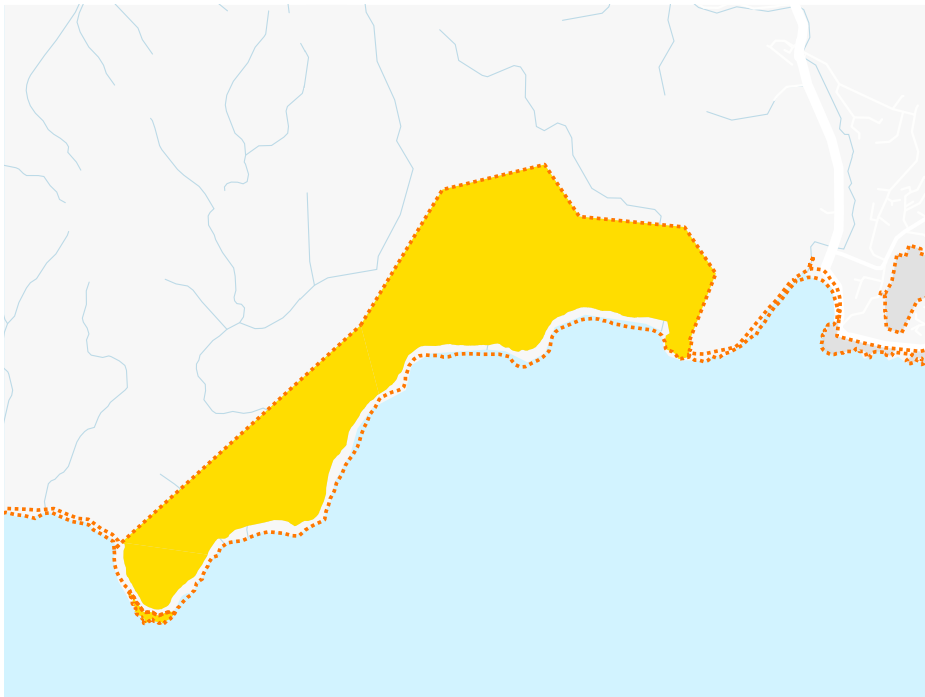
Key themes by area

- 1 Te Kopahou**
Te Kopahou car park to Karori Stream
- 2 Southern Bays**
Owhiro Bay to Te Raekaihau Point
- 3 Lyall Bay**
Te Raekaihau Point to the end of the airport
- 4 Rangitatau Takiwā**
Moa Point to Oruaiti Point
- 5 Eastern Bays**
Seatoun to Scorching Bay
- 6 Mātai Moana**
Scorching Bay to Miramar Wharf
- 7 Ākau Tangi**
Cobham Drive to Point Jerningham
- 8 Oriental Bay**
Point Jerningham to the Clyde Quay Marina



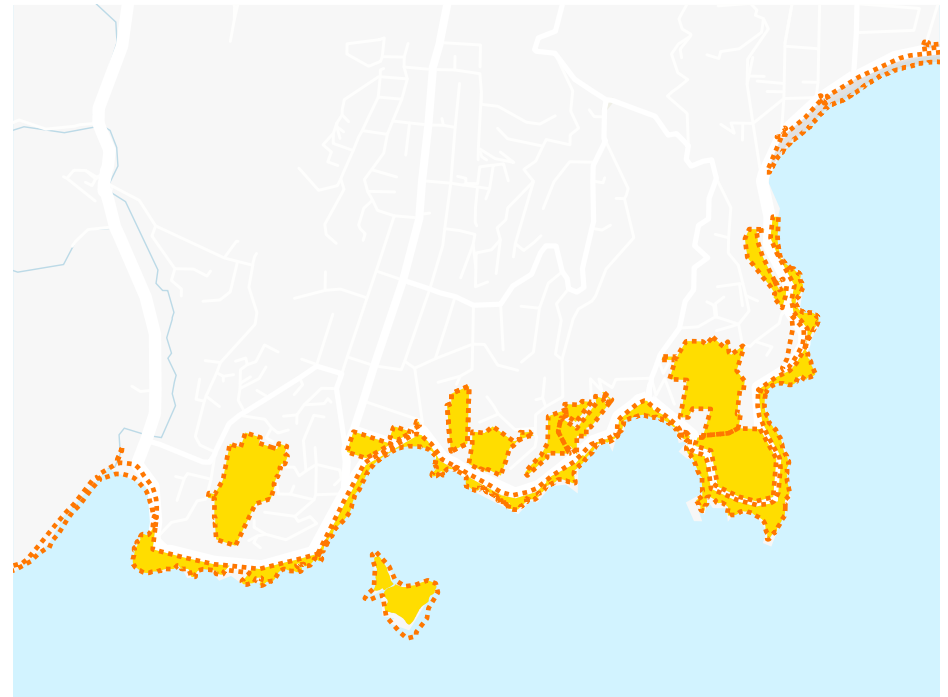
1 Te Kopahou

- 4WD access control and coastal road management
- Poaching concerns
- Impact of freedom camping
- Protection of native plants, wildlife, seals
- Dog management
- Bach owners' access and stewardship
- Changing reserve classifications
- Cultural and historical interpretation
- Safety, fires and anti-social behavior
- More biking and walking tracks or conversely abandoning the tracks plan
- Entrance amenities



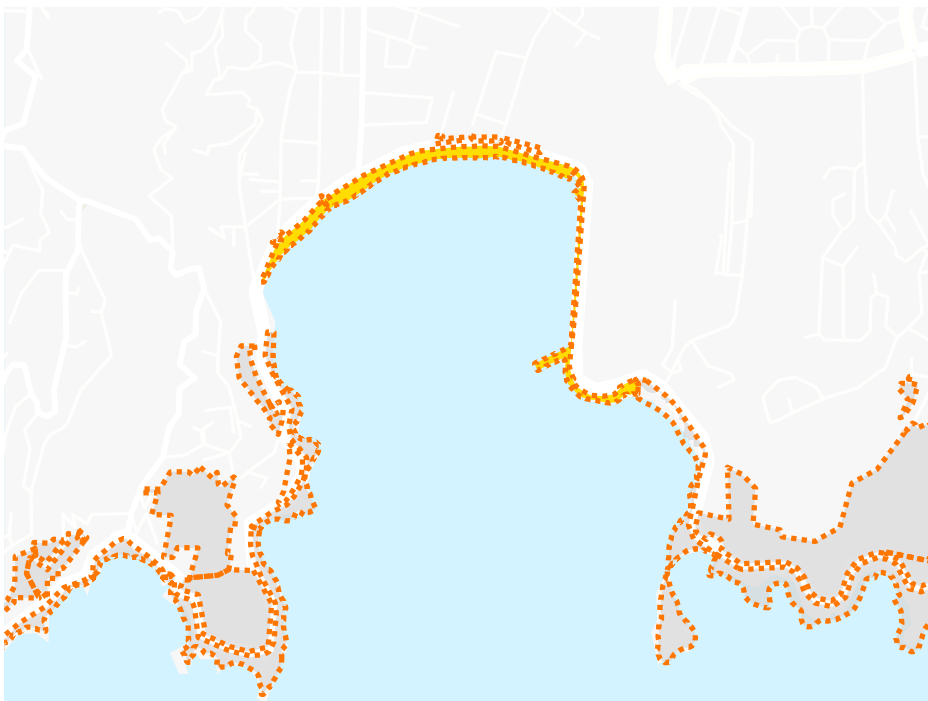
2 Southern bays

- Resilience, erosion and emergency preparedness
- Dune protection and expansion
- Swimming, diving and surfing amenities
- Beach maintenance and care
- Dog management
- Traffic, speed management, and pedestrian amenities
- Boat ramp and launching facilities
- Water quality, pollution, and leachate
- Invasive plants, species, pests, and weeds control
- Cultural and community events



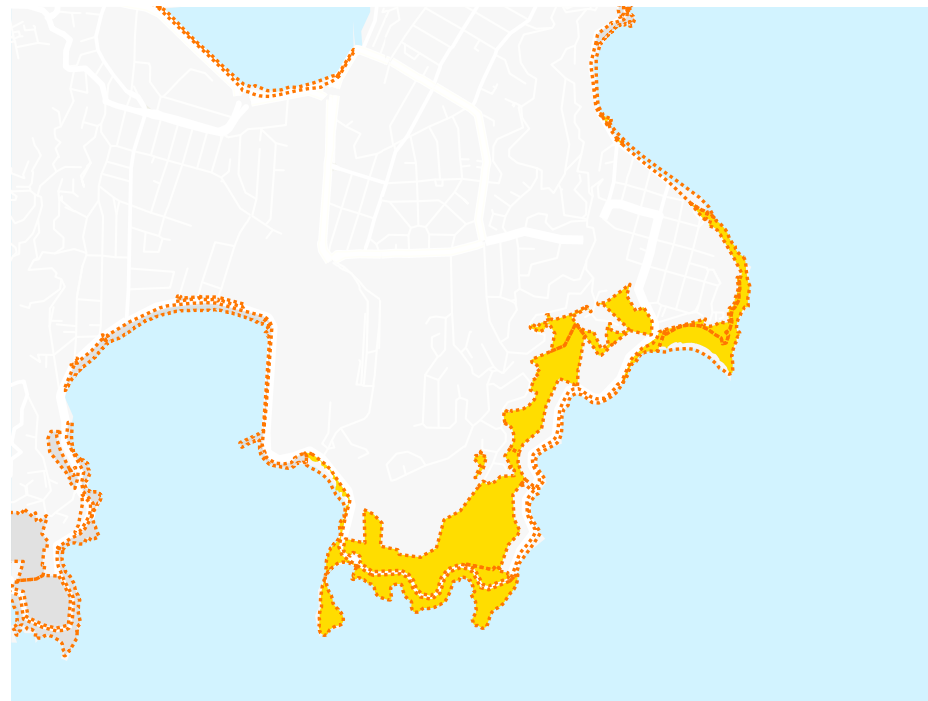
3 Lyall Bay

- Coastal resilience, erosion and dunes
- Impact of airport expansion
- Surfing facilities and etiquette
- Kororā and dog management
- Commercial activities
- Public toilet and shower at Surfers Corner
- Public amenity improvements



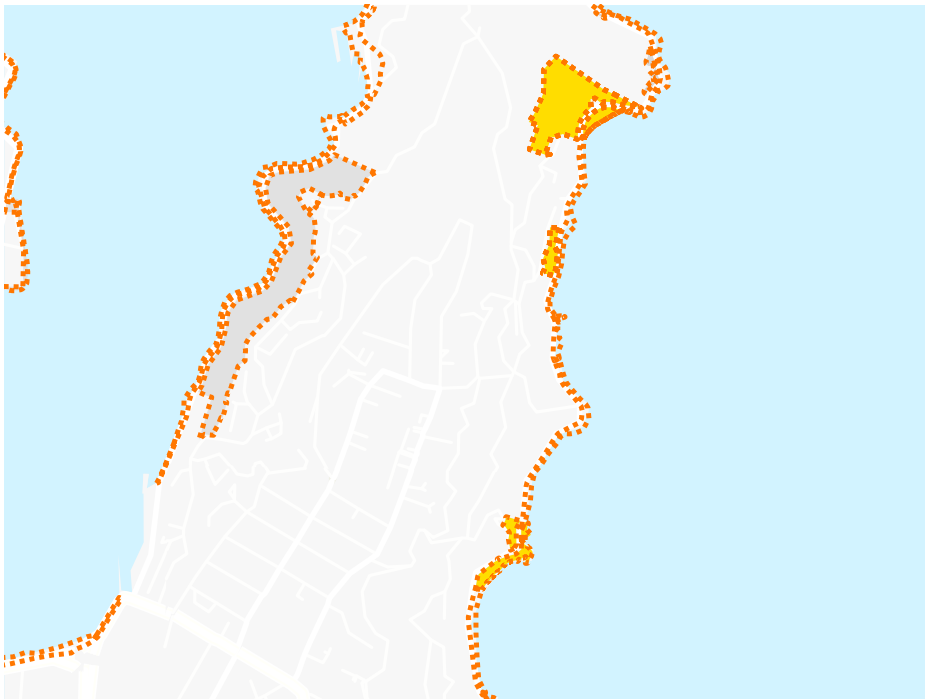
4 Rangitatau Takiwā

- Environmental and wildlife protection
- Historical and cultural significance awareness
- Erosion and large swell management
- Improving coastal and eastern walkways
- Safety for cyclists
- Fill provision gaps: Public toilets and drinking fountains
- Tarakena Boat Ramp improvements
- Addressing antisocial behavior, dumping, and freedom camping
- Moa Point sewage outfall concerns
- Official designation for the nude beach
- Enhancing diving and snorkeling amenities



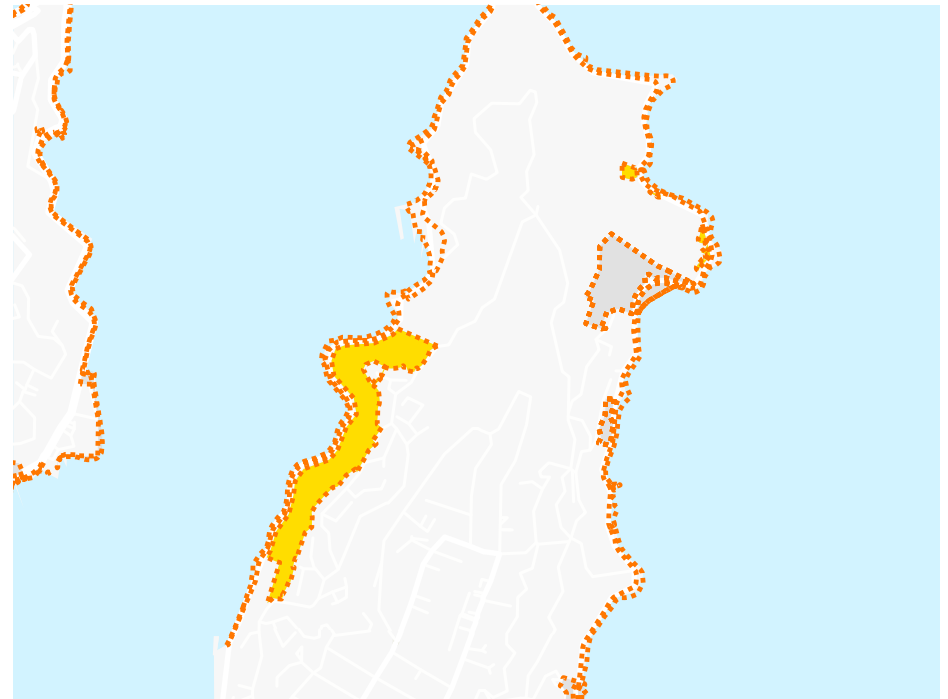
5 Eastern bays

- Amenity improvements; Toilets, changing rooms, pontoons, wharves and upgrading play areas.
- Seatoun beach and sand movement
- Worser Bay: tensions about balancing dune growth and encroachment onto land
- Worser Bay Boat Club proposals
- Scorching Bay stream
- Wildlife protection
- Karaka Bay access



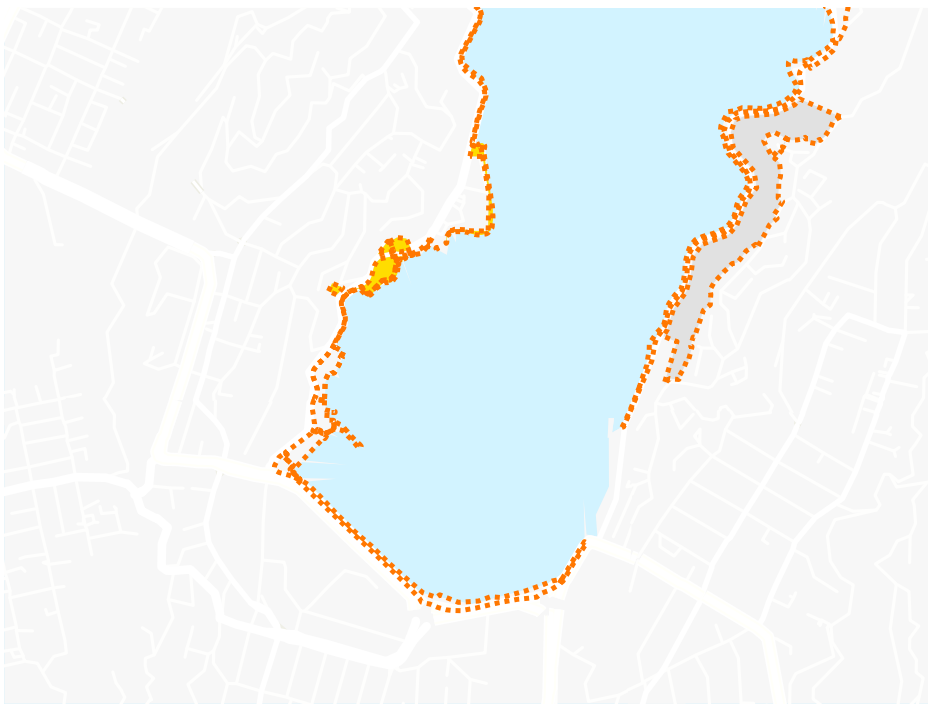
6 Mātai Moana

- Pedestrian-friendly options for the coastal road
- Heritage Park and mana whenua significance
- Additional amenities and toilets
- Track connections
- Environmental and wildlife protection
- Freedom camping concerns
- Diving amenities
- Creative ideas for Shelly Bay
- Mahanga Bay & Kau Bay improvements
- Bus access
- Carter Park: walker and biker tensions



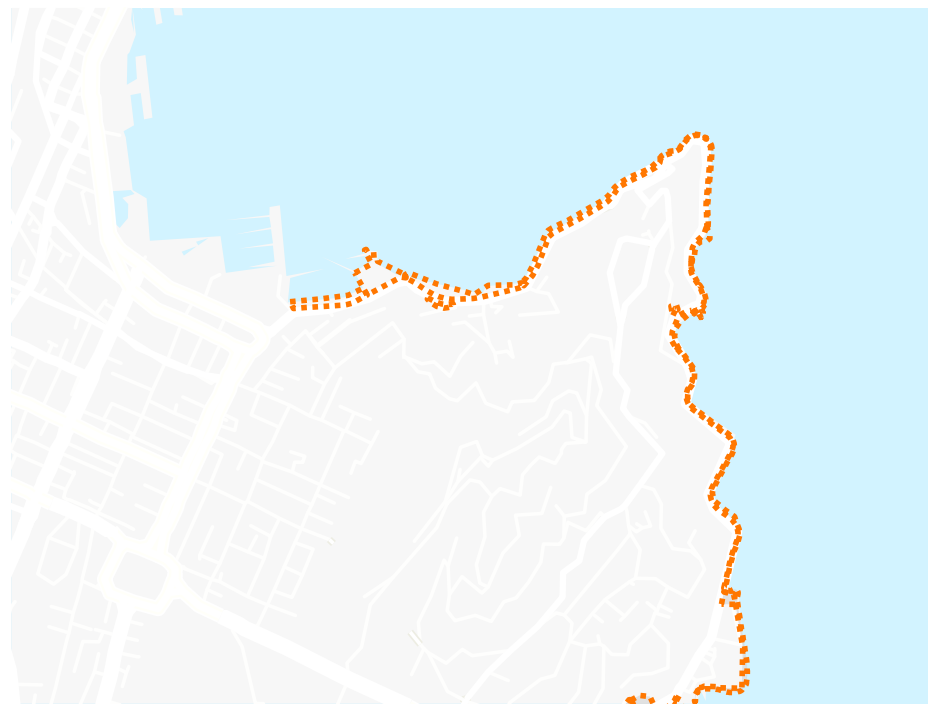
7 Ākau Tangi

- Cyclist and pedestrian safety and accessibility
- Penguin protection
- Hataitai Beach and Balaena Bay amenities and infrastructure
- Evans Bay Marina boat ramp useability
- Freedom camping and car parking
- Dog park improvements
- Rubbish and litter management on Cobham Drive
- Māori history interpretation
- Erosion at Little Karaka Bay



8 Oriental Bay

- Manage tensions between cyclists, pedestrians, and scooters
- Fix or lease the band rotunda
- Add and improve swimming facilities, toilets and changing rooms.
- Clean up rubbish
- Improve disability access
- Provide shelter and shade
- Install play area and fitness equipment
- Promote culture, education, and art
- Address user tensions in the water
- Manage parking and traffic congestion



What people love about our coast



Wildness, untouched, serene

- Place to unwind
- Relax
- Be inspired
- Rejuvenate
- Connecting with nature



Available facilities

- Playgrounds
- Boat ramps and marinas
- Tracks/trails
- Public toilets/showers
- Wharves
- Picnic tables
- Drinking fountains



Sustenance and harvesting

- Fishing
- Diving
- Spearfishing
- Seaglass collecting
- Foraging
- Mahinga Kai



Ease of access/ proximity

- Inclusive parking
- New cycleway

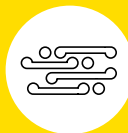


Rich biodiversity

- Rockpools
- Crabs
- Jellyfish
- Stingrays
- Geckos
- Lizards
- Kororā (Penguins)
- Seabirds
- Dolphins
- Whales
- Seals
- Seaweed
- Pingao
- Sand dunes
- Coastal scrub
- The marine reserve



Active community stewardship



Historic and cultural significance



Recreation activities

- Snorkelling
- Skimming stones
- BBQing
- Exploring
- Jumping off wharves
- Picnicking
- Paddle boarding
- Playing
- Wind surfing
- Kayaking
- Dog walking
- Plane spotting
- Swimming
- 4-wheel driving
- Waka-ama
- Surfing
- Walking
- Camping
- Biking
- Horse riding
- Boating
- Diving
- Sunset watching
- Bird watching
- Darksy watching
- Sailing

Issues people raised



Environmental degradation

- Invasive animals
- Ecosystem weeds
- Impact of dogs on kororā
- Litter and rubbish
- Pollution from wastewater, stormwater and landfills
- Poaching
- 4-wheel drive damage
- Development and commercial impacts



Transport and accessibility concerns

- Poor pedestrian amenity
- Parking at peak times
- Disability access issues
- User conflicts and tensions



Resiliency and the impacts of climate change

- Sea-level rise
- Erosion
- Flooding
- Storm damage
- Tsunami preparation



Lack of recognition of Māori culture and history and identity



Limited resources to support community efforts



Infrastructure challenges

- Structure and facility concerns
- Structures should be in tune with nature
- Gaps in provision toilet and changing room facilities
- Gaps in provision shades and seating
- Condition, maintenance and care of buildings and facilities



Anti-social behavior safety concerns

- Fires
- Graffiti
- Theft
- Inadequate lighting
- Dumping

