

Background Info.

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Future Takapuna

Takapuna holds an enviable position with Takapuna Beach, the Waitemata Harbour and views to Rangitoto on one side – and Lake Pupuke on the other.

The Auckland Plan identifies Takapuna as one of 10 metropolitan centres – important industry, transport and housing hubs where significant change is expected during the next 30+ years.

Panuku Development Auckland is leading urban redevelopment in Takapuna on behalf of Auckland Council, through a few key sites.

The vision is to make the most of Takapuna's unique sea and lakeside location and create a safe, accessible and vibrant town centre orientated around pedestrians and cyclists.

The development will guide future planning and development in Takapuna, with the goals of;

- Revitalising the town centre
- Improving public spaces
- Creating better connections to the beach
- Supporting more urban living and public transport options

What's happened?

Eight years of planning. The opportunities for Takapuna have been well documented in a number of previous plans dating back to 2010 and have been widely consulted on. The overarching plan to revitalise Takapuna was approved by the Auckland Development Committee in March 2016.

40 Anzac Street is key to the vision for Takapuna. The site is currently a 250-space carpark located in the centre of Takapuna between Anzac Street and Lake Road, adjacent to Potters Park. The site has the potential to provide a mix of residential, commercial and public space with activated laneways linking it to Hurstmere Road.

In 2016 and 2017, the plan for the vision for Takapuna was consulted on. In collaboration with the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, a significant level of stakeholder engagement was undertaken during 2016 and early 2017. This included engagement with the Greater Takapuna Reference Group and eight other key stakeholder groups. The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board included the Unlock Takapuna project in its Local Board Plan 2017.

Formal consultation on the change of use for the 40 Anzac Street carpark was undertaken in August and September 2017. A hearings panel was appointed to independently analyse the submissions received and to hear from any submitters that wished to speak.

A large number of submitters who opposed had asked for different activities and uses for the site. As a result, conditions were placed on the approval to "change the use" of the site. The plan for the 40 Anzac Street site will address this feedback.

Earlier this year we undertook engagement with the community on the shape, size and location of a town square on 40 Anzac Street. The town square options currently being proposed have been drafted based on feedback from this engagement.

What's planned?

40 Anzac Street will be developed to create a mix of residential, commercial and public open spaces with activated laneways linking the site to Hurstmere Road, Hurstmere Green and Takapuna Beach.

On 6 March 2018 a "change of use" was granted by Auckland Council's Planning Committee for 40 Anzac Street. This allows development to occur on 40 Anzac Street to enable new public space and new developments. We're now working with the communities of Takapuna on future planning for physical public spaces and their preferred uses and activities.

The proposed development will include:

- People-friendly public spaces including a new town square that will allow for activities like a market
- Well-designed laneways creating connections with Anzac Street, Lake Road and Hurstmere Road
- Safer access to Potter's Park
- Suitable alternative short-stay parking

There is an additional site approximately 200m away on the corner of Huron, Northcroft and Auburn streets, called the Gasometer site. Panuku will build a multi-storey carpark there to accommodate for Takapuna's current and future carparking needs. This would be completed before any disruption to 40 Anzac Street occurs.

The vision for the other part of the Gasometer site is to create a mix of commercial, retail and residential spaces.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is 40 Anzac Street?

40 Anzac Street is currently a 250-space public car park in the centre of Takapuna. In March 2017 a “change of use” was granted by Auckland Council’s Planning Committee, meaning the site can be used for purposes other than car parking.

The site’s location and links to Hurstmere Road provide an exciting opportunity to create a new town square, shops, businesses and homes that will unify the heart of Takapuna.

What happens now?

Now, we’re working with the community to determine what could happen on the site. In the meantime, part of the Gasometer site (located between Northcroft, Huron and Auburn streets) will be developed in to a multi-storey carpark. We’ll also seek a developer partner to work with on the other part of the Gasometer site.

What will go on Anzac Street? Will there be any public space?

The planned development will include a new town square and connections through the site joining Anzac Street, Lake Road and Hurstmere Road, as well as mixed use development such as restaurants, retail and housing.

What will happen to the Takapuna Sunday market?

The Takapuna Sunday Market is a valued part of the Takapuna community. The market can stay as it is for another two years. We are using that two years to work with the market operator to find a new location to ensure it remains a successful part of the community. We’ve given the market operator several options on council properties, including the new town square being built on 40 Anzac Street.

When Anzac Street is developed, will we lose those carparks?

The carparks available on Anzac Street will be replaced with carparks on the Gasometer site. Anzac Street will remain as a public car park until the Gasometer car park is open. The Gasometer car park building will be for retail and commercial visitors to Takapuna centre.

Why didn’t Panuku retain carparking on the Anzac Street site?

Anzac Street, with the adjoining Potters Park and connections to Hurstmere Road, is a fantastic location for a new town square and pedestrian-friendly spaces that are not dominated by cars.

The new Gasometer car park is only 200 metres away and will work well in tandem with the existing Killarney Street car park to serve Takapuna centre’s car park needs.

I park in the Anzac Street carpark. Where can I park now?

Until mid-2020 we expect Anzac Street to remain a car park while the Gasometer car park is being constructed. Following that, you can park in the new Gasometer car park. Or if you are visiting the northern part of Takapuna then the existing Killarney Street car park is a great choice.

Who will own the carparks?

The proposed multi-level car park building on part of the Gasometer site is intended to be owned by Auckland Council and managed by Auckland Transport (AT).

How many carparks are available in Takapuna?

There are currently approximately 2,300 public car park spaces in Takapuna (both on and off-street). 40 Anzac Street provides 250 of these car park spaces. As part of providing for current and future parking requirements, Panuku plans to redevelop part of the Gasometer site into a multi-level car park with approximately 450 spaces.

How was the carparking assessed?

AT conducted a car parking assessment for Takapuna and advised Panuku that it needs to replace 400 car parks within the Unlock Takapuna sites (Anzac Street and Gasometer) and futureproof for a further 350-500 car parks over the next 30 years. This meets the current demand for short-stay parking and provides a future-proof ability for the forecast growth expected to be experienced in the centre.

What about accessibility parking?

We’re working with Auckland Transport to ensure that accessibility parking is sufficiently provided for in Takapuna. Currently there is accessibility parking in a number of locations around the Takapuna town centre. However, if after the upgrade of Hurstmere Road or the new Gasometer car park the supply is found to be insufficient we would look at where more accessibility parking could be provided to ensure the needs of the community are met.

When will Anzac Street be sold?

We will begin discussions with prospective development partners now, with the view to have a partner confirmed by next year. Any development partnership would take in to consideration the community’s feedback and the requirement for a town square on the site. The town square will remain in council ownership.

When would development start?

Development won’t start on Anzac Street until 2020 at the earliest. Until then Anzac Street will remain open as a carpark. The Gasometer carpark construction is expected to commence in the second half of 2018. Development on the Gasometer site could start in 2019 following a market process to select a development partner.

What’s happening with Potters Park?

Potters Park will remain a park. There are no changes planned by Panuku for the park.

How will this impact Takapuna as a shopping destination?

New retail, commercial and residential accommodation will bring more people to the centre and increase the economic activity. All this growth will have a positive impact on Takapuna as a shopping and food and beverage destination.

International studies show that creating pedestrian-friendly environments and increasing foot traffic will have a positive effect on these businesses also.

Maintaining car parking supply in Takapuna would be addressed before any disruption to Anzac Street carpark occurs. The Gasometer car park would be completed and open to the public before the Anzac Street site was closed for any type of development or construction.

