

7. CO-GOVERNANCE OF THE TŪPUNA MAUNGA

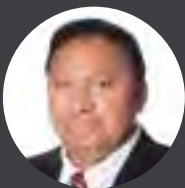
INTRODUCTION

7.1 The Collective Redress Act established a bespoke co-governance architecture for the Tūpuna Maunga. The structure recognises both the important relationship Ngā Mana Whenua have with these sacred places and their importance to, and connection with, all the peoples of Auckland. The Tūpuna Maunga Authority is a tangible expression of the spirit of partnership between Ngā Mana Whenua and Auckland Council.

7.2 Each of the 14 Tūpuna Maunga continue to have their reserve classifications, and the Tūpuna Maunga Authority is the administering body for each of the Tūpuna Maunga under the Collective Redress Act and Reserves Act.



Members of the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority
left to right: Bill Cashmore, Glenda Fryer, Simon Randall, Kit Parkinson, Paul Majurey (Chairperson), Chris Darby, Tipa Compain, Christine Fletcher, Te Warena Taua



Dennis Kirkwood,
unavailable at time of photograph.
Ngarimu Blair, Grant Hawke - Absent

TŪPUNA MAUNGA O TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU AUTHORITY

- 7.3** The Tūpuna Maunga Authority has six representatives from Ngā Mana Whenua and six representatives from the Auckland Council and one (non-voting) Crown representative.
- 7.4** The chair is elected by Ngā Mana Whenua representatives, and the deputy chair elected by Auckland Council representatives. There is also a non-voting Crown representative appointed by the Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage for a three year term, which can be extended for any period by agreement of the parties.
- 7.5** The Ngā Mana Whenua members of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority are appointed by the three rūpū of the collective (two representatives from each rūpū):
- a. Marutūāhu Rōpū;
 - b. Ngāti Whātua Rōpū; and
 - c. Waiohū-Tāmaki Rōpū.
- 7.6** The Auckland Council members are appointed by Auckland Council. For the inaugural term, there are three governing body appointments and three local board appointments.
- 7.7** The inaugural Tūpuna Maunga Authority members are:
- Paul Majurey (**Chair**), Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (Marutūāhu Rōpū);
 - Hon Christine Fletcher QSO (**Deputy Chair**), Auckland Council (Governing Body);
 - Ngarimu Blair, Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (Ngāti Whātua Rōpū);
 - Bill Cashmore, Auckland Council (Governing Body);
 - Tipa Compain, Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (Marutūāhu Rōpū);
 - Chris Darby, Auckland Council (Governing Body);
 - Glenda Fryer, Auckland Council (Deputy Chair: Albert-Eden Local Board);

- Grant Hawke, Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (Ngāti Whātua Rōpū);
- Dennis Kirkwood, Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (Waiohū-Tāmaki Rōpū);
- Kit Parkinson, Auckland Council (Deputy Chair: Orākei Local Board);
- Simon Randall, Auckland Council (Chair: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board);
- Te Warena Taua MNZM, Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (Waiohū-Tāmaki Rōpū); and
- Andrew Bignell, Crown Representative.

7.8 The Tūpuna Maunga Authority has the following statutory direction under sections 109 of the Collective Redress Act:

- 109 Functions and powers
- (1) The Maunga Authority has the powers and functions conferred on it by or under this Act or any other enactment.
 - (2) In exercising its powers and carrying out its functions in relation to the maunga, the Maunga Authority must have regard to —
 - (a) the spiritual, ancestral, cultural, customary, and historical significance of the maunga to Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau; and
 - (b) section 41(2).
 - (3) In exercising its powers and carrying out its functions in relation to the administered lands, the Maunga Authority must have regard to the spiritual, ancestral, cultural, customary, and historical significance of the administered lands to Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau.
- 41 Maunga must remain as reserves vested in trustee
- (2) The maunga is held by the trustee for the common benefit of Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau and the other people of Auckland.

ROLE OF AUCKLAND COUNCIL

- 7.9** Auckland Council is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Tūpuna Maunga and administered lands under the direction of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority.
- 7.10** Auckland Council must also provide the Tūpuna Maunga Authority with the administrative support necessary for the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to carry out its functions and to exercise its powers.
- 7.11** Each financial year, the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and Auckland Council must agree an annual Tūpuna Maunga Operational Plan to detail council's management role.
- 7.12** Within Auckland Council there are 21 Local Boards and eight of those have areas that encompass the Tūpuna Maunga. The role of the 21 Local Boards is to make decisions on local matters, provide local leadership and support strong communities.



Officers of the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

7.13 In summary, the roles and responsibilities for the Tūpuna Maunga are:

Ownership - the Tūpuna Maunga are owned by the 13 iwi/hapū of Ngā Mana Whenua through the collective's legal entity for the maunga, the Tūpuna Taonga Trust.

Governance – governance and decision making is by Tūpuna Maunga Authority which comprises equal representation from Ngā Mana Whenua and Auckland Council, with one (non-voting) Crown representative.

Management – Auckland Council is responsible for the management of the Tūpuna Maunga and administered lands under the direction of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority and in accordance with the annual operational plan and any agreed operating procedures.



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8. INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

PURPOSE

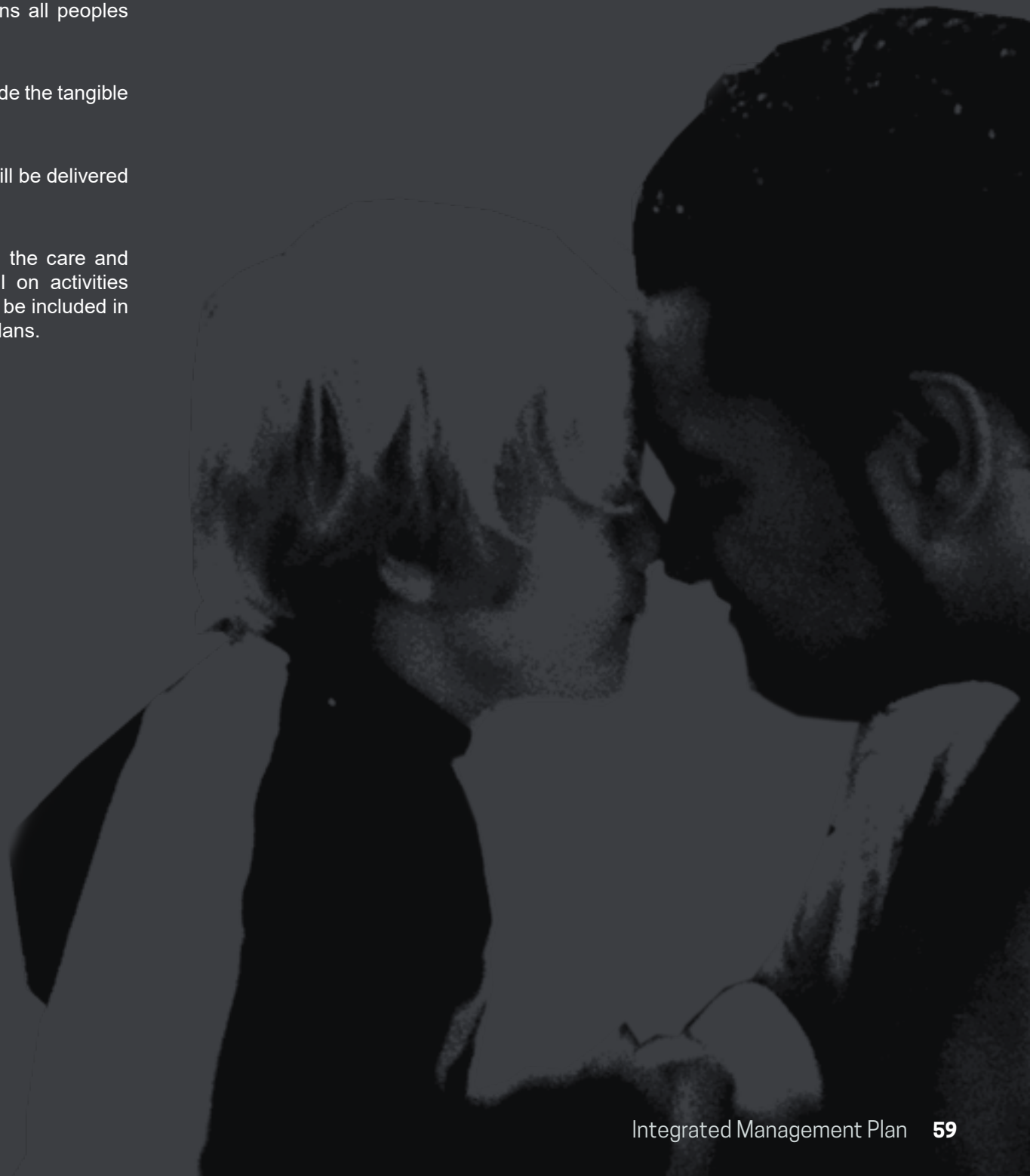
- 8.1** Section 58 of the Collective Redress Act requires the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to prepare and approve an IMP for the:
- Tūpuna Maunga (excluding Rarotonga / Mount Smart);
 - Maungauika; and
 - The administered lands, which include Māngere Mountain (and any land which for which any enactment in the future requires the Tūpuna Maunga Authority to be the administering body).
- 8.2** The IMP sets out how the Tūpuna Maunga will be cared for and managed on an integrated basis.
- 8.3** The IMP must also comply with the requirements of section 59 of the Collective Redress Act which requires that provision is made for Ngā Mana Whenua to undertake cultural activities.
- 8.4** The IMP is being developed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Collective Redress Act and the Reserves Act. The preparation of the IMP has included input from the Tūpuna Taonga Trust, mana whenua, Auckland Council Local Boards, volunteer groups, various stakeholders and the community.
- 8.5** All of the Tūpuna Maunga except Matukutūruru / Wiri and Te Tātua-a-Riukiuta / Big King have a reserve management or conservation plan. These plans vary in age and content, reflecting the then thinking and priorities of the legacy councils in place prior to 2010 when Auckland Council was established. The existing reserve management or conservation plans continue to apply until the IMP takes effect.

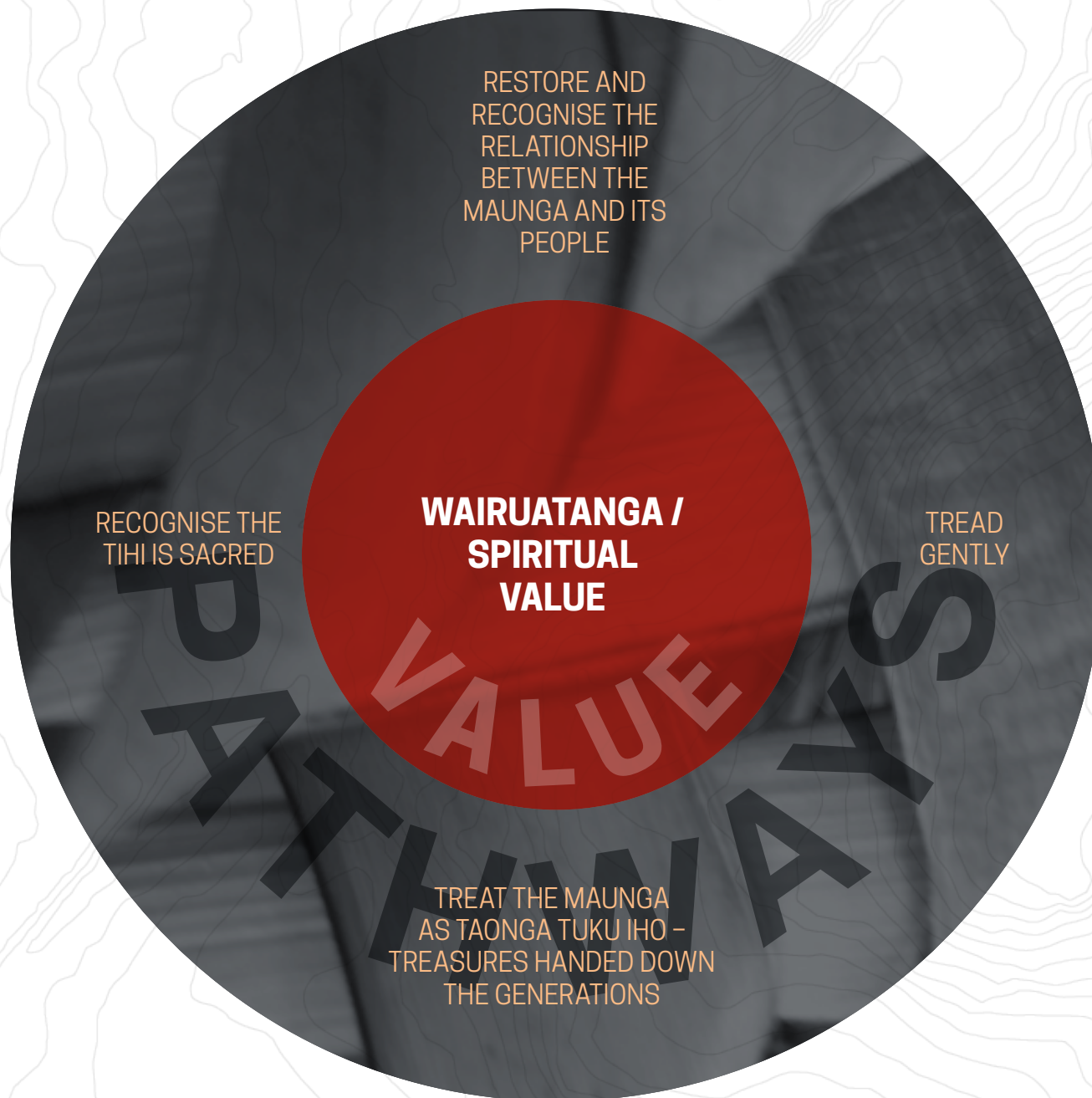
VALUES, PATHWAYS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION

- 8.6** This inaugural IMP charts the protection, restoration and enhancement of all the Tūpuna Maunga in an integrated manner. At its heart is the care for the health and wellbeing of the Tūpuna Maunga.
- 8.7** The IMP sets out the Values for the Tūpuna Maunga which were expressed by the Tūpuna Maunga Authority as informed by the statutory directions in the Collective Redress Act. The Values weave together and give expression to mana whenua and other world views, and the diverse connections and histories in a manner that complements and creates a richness to the relationship all peoples have with the Tūpuna Maunga.
- 8.8** The IMP articulates Pathways that elaborate on the Values. It signals a need for change in the approach to the integrated care and management of these treasured places as taonga and waahi tapu to mana whenua and the people of Auckland.
- 8.9** The IMP is an enabling plan that sets the strategic direction and establishes the future decision making framework for the Tūpuna Maunga as taonga and connected landscapes. The direction sets the scene to enable the preparation of overarching strategies and guidelines for the protection, restoration, enhancement, open access and appropriate activities on each Tūpuna Maunga.
- 8.10** In addition, there will be 14 individual Tūpuna Maunga Plans that reflect the Values, Pathways, overarching strategies and guidelines in the specific context of each Tūpuna Maunga. In this way the Tūpuna Maunga Plans will be detailed and specific about the care and management of each Tūpuna Maunga, and the activities enabled to take place on the Tūpuna Maunga.
- 8.11** The Tūpuna Maunga Authority will confirm the public engagement process for preparation of the strategies, guidelines and Tūpuna Maunga Plans and they will form part of the IMP once adopted by the authority.
- 8.12** The Values and Pathways will be delivered through the IMP, overarching strategies, guidelines, Tūpuna Maunga Plans and operational planning framework (as illustrated in Figure 2).

9. TŪPUNA MAUNGA VALUES AND PATHWAYS

- 9.1** The Values expressed in this section weave together mana whenua world views and the diverse connections all peoples have with the Tūpuna Maunga.
- 9.2** The Values are followed by Pathways which provide the tangible expression for each value.
- 9.3** The means by which the Values and Pathways will be delivered are set out in Section 10.
- 9.4** These measures set the direction for achieving the care and protection of the Tūpuna Maunga. More detail on activities allowed and enabled on the Tūpuna Maunga will be included in the strategies, guidelines and Tūpuna Maunga Plans.





9.5 Wairuatanga / Spiritual Value

The Tūpuna Maunga are sacred places to mana whenua. They are taonga tuku iho (treasures handed down the generations) and inspire reverence and aroha.

The Tūpuna Maunga are restorative and nourishing places. This is an expression of the inherent connection between people and place.

Protection and enhancement of the mauri and wairua of the Tūpuna Maunga is paramount.

The tihi is the most sacred part of the maunga to mana whenua and this will be reflected in the nature of activities that are appropriate on different parts of the maunga.

VALUE

Pathways

RESTORE AND RECOGNISE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MAUNGA AND ITS PEOPLE

- Recognise and enable the reciprocity of the relationship between people and place, the living connection between people and the land, and the sense of wellbeing people feel by caring for these important taonga.
- Ensure that the stories of the people and the land are present and visible on the maunga.
- Mana whenua are reconnected to their stories, traditions and history on the maunga; the importance of the maunga as sites of cultural and spiritual significance to mana whenua is recognised and the relationship between the tangata and the whenua is restored.
- Protect and manage waahi tapu (including burial areas) / taonga on the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Establish an authentic Māori presence and remove impediments to mana whenua exercising their kaitiakitanga.
- Recognise the sense of identity and affinity that all people of Tāmaki Makaurau and Aotearoa draw from these special landscapes, both now and into the future.
- Envisage the Tūpuna Maunga as places for people of all cultures to come together and share common aspirations for the protection and restoration of these important landscapes.
- Inspire people to affirm respectful conduct on the Tūpuna Maunga.

TREAD GENTLY

- Protect, maintain and improve the visibility and understanding of the natural, cultural, geological and heritage features of the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Appropriately locate, design and construct new structures, services, areas of planting and facilities to complement the landform, reduce or minimise visual distractions and respect cultural, historical and spiritual values.
- Support the Tūpuna Maunga through the enhancement of the natural environment by reducing impermeable surfaces.
- Create or maintain pathways and tracks that limit the disturbance of, and impact on the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Preserve and enhance the authenticity and visual integrity of the Tūpuna Maunga so that they are markers in the landscape, and their cultural and natural features are visually apparent.
- Ensure development, if any, occurs in accordance with tikanga and matauranga Māori, and is located predominantly on the lower areas of the Tūpuna Maunga.

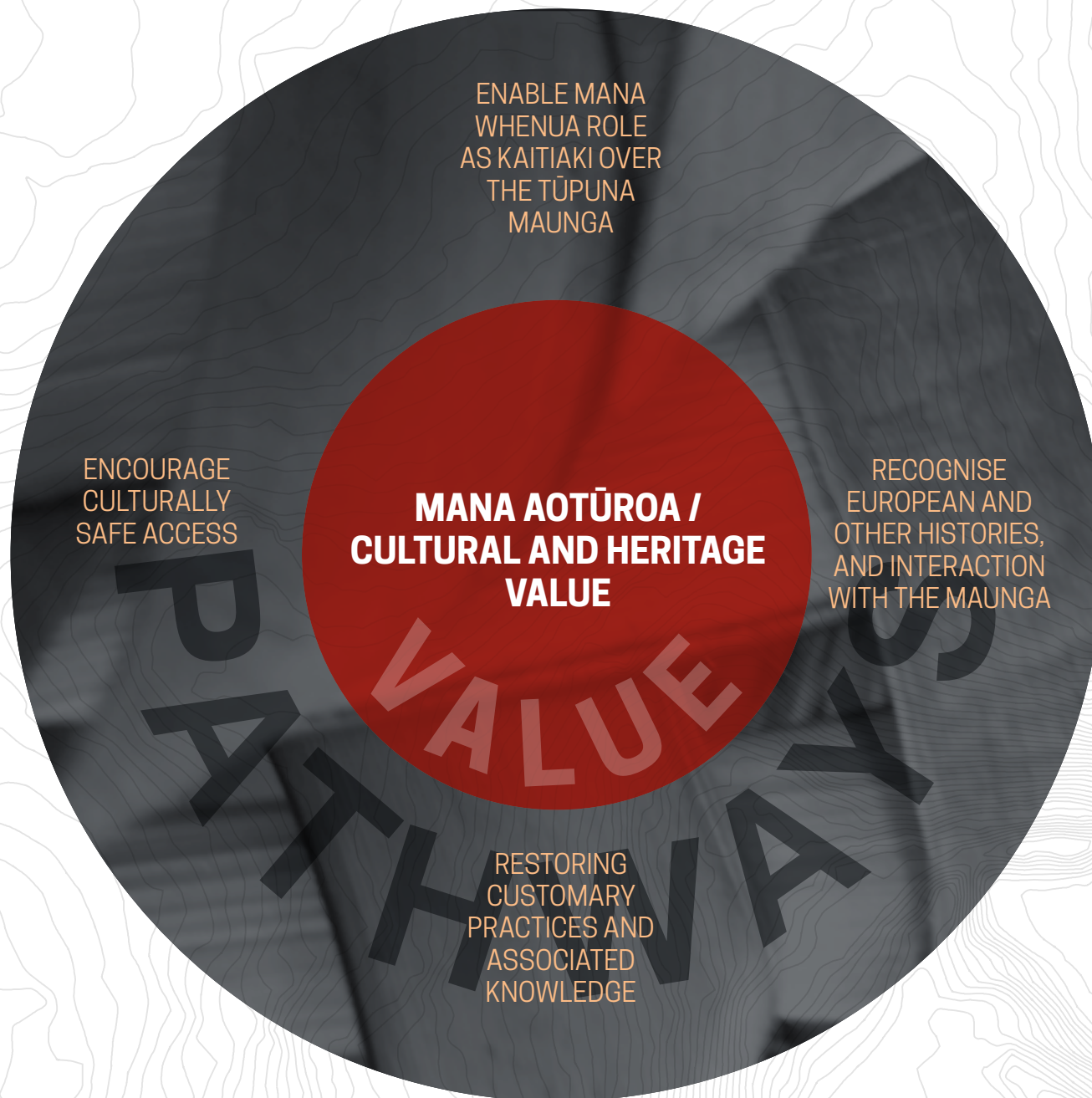
PATHWAYS

TREAT THE MAUNGA AS TAONGA TUKU IHO – TREASURES HANDED DOWN THE GENERATIONS

- Inspire reverence, aroha, respect and awareness of the Tūpuna Maunga as treasures.
- Inspire all people of Tāmaki Makaurau to be proud to hand the Tūpuna Maunga to the next generation for safe guarding.
- Enable an understanding of activities and behaviour which is consistent with the Values and mana of the Tūpuna Maunga, such as protocols, practices and customs.
- Give visibility to and celebrate the significance of original mana whenua ancestral names alongside early European names for the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Ensure decision-makers understand Te Ao Māori and its application to the care and protection of the Tūpuna Maunga.

RECOGNISE THE TIHI IS SACRED

- Understand the tihi is the most sacred part of the Tūpuna Maunga to mana whenua and ensure the protocols around its use, aesthetic and access reflect this.
- Protect the tihi / crater as a significant geological and cultural landscape feature from physical damage.
- Consider the appropriateness of existing structures and development on the tihi.



9.6 Mana Aotūroa / Cultural and Heritage Value

The Tūpuna Maunga are interwoven in mana whenua history and whakapapa. Visibility and prominence will be given to these histories and the connection over the millennia between people and place.

Mana whenua will be enabled and supported to express their kaitiakitanga over the Tūpuna Maunga (the intergenerational rights and obligations of mana whenua to care for the Tūpuna Maunga), and to address the previous cultural and physical separation between mana whenua and the Tūpuna Maunga.

The kaitiakitanga of mana whenua over the Tūpuna Maunga extends over the entirety of the maunga.

The Tūpuna Maunga are unique on a global scale and an important part of Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland's cultural and historical heritage. They are of exceptional significance as some of the largest and most impressive archaeological site complexes in New Zealand. They also contain heritage places and features associated with European history and interaction with these landscapes, including monuments and military complexes.

Local communities have a strong emotional connection with, and draw a sense of identity from the Tūpuna Maunga.

VALUE

Pathways

ENABLE MANA WHENUA ROLE AS KAITIAKI OVER THE TŪPUNA MAUNGA

- Enable mana whenua to be reconnected with the Tūpuna Maunga through cultural activities and to exercise their kaitiakitanga over these sacred places.
- Ensure cultural activities, operational practices and public activities taking place on the Tūpuna Maunga accord with tikanga.
- Enable mana whenua stories and narrative to be reflected through art, features, signage and interpretation on the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Support mana whenua presence through cultural infrastructure.
- Enable and apply customary practices and mātauranga Māori.
- Ensure connections between the Tūpuna Maunga and mana whenua are apparent - spiritually, physically and visually.

RECOGNISE EUROPEAN AND OTHER HISTORIES, AND INTERACTION WITH THE MAUNGA

- Reflect European and other histories alongside mana whenua history on the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Honour the multiple narratives, cultural meaning and connections felt and expressed among all people of Tāmaki Makaurau over the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Recognise and enable the community's relationship of connection with the maunga through care for the early European and other cultures' history and structures.
- Obtain baseline knowledge and encourage collective stewardship of existing historical heritage.
- Share the archaeological and geological history of the Tūpuna Maunga network and the wider volcanic landscape.

PATHWAYS

RESTORING CUSTOMARY PRACTICES AND ASSOCIATED KNOWLEDGE

- Enable mana whenua to engage with maunga through the practice of cultural activities on the maunga.
- Ensure that pepeha / proverbs include the maunga.
- Share tikanga protocols with mana whenua, rangatahi and tamariki.
- Enable mana whenua to build upon their whakapapa connections, relationships, and sense of connection to the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Ensure mana whenua are aware of opportunities to engage with the maunga through cultural activities and mana whenua are resourced to facilitate and coordinate wider mana whenua participation.

ENCOURAGE CULTURALLY SAFE ACCESS

- Facilitate a community and mana whenua awareness, understanding and ability to actively uphold the concepts of tapu and noa on the maunga.
- Empower communities to teach visitors about the protocols of engagement with the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Undertake cultural monitoring to protect and manage waahi tapu (including burial areas) / taonga on the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Manage and monitor development involving ground disturbances to ensure the sensitivity of the maunga (including burial sites) is protected and the potential for accidental discovery of koiwi is appropriately addressed.
- Ensure design guidelines and access planning enable people to be safely directed around the maunga.



9.7 Takotoranga Whenua / Landscape Value

The Tūpuna Maunga are among the most treasured and distinctive connected landscape features of Tāmaki Makaurau that are both natural and modified. The Tūpuna Maunga create and contribute to Aucklanders sense of pride, 'place' and home.

The ability to view these taonga from all over Auckland – the most populated part of New Zealand – and from other maunga is valued for this reason. The Tūpuna Maunga are a place to see and experience other parts of Tāmaki Makaurau.

The significance of the Tūpuna Maunga to mana whenua and all Aucklanders creates an opportunity to ensure the protection and enhancement of the physical and visual integrity of these natural features in the surrounding urban environment. Their significance includes the distinctive and impressive earthworks such as terracing, rua (storage pits), and defences, which are characteristic of pā on the maunga. These reflect the extent and nature of past use and occupation of the Tūpuna Maunga by mana whenua, and are of exceptional archaeological significance both nationally and internationally.

The Tūpuna Maunga are a part of the naturally preserved, young, monogenetic basaltic volcanic field in Aotearoa/New Zealand. They are the most visible reminder to people of the volcanic field on which we live, and are important to our understanding of Auckland's geological history.

VALUE

Pathways

PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE LANDSCAPE OF THE TŪPUNA MAUNGA

- Recognise that the Tūpuna Maunga are a part of a broader volcanic field and mana whenua and local communities wish to see the maunga and volcanic field in their entirety protected and enhanced.
- Enable the mana of the Tūpuna Maunga to be better recognised and uplifted.
- Ensure the landscape values of the individual and collective maunga are protected so that current and future generations visually identify with, relate to and connect with the maunga.
- Protect the authenticity and integrity of this unique landscape feature and respect this important landscape through the progressive removal of structures and features that detract from the maunga.
- Recognise the unique ecological value the remnant and restored lava-flow forest and scoria-cone forest on the maunga provide to Tāmaki Makaurau.
- Identify cultural elements including archaeological sites and features, built heritage, plantings and view shafts that contribute to the significance of landscapes on the maunga and ensure that these are protected during future use and development.

ENCOURAGE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE NATURAL AND INDIGENOUS LANDSCAPE

- Protect, maintain and improve the visibility and understanding of the natural, geological and cultural features.
- Support the Tūpuna Maunga Values through the enhancement of the natural environment by reducing erosion and inappropriate surfaces (such as trails, roads and parking areas) and reduce and limit the location of vehicle access.
- Give people and pedestrian access priority – the relationship of people and whenua becomes more real and relevant through touch, feel, sight and safe access on the maunga.
- Make the connection and history between the Tūpuna Maunga and mana whenua apparent, physically through built structures such as whare, waharoa, entrances, reconstructed terraces, and visually through the design of structures, signage, furniture, carvings and pou.
- Progress relationships with neighbours to enable an integrated approach to caring for the maunga.
- Take an active leadership role to uphold and enhance the mana of the Tūpuna Maunga.

PATHWAYS

ACTIVE RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE NATURAL FEATURES OF THE MAUNGA

- Investigate opportunities to restore the landform and valued cultural heritage features where these have been modified through inappropriate infrastructure, activities or use in the past.
- Increase the biodiversity, structural diversity and native habitat values of the Tūpuna Maunga and their hinterland by enhancing plant health, soil health, native food resources and habitat connectivity through the development and implementation of an Ecological Restoration Strategy.
- Ensure planting and other landscape features are compatible with the protection of the natural and cultural features of the maunga.
- Design access / pathway alignment and use vegetation management to guide public access and use, recognising the needs of those with restricted mobility, to avoid compromising geological and cultural values.

PRESERVE THE VISUAL AND PHYSICAL AUTHENTICITY AND INTEGRITY OF THE MAUNGA AS LANDMARKS OF TĀMAKI

- Respect the visual connection and sense of place people derive from the Tūpuna Maunga by maintaining significant views to the maunga from across Tāmaki Makaurau.
- Identify and protect significant views on and between maunga, and from the maunga to the motu across Tāmaki Makaurau.
- Build upon the Tūpuna Maunga network as cultural landscapes in the wider context of Tāmaki Makaurau and encourage connections and development of linkages between the maunga, such as through greenways and the regional trails network.

PROMOTE A CONNECTED NETWORK OF TŪPUNA MAUNGA

- Reflect the important geological history of the Tūpuna Maunga network and the wider volcanic landscape through the connection of histories / stories from settler migrations.
- Reflect the histories in an appropriate way using information boards, interpretation markers and signage, and make use of technology / applications to ensure accessibility and help avoid visual 'clutter'.
- Tell the stories of the geomorphological history and cultural associations of the Tūpuna Maunga of Tāmaki Makaurau.
- Give emphasis to the natural and cultural landscape experience of routes which connect to and between Tūpuna Maunga.
- Establish and enhance opportunities for wildlife connections including the development and enhancement of safe and effective wildlife migration routes for birds, other fauna and plant species between the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Support the bid for World Heritage inscription of the Tūpuna Maunga (as part of the Auckland Volcanic Field).

ENCOURAGE DESIGN THAT REFLECTS TŪPUNA MAUNGA VALUES

- Develop overarching and specific design guidelines for the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Develop a culturally based design vernacular that reinforces the natural and cultural values of the Tūpuna Maunga, reflects and demonstrates the connection of mana whenua with the Tūpuna Maunga, and demonstrates a cultural response to Tāmaki Makaurau and the individual Tūpuna Maunga.

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**MAURI PŪNAHA HAUROPI /
ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY
VALUE**

PROTECT AND
RESTORE THE
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PATHWAY

9.8 Mauri Pūnaha Hauropi / Ecology and Biodiversity Value

A functional and healthy Tūpuna Maunga ecosystem with strong biodiversity values will enhance the mauri and wairua of the Tūpuna Maunga and adjoining environmental systems.

The Tūpuna Maunga are a connected landscape and ecosystem and there is an opportunity to nurture the ecological links between them and restore ecosystems so they are healthy and have integrity.

The health and ora tonutanga (intergenerational wellbeing) of the mauri of the Tūpuna Maunga and the people is interdependent.

VALUE

Pathways

MAUNGA TŪ MAURI ORA, MAUNGA TŪ
MAKAURAU ORA / IF THE MAUNGA ARE WELL,
AUCKLAND IS WELL

- Nurture and enhance the living connections between the Tūpuna Maunga with other areas of indigenous biodiversity in Tāmaki Makaurau.
- Promote ecological and biodiversity best practice and show innovation in all activities undertaken on the Tūpuna Maunga across Tāmaki Makaurau including drawing on Te Ao Māori and traditional knowledge.
- Rekindle mana whenua connections, such as planting of traditionally used plants, with the ecological and biodiversity values of the Tūpuna Maunga.
- Enable mana whenua to fulfil their role as the kaitiaki.
- Provide opportunities for meaningful connections between the people of Tāmaki Makaurau and the ecological and biodiversity values of the unique ecology of the Tūpuna Maunga.

PATHWAYS

PROTECT AND RESTORE THE BIODIVERSITY OF THE TŪPUNA MAUNGA

- Restore suitable areas of the Tūpuna Maunga with indigenous ecosystems. Decisions on location, plant choice, and staging would draw on traditional and scientific knowledge.
- Reintroduce or attract indigenous species to the Tūpuna Maunga, including microorganisms, invertebrates, lizards, and birds, as all of these contribute to resilient and healthy ecosystems.
- Phase out stock grazing.
- Remove invasive plant and animal pests.
- Use efficient and effective animal and pest control methods and implement a phased reduction in the use of herbicides and pesticides.
- Better manage stormwater, and restore a more natural experience in these areas of increasing biodiversity by minimising the footprint of structures, buildings and pathways.

STRENGTHEN ECOLOGICAL LINKAGES BETWEEN THE TŪPUNA MAUNGA

- Acknowledge the interconnected nature of our ecological system by strengthening ecological linkages and wildlife connections between the Tūpuna Maunga and other important open spaces within Tāmaki Makaurau, and establish linkages and connections identified in other biodiversity plans and strategies.