

Te Atatū Peninsula Community Trust

Annual Report and Strategic Plan

2025-2026



GROWING PEOPLE - GROWING COMMUNITY

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

It is people, it is people, it is people

The trustees and staff of the Te Atatū Peninsula Community Trust undertake the ongoing processes of planning and review in accordance with the Trust Deed. As required by that Deed, this is done in consultation with the eldership of The Chapel.

The Te Atatū Peninsula Community Trust, as it stands today, was established by The Chapel in 2008. This emerged out of a previous trust, the B2B Trust, reflecting a long-standing relationship and connection with our local community dating back to 1965.

There remains a passion and vision to love and serve our community and we honour and embrace the initial vision of a former pastor, the late Brian Hathaway,

“We have a vision of a people who enjoy the security of deep committed relationships with each other, who base their relationships on co-operation... who are available to each other.”

Brian Hathaway

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OUR MISSION

To provide the direction and resources which will enable the Trust, directly and through The Chapel, to meet the social, emotional, physical, spiritual and educational needs of the people of its local community.

WHO WE ARE

The Te Atatū Peninsula Community Trust is a group of community-minded people, from the founding organisation, The Chapel, who work to be proactive and responsive to local community needs. We come from different backgrounds, cultures and a diverse history but we all share a mutual passion for Te Atatū Peninsula and the people who call this place home.

Our Board and Staff bring a variety of business, governance, management and professional skills and strong experience in community involvement. We are all personally involved in various parts of the community and bring this experiential insight and passion to our roles within the Trust.

HOW WE WORK

Our work is guided by the founding principles of loving and serving our community and by fostering connection and relationship. We are motivated by our Christian faith and value the support from the elders of The Chapel who own the facilities managed by the Trust.

Our work is informed by knowledge of the community gained through personal and group connections and conversations, involvement in the community network, research data and other relevant information collected by the Trust and others.

We believe that many of the solutions needed within our community can be found within the people of our community if we connect, work together and all share our skills and knowledge.

A lot of the work that the Trust does is in collaboration with other community volunteers and groups. We partner with these groups to support the work they are doing, to create further connection opportunities for them and to help them achieve their vision within the community; establishing more long-term strategic partnerships to benefit our community.

In an average week we have between 400-500 people through the facilities, with 2000 to 2500 people estimated to have been through the facilities at least once in 2025. The latter figure is lower than previously because of a conscious decision to focus less on high cost/low benefit large one-off events and more on the development of ongoing Trust Partner relationships: Fewer large one off events and more regular use and connection.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2025 has been a year of achievements, challenges and gratitude.

The main auditorium has, for many years, been plagued by leaks. Some were design related and others, increasingly, were simply a deterioration with age. Plans were put in place, and funding arranged, in 2024. The final step was securing a grant from Lottery Facilities which has allowed the whole project to proceed, most of the work being completed in January 2025. After 45 years, the main auditorium now has a new lease on life and will further enable us to continue to serve and to host many groups and individuals within our community.

The installation of skylights has significantly enhanced both the natural lighting and the airflow.

The Reroof project brought with it some unexpected expenses and generosity. As the work progressed it became obvious that the existing 'popcorn' ceiling would need to be stripped back and repainted. At the same time, we were able to remove the old ceiling heaters. Previously, when these were in use, the lights in one cupboard would flicker and the mains board would hum. Always a little disconcerting.

Not only were we able to secure grants to cover this scraping and repainting of the ceiling, we were also able to secure grants to install two Heat Pumps. These have proved much more efficient in for heating in winter, and they have finally provided some desperately needed relief from the heat as temperatures began to rise again as we headed towards summer.

The Reroof also gave opportunity for the removal of two walls from the upstairs area, making this area more flexible, and seeing the office spaces moved next door to Chapel House.

As part of the funding for this project we had launched a Special Appeal to the individuals in The Chapel congregation. Their response and generosity so exceeded our expectations that, instead of the anticipated \$50,000 loan over 10 years, this was replaced by way of an interest free loan and that was completely cleared by Y/E 2025!

During the year, our Chair, Gaye Stembridge had a fall, breaking her ankle. Living in a nearby rural area meant that she was unable to continue in the role and so I have stepped into the role in an interim capacity. Gaye has completed almost 10 years on the Trust... just another season in a long history of her serving the community... both at The Chapel and through other avenues.

Our Seniors group, formed in 2024, has continued to go from strength to strength in 2025. The group meets for a couple of hours each Thursday for fellowship, games and a lunch. There are now 20-25 attending each week, from a range of social and ethnic backgrounds, including a small but significant number of Chinese who attend and participate fully despite their very limited English. This is a great encouragement as we seek to foster real relational connection across all cultures and socio-economic demographics here on the Peninsula.

This year our Community Support Worker, Tina Taremon has found a need to be more active in connecting with, and assisting, the elderly in their homes. In this, and in the Thursday gatherings, Tina has been building a small dedicated team of volunteers to assist.

In 2026 we will be exploring options to further expand the options that we can make available to the seniors in our community.

Chapel House was originally a residential home. It was later extended to provide a reception area and 9 meeting rooms / offices. These came under our management in 2024 and we have been slowly repurposing the area to provide space for offices, 1 on 1 and small groups spaces for training events, support groups and board meetings.

We remain committed to our key long-term objectives of bringing greater connection within an increasingly diverse, and often divided community,

We continue to be so appreciative of the ongoing work and support of our staff, volunteers, partners and funders in these times.

Some of our grants, over the past couple of years, have been lower than we had expected, in part because of the current demand for community funding. This has certainly placed some limits on the things we have been able to do, however we remain very grateful for the continued generosity of our funding partners in 2025.

- COGS Waitakere (Community Organisation Grant Scheme)
- Dragon Community Trust
- The Trusts Community Foundation
- NZ Community Trust
- New Zealand Lottery Grants Board – Auckland Community
- New Zealand Lottery Grants Board – Lottery Facilities
- Foundation North
- The Chapel – Te Atatū
- We Care Community Trust

Together we are making a real difference. We are determined to keep building on the valuable work of the past, while responding to new and emerging needs and opportunities within our community. Thank you.

Brian Spicer

Interim Chair (TAPCT)

KEY RESULT AREAS

Our planning is structured around eight key result areas:

- A. Personnel (Staff and Volunteers)
- B. Community Programmes
- C. New Initiatives
- D. Tangata Whenua
- E. Facilities
- F. Finance and Funding
- G. Administration and Communication
- H. Health and Safety

PERSONNEL (STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS)

We must support, and effectively manage, all staff and volunteers associated with Te Atatū Peninsula Community Trust programmes. This includes the provision of appropriate training, supervision, recognition etc, as appropriate to each role.

A strong and well lead team is essential if we are to best serve our community. To this end, we continually seek to improve the recruitment, professional development and care of our staff and volunteers.

As our collaborative relationships develop with our Trust Partners, we aim to explore resource sharing and look for opportunities to support them in their volunteer care also.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

We will support the objectives of our current Trust Partner programme providers as they deliver to, and connect with, local community. This will also be informed through close connections with the leadership of our Trust Partners.

We will continue to provide opportunities to create greater relational connectivity between various Trust Partners.

We will continually review, and seek to improve, all forms of communication with our Trust Partners and with the people of our community.

We will utilize our local networking expertise and community connections to raise the profile of our partners and their services.

NEW INITIATIVES

We will continue to appraise potential new initiatives for alignment with Trust aims and objectives; creating or facilitating community activities, within and beyond the facility, that align with our mission and help meet identified needs within our community. See Appendix C.

TANGATA WHENUA

Te Atatū means 'the dawn'. We desire to acknowledge and honour the history and authority of tangata whenua. Even today, Te Atatū has 21% population who identify as Māori – while the average for Auckland is 12%.

We have an ongoing desire to further develop relationship and to look at how we might work together and also support the needs and aspirations of tangata whenua.

We don't want to be presumptuous, so our approach will be one of listening, watching and being available when there are opportunities for engagement. It is our hope this will lead to natural opportunities for further relationship and conversation.

FACILITIES

The Chapel facilities are located on the corner of Beach and Wapani Roads, Te Atatū Peninsula and includes three parcels of land with separate titles. The increasing value of this land further highlights the need for us to steward and further develop this property to maximise the benefit they offer to The Chapel and to the wider community we serve. With that in mind, we continue to work towards our ultimate goal of a multi-storey, multi-purpose expansion of the existing facilities.

While much has been done in recent years to upgrade the facilities, there is still much to be done. As always, funding is the greatest challenge. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of our various funders .

FINANCE AND FUNDING

We will continue to manage the funding available to the Trust so as to optimize its impact. We will explore options for funding of proposed developments in terms of programme and facilities. We will explore ways in which we can reduce our dependence on grants and create more sustainable funding streams.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

We will maintain a strong focus on providing the necessary support systems to allow the Trust to continue to increase its impact without sacrificing efficiency.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We will continue to pursue a culture of awareness of the need for good practices in ensuring a safe and healthy environment is maintained. This is not just because of the legal requirement but first and foremost because our people (staff, volunteers and community) are our priority.

Urgent matters are actioned as they arise. All matters of concern, and the actions taken, are reviewed at each Trust meeting

We will continue to regularly inspect the environment and identify hazards and risks. We will encourage our partners to do the same and to report any issues to us. Additionally, we will carry out an annual 'walk around' of the premises to proactively identify and document concerns.

Action Plan - 2026 and beyond

- We will continue to pursue the identification and appointment of two to three new trustees to ensure a strong future for the Trust with a diverse and rich representation on the Board. This will include the search for a new Chair (Brian Spicer has stepped in as interim chair.)
- We will continue to share volunteer opportunities, explore community wide recruitment and recognition opportunities.
- We will host two Networking Events for our Trust Partners, in March and October. We will continue to respond to the needs of our partners and offer professional development and inspirational speakers as a component of these events.
- With the ongoing growth and success of our Seniors programme, we will continue to explore options for expanding this programme to meet a wider range of needs within this diverse community of seniors.
- Following comments from a number of parents in the community, we are continuing to explore possibilities for a school holiday programme; additional to the existing Brickworks programme.
- Over a number of years now we have spoken of creating a Parenting Hub at The Chapel. The progress on this has been patchy however this is once more on the table for discussion in the hope of creating a more consistent and sustainable response.

Property Development - 2026 and beyond

The Chapel owned land (4450m2) and buildings carry a current (2025) CV of \$7,120,000. The Trust have been tasked, by The Chapel elders, with preparing a proposal for the long-term development of the property which takes into account:

- The needs of the church.
- The needs of the community.
- The principles of good stewardship.

We will continue to prepare, cost and progressively advance a 20-year property development plan to ensure future short-term initiatives align with the long-term development needs.

Immediate Priorities

- Carpark - to be reformed and expanded
- Spouting on original building (hall) in need of replacement.
- Toilet block - redesign and rebuild
- Hall refurbishment- Walls and Ceiling Gib. Windows to be replaced.
- Refurbish and upgrade Chapel House (Office and small group meeting spaces)
- Kidspace – accommodation for growth. The trust will investigate cost and specs of transportable classrooms as one option cater for potential growth. Non urgent.

APPENDIX A – DEFINITION OF VISION TERMS

We acknowledge that the terms used within our vision can be defined more specifically in many ways. Below is some further detail around how these are currently defined by the Board in its outworking of the mission.

SOCIAL

Social needs are the need to have relationships with others, within family, extended family and wider community connection, once physiological and safety needs have been fulfilled. Social actualization is about people feeling that they are accepted and belong.

A social community provides opportunities for people to find new groups to engage in and create new relationships. It has Connection, Communication, Contribution, Collaboration and Creation opportunities.

Fulfilment of social needs results in the reduction of emotional concerns such as depression and isolation.

EMOTIONAL

The emotional health of the community reflects, in part, each individual's social experience, their cultural context within a community and their expression of their sense of self, their sense of purpose, their feelings about others and feelings about what is happening in the world around them.

Emotional needs also look at the level of 'stress hardiness' a community has that enables it to cope and respond to challenges, difficult situations and loss.

Fulfilment of emotional needs better enables people to be discerning and understanding of others emotions which leads to an increasingly supportive and connected community.

PHYSICAL

Physical needs within a community refer to the basic functional needs of safety, shelter, food and clothing. Additionally, a physically robust community enjoys healthy lifestyles with physical environment and a variety of activities to encourage and support this.

An inclusive community is proactive in ensuring that it's environment and activities allow for a broad range of physical abilities/disabilities.

The physical attributes of a community also extend to the provision of core infrastructure within the community and the felt quality and/or gaps relating to these. Needs like this (for example roading and traffic) are outside the scope of the Trust however we can still work to facilitate connection and conversation between relevant parties to support our community in this.

SPIRITUAL

It is our core belief that God desires a personal and close relationship with each and every person and only with this will people and community truly be fulfilled and thrive. With this as the foundation, supporting the spiritual needs of our community looks at provision of a church for people of all ages and culture to meet; and connecting community to the church and its members where there are safe opportunities (both inside and outside the church context) to discover more about God, Jesus Christ and the Bible.

EDUCATIONAL

A community that meets its members' educational needs provides a range of learning opportunities that expand knowledge and improve skills, broaden thought and lead to new connections and discovery.

Within this focus, it is strengths-based – recognising that everyone has positive attributes, skills and experience of value to share. It seeks to draw this knowledge and strength out from those within the community and brings in others who can support this as required. The ultimate mode is to empower others to teach, leading to an inter-relational model of learning.

Educational opportunities encourage and allow for people to be life-long learners and acknowledge that there are many different ways to learn. It is inclusive and welcoming of different cultures.

APPENDIX B – COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Trust Partners fall into one of three groups:

- **Chapel Programmes** are Chapel initiated, community facing, programmes operating under the covering of the Trust but resourced, coordinated and delivered by teams of volunteers associated with The Chapel.
- **Trust Programmes** are initiated and operated by the Trust to meet observable community needs.
- **Community Programmes**, are initiated and operated by individuals and groups within our community. Some of these have approached us and some of them have been approached by us to help us meet needs that we have identified but for which we lack the necessary resources or expertise.

We support these Partners in a number of ways; including the provision of gathering space, accounting and governance support etc.

Auckland Sunrise Education Centre – An educational group that teaches Chinese to second and third generation Chinese in New Zealand (helping them to stay connected with their culture) and to other local children interested in learning the Chinese language. Students enjoy connecting with each other and the developmental benefits of being bi-lingual.

Awhi Mai Te Atatū Māra Kai – Awhi Mai Te Atatū seek to provide a welcoming space to learn about growing kai while connecting to te taiao. “We will be sharing regenerative methods that mihi the soil, encourage stepping lightly on Papatūānuku, valuing our precious natural resources and each other. Come along and get involved in the whole process from seed raising to harvest as we work collectively towards a thriving māra kai.”

Baby Sensory Group - A programme offering a complete approach to learning and development from birth to 13 months; designed to stimulate, educate and provide precious memories during the all-important first year of life.

Bellyful West Auckland – Bellyful volunteers deliver meals to families with new-born babies and families with young children who are struggling with illness. It particularly supports those lacking a good support network. The team from Bellyful West Auckland does cook-a-thons a minimum of once a month in our commercial style kitchen and stores their meals in a freezer on site where volunteers can make collections for their deliveries. In 2019 they celebrated 10 years supporting NZ families.

Birthdays, Funerals, Weddings, and a variety of other one-off events.

Brickworks Drama – Brickworks Drama is a performing arts school based in Te Atatū Peninsula, offering classes and workshops to children and young adults. At Brickworks Drama each student is embraced as having a unique voice and powerful imagination. Brickworks also runs holiday programmes from our venue.

Chapel Church Service – Every Sunday at 10 am this church meets with age-appropriate gatherings for children of Preschool and Primary age.

Chapel Seniors – A welcoming space for some relaxed conversation over a cuppa and a light lunch at: Every Thursday, 11am to 1pm.

Chapel Youth – An Intermediate and High School aged weekly youth gathering where teenagers enjoy playing games, socialising, eating together, heading off to activities and challenges and discussing topics that support their growth and development. This is all provided in a fun, safe environment.

Great Scott Company – A locally run training business.

Hospice West Auckland Craft Group – Connected to Hospice West Auckland, this group meets to connect and create a selection of crafts that are then sold in markets to support fundraising for Hospice. The group also stores their crafts and materials in our venue.

Preschool Dance – A free weekly dance group especially set up to introduce 3-5 year olds to creative dance.

Study DBS Groups – These small groups from The Chapel and wider community, meet to talk about what is going on in their lives and self-discover how the Bible relates to their everyday.

Te Atatū Peninsula Floral and Garden group – A monthly group that celebrates and encourages all things garden and floral related. They have speakers and demonstrators and enjoy monthly competitions. They also organize trading tables and social events. In 2019 this group celebrated 55 years.

Te Atatū Toy Library – Offers a range of quality toys, puzzles, games and learning activities for members to hire at very affordable rates for a set time. Toys can be hired throughout the year and for special occasions. They can be found at The Chapel every Tuesday and Friday.

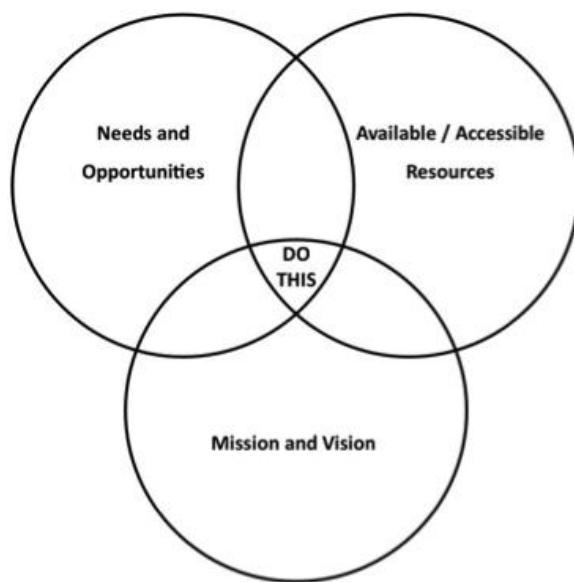
Thai-Lao Christian Fellowship – A church gathering, for local Thai and Lao families, every Sunday afternoon that finishes over an early evening meal.

Transformations / Conquer – Support Groups for men and women aimed at helping them change established patterns of behaviour.

APPENDIX C: EVALUATING PROJECTS/INITIATIVES

Existing programmes and proposed new projects and initiatives are evaluated having regard to:

- The existing and anticipated needs of, and opportunities to serve, individuals and organisations currently hosted by the Trust, and across the wider community.
- Resources (Property, Finances, Personnel) available and accessible to the Trust, directly or from within the community.
- The mission and intent of the Elders of The Chapel; their hopes and aspirations for the Trust and the community it serves.



The Trust seeks to identify and pursue those initiatives that sit at the intersection of these three criteria.

The following questions need to be addressed with respect to any proposed project/initiative to test its alignment with the Trust Deed, especially the aims and objectives detailed in the Trust Deed. It is also intended to ensure that the project/initiative will be well led, supported by volunteers and is a response to clearly identified community need. Unless all of these questions can be answered positively then the project/initiative should not be pursued.

1. Will the project/initiative under consideration demonstrate to those who would participate, the love and support of the wider Peninsula community, providing people a sense of belonging?
2. Does the project/initiative under consideration meet any of the objectives as identified in the Trust Deed? (Ideally an initiative should meet two or more objectives.)
3. Is there at least one 'committed champion' from the teams of volunteers who will 'lead' the project/initiative under consideration?

APPENDIX D: FACILITY USAGE

Organisation	Day/Wk	Hrs/Wk	Wk/Yr	Av Attend	Tot Attend	% Māori	% Asian	% PI
Auckland Sunrise Chinese Language	2	3	40	14	21	0	100	0
Awhi Mai Te Atatu – Mara Kai	1	8	50	3	52	28	8	4
Baby Sensory	1	5	40	30	110	5	30	5
Bellyful West Auckland	1	6	11	10	88		5	
Brain Play	1	2	30	2	2	One-on-one for special needs child		
Brickworks Drama (Term)	1	4	39	47	140	8	5	2
Brickworks Drama (Holiday)	5	32	2	35	54	8	5	2
Chapel Church Service	1	5	52	112	540	12	12	10
Chapel Music	1	2	20	10	17			
Chapel Seniors	1	2	50	15	74	12	37	17
Chapel Youth	1	3	40	28	81	4	5	6
Great Scott Company	1	8	2	10	20	20	10	20
Hospice Craft	1	2	42	8	18			
Preschool Dance Class	1	1	40	7	20			
Te Atatū Peninsula Floral & Garden Grp	1	4	9	20	30		10	
Te Atatū Toy Library (# of families)	2	12	46	75	130	10	15	5
Thai-Lao Fellowship	1	5	48	15	90	4	85	11
Transformations / Conquer	1	2	16	8	17			
Various Board Meetings	1	2	19	7	24			

NB: For most groups, numbers are close approximations and are correct at time of publication.

Month	Event	Days	Hours	Attend	% Māori	% Asian	% PI
February	Film Crew – My Life is Murder	3	24	50			
February	Māori Women’s Welfare League	1	5	25	100		
March	Birthday	1	6	80			
March	Music Group	1	3	15			
June	Māori Women’s Welfare League	1	5	30	100		
August	Te Kouka Bodycorp AGM	1	2	20			
September	Māori Women’s Welfare League	1	5	30	100		
September	Awhi Mai Seed Sowing Workshop	1	3	10			
October	Praxeis Training Day	1	8	28			
November	Love Food Hate Waste	1	3	10			
November	Birthday	1	6	250			
November	Māori Women’s Welfare League	1	4	30	100		
December	Film Crew - Reel World Locations	3	18	50			
December	Awhi Mai - Pickling and Fermenting Workshop	1	3	17			
December	Thai Lao joint Christmas event	1	6	90	4	85	11

