

**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD TO BE HELD AT
WAITAKERE CENTRAL, 6 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD, HENDERSON, WAITAKERE,
ON TUESDAY, 1 MAY 2007, COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, 3 April 2007

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, 3 April 2007, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



3 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Board by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Board may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



4 PUBLIC FORUM

For guidance of Community Board Members, the Council's Standing Orders have the following provisions in regard to Public Forum.

- (i) members of the public wishing to address the Board in Public Forum shall furnish their names to the Chairman at the beginning of the meeting; and
- (ii) the Chairman shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time;
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of any specific item of business not on the agenda except to refer the items to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. Therefore, no decision may be made on matters raised in Public Forum. However, written reports on matters raised may be requested from the Chief Executive Officer.



5 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman's Report wasn't available at time of print. The Chairman will give a verbal report at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION





That the Chairman's Report be received.







Christine Shepherd, JP

CHAIRMAN






6 **COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
Claude Abel Pond Reserve, Piha Officer's Report	This project is still going through the consent process. Funding is currently provided in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan to carry out the physical works.	Tracey Hamilton  836 8000 Ext: 8969
Gorse Management for Piha Road, Piha 31 August 2004 Resolution No. 1619/2004	A contract to carry out the gorse control has been awarded. Gorse removal is underway and will be completed in mid May 2007.	Helen Biffin  836 8000 Ext: 8758
Piha Domain Footbridge Officer's Report	The concept design will be developed into a detailed design and presented to the Bridge Evaluation Panel for their approval. A report will then be submitted to the Waitakere Community Board and the City Development Committee. The intention is to carry out physical works in late 2007.	Debbie Chapman  836 8000 Ext: 8303
Waitakere River Realignment Officer's Report	The development of detailed designs and consent applications for the installation of bio-degradable sand bags and planting along the river bank adjacent to the Bethells Beach Surf Club is currently underway. The removal of sand will continue in order to prevent further erosion until the above-mentioned measures are in place.	Debbie Chapman  836 8000 Ext: 8303

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
Kitewaho Reserve Walkway Officer's Report	Work was completed on the track construction in April 2007. Track identification signs will be installed in May 2007.	Andreas Lilley  836 8000 Ext: 8553
Swanson Station Park Development Officer's Report	Minor improvement works are continuing. Fencing panels for the skatepark boundary with Challenge and for the skatepark entrance are on order and will be installed in May 2007. Informal seating around the skatepark will also be undertaken at this time. Additional planting will be added to the park from May 2007 onwards.	Andreas Lilley  836 8000 Ext: 8553
Community Board Minor Parks Projects Officer's Report	<p>The status of each project is as follows:</p> <p>Reserve on corner of Bruce McLaren Road and Posa Avenue - Planting along the fence line will take place in the planting season (May/June 2007).</p> <p>Te Henga Reserve - A meeting was held with the community to confirm the project details. This project is to be managed by the community and will entail the installation of furniture/stones around the existing bike track.</p> <p>The furniture is to be made/provided by the community, consistent with what already exists by the car park. Physical works are scheduled to be carried out in May/June 2007.</p>	Laura Mitchell/ Katharine Slack  836 8000 Ext: 8779
Les Waygood Reserve - Piha Preschool Playground Sunshade 4 October 2005 Resolution No. 1847/2005	The shade structure project was completed in mid April 2007.	Katharine Slack  836 8000 Ext: 8779
Bethells Beach Wastewater System Replacement/Surf Club Connection Officer's Report	The City Development Committee approved the combined wastewater system at no cost to the Surf Club and also authorised the connection of the Surf Club from funding allocated for the Bethells Beach public toilet wastewater system. The resource consent has been gained and the building consent has been lodged. It is anticipated physical works will be carried out in May 2007.	Tracey Hamilton  836 8000 Ext: 8969
Piha Domain Playground Upgrade 3 October 2006 Resolution No. 1902/2006	The physical works contract has been awarded and works are currently underway. It is expected works will be completed in May 2007.	Tracey Hamilton  836 8000 Ext: 8969

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5 October 2006 Resolution No. 1973/2006 City Development Committee		
Bethells Beach Water Safety Signage Officer's Report	The signs have been installed. This project is complete.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969
Waitakere Township Public Toilet Officer's Report	Council's initial plan involved the purchase or lease of the property adjacent to Waitakere Village Rail Station for the purpose of building a toilet block and associated wastewater facilities. Unfortunately the purchase or lease is no longer an option, therefore the design has undergone some minor changes to fit all required infrastructure into the road reserve. Resource and building consent has been lodged. The toilets are programmed to be built before June 2007.	Debbie Chapman ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8303
Karekare Toilets & Wastewater System Upgrade Officer's Report	The detailed design has commenced on the toilet block. Consents are due to be lodged by early May 2007, with construction programmed to commence by September 2007.	Andreas Lilley ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8553
Laingholm Scenic Reserve, Warner Walk and Western Park Officer's Report	A contract for weed control and re-vegetation planting was awarded in late March 2007 and weed control is underway. Planting will be carried out during autumn.	Helen Biffin ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8758

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Community Hall Review	12 September 2005 Resolution No. 1737/2005	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement	Kimberly Rees ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8559
Piha / Karekare and Huia / Cornwallis Local Water Plans	September 2004 Environmental Management Committee	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8294
Trial of Water- filled Barriers at Paremuka Reserve	5 December 2006 Resolution No. 2319/2006	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement	Sue Liddell ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8736

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Huia and Whatipu Road Speed Limits and Safety Issues	Community Board Member's Request	5 June 2007	Sue Liddell  836 8000 Ext: 8736
Warning Signs on Rural Roads in the Waitakere Ward	Community Board Member's Request	5 June 2007	Sue Liddell  836 8000 Ext: 8736
Little Huia Boat Ramp Facility Current Condition and Potential to be Upgraded to be an All-Tide, All Weather Boat Ramp Facility	Community Board Member's Request	5 June 2007	Grant Jennings  836 8000 Ext: 8537

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee Secretary's Report for Tuesday, 1 May 2007 be received.

Report prepared by: Owena Schuster, Committee Secretary.



7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Waitakere Community Board about the Local Government New Zealand Conference (the Conference) to be held in Dunedin from Sunday, 15 July to Wednesday, 18 July 2007.

BACKGROUND

The Conference will take place this year from Sunday, 15 July to Wednesday, 18 July 2007 in Dunedin. Historically, Council has attended this Conference each year and has sent the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and a number of other Elected Members, supported by the Chief Executive Officer and other appropriate staff.

As part of the Conference, Local Government New Zealand also holds its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and this year it will be held on Wednesday, 18 July 2007.

The Conference (the programme will be circulated to Elected Members separately) provides an opportunity for Elected Members to share ideas and experiences with their colleagues across the country. The AGM provides Council with an opportunity to influence the leadership and direction of Local Government New Zealand.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Membership of Local Government New Zealand has the potential to be of assistance to Council as it pursues a wide range of strategic and advocacy aims. Local Government New Zealand provides a vehicle through which Council's voice can be heard on the national stage as Local Government New Zealand undertakes its activities on behalf of its members.

The Conference provides an opportunity for Elected Members to discuss a wide range of Local Government issues and to network and share experiences with other Elected Members across the country.

ISSUES

Conference Attendance

The Council at its meeting on 21 March 2007 agreed to fund the attendance of one representative of all the Community Boards in Waitakere City.

This is the third year that the Community Boards have been supported to have a representative as part of the Council's contingent at the Local Government New Zealand Conference. In 2005, the Council supported the attendance of Christine Shepherd in her capacity as the Auckland Region and Far North Community Boards' Association deputy representative on the New Zealand Community Boards' Association Executive Committee. In 2006, the Council supported the attendance of Gayle Marshall, who is responsible for liaison between all the four Community Boards in Waitakere, and the Auckland Region and Far North Community Boards' Association.

Council wishes to arrange early registration so that advantage can be taken of lower costs offered by airlines for travel and early bird registration fees.

The Community Boards need to determine a method for agreeing on who that representative should be in 2007. It is suggested that each Board make a nomination if they wish, and if there is more than one nomination then the Chairs of the Boards be requested to determine who the representative should be.

Other Community Board Members are welcome to attend at their own expense or sponsored by another organisation. If any Member wishes to attend at other than the Council's expense, please advise the Members' Liaison Officer in good time for her to make the necessary arrangements for attendance.

RESOURCES

Sufficient resources will be provided for in the 2007/2008 draft Annual Plan to allow Elected Members to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference.

CONCLUSION

The Community Boards are requested to consider:

- Nominating a Community Board representative to attend the Conference in Dunedin; and
- The process whereby the four Community Boards reach consensus as to the nomination of the Community Board Representative.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Local Government New Zealand Conference report be received.
2. That the Waitakere Community Board consider nominating a Community Board Member to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference, Dunedin, from 15 to 18 July 2007, on behalf of all the four Community Boards in Waitakere.
3. That the four Waitakere City Community Board Chairmen be given delegated authority to make the final decision on which Community Board Member is to represent all four Community Boards in Waitakere at the Local Government New Zealand Conference, Dunedin, from 15 to 18 July 2007, should there be more than one nomination.

Report prepared by: Charlie Inggs, Democracy and Governance Team Manager.



8 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS UPDATE APRIL - MAY 2007

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Community Board with an update of Project Twin Stream's objectives for 2007.

BACKGROUND

The purpose or kaupapa for Project Twin Streams is: *Working together for healthy streams and strong communities: creating a sustainable future.*

Project Twin Streams is an exciting and innovative multi-faceted project that focuses on achieving long-term sustainable integrated management of the Henderson Creek and Huruhuru Creek catchments. This project weaves together the issues of integrated stormwater management and the restoration of stream banks along the Oratia, Waikumete, Opanuku, Pixie and Swanson Streams, with a sustainable community development approach. The Project Twin Streams catchment has a population of 100,000 people and covers 10,000 hectares.

Central to the long term success of the project is finding ways of raising people's awareness of the causes of the degradation of streams, and behaviour changes to address these. This requires working across all aspects of wellbeing (environmental, social, economic and cultural) and actions that promote strong, healthy, engaged local communities who understand the challenges facing their catchment and take responsibility for them.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Project Twin Streams has been identified as one of Council's catalytic projects and is contributing to the implementation of the vision of Waitakere as an Eco City through all Council's strategic objectives and platforms and its contribution to Community Outcomes - Green Network, Strong Communities, Sustainable Environment, Strong Economies, Waiora (Environmental Protection) and Whaiora (Participation in society). The Community Outcome priorities strongly identify Project Twin Streams as a project for enabling the achievement of a number of these outcomes.

In particular Project Twin Streams supports the Council strategic platforms of:

- **Strong Communities** - people are active, healthy and content;
- **Active Democracy** - people feel they can make a difference. There are high levels of community participation and respect for each others' views;
- **Green Network** - caring for natural areas. Protection and enhancement is on both public and private land; community involvement is encouraged, as is the protection of landscapes, native plants, wildlife and ecosystems;
- **Three Waters** - stream restoration and resolving stormwater management issues.

Project Twin Streams also demonstrates the integration of Council's Quadruple Bottom Line approach in programme development and implementation as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2007 PLANTING SEASON

Planting and Maintenance Programme

Five separate commercial contracts have been awarded, a separate contract for each of the streams within the Project Twin Streams area, to Parks and Maintenance Services Limited. The manner in which these contracts have been scoped has been based on detailed programme planning and Gantt charts which have been used to plan out all remaining activities on all the streams.

The weeding and maintenance programme is based on a staged approach over a number of successive years as follows:

- **1st stage** - Environmental weed clearance which would include tree removal, crown lifting, cutting and paste, spray work and rubbish removal to prepare site for first stage planting;
- **2nd stage** - Medium weed clearance of environmental weed ground cover species, crown lifting, follow up weed spray to provide space for first stage and second stage planting;
- **3rd stage** - Removing weed and preparing areas for second and third stage planting to include maintenance after planting.

Additional to the weeding and maintenance programme, extensive planting will be undertaken along designated reaches, in accordance with the overall programme schedule for each stream.

The following tables indicate the high level objectives for each of the streams:

Swanson Stream

	2006-2007	2007-2008
1 st stage weeding and maintenance	70,813 m ²	43,027 m ²
2 nd stage weeding and maintenance	14,877 m ²	68,101 m ²
3 rd stage weeding and maintenance	nil	15,716 m ²
Planting - RT	17,910	15,000
Planting - PB3	4,960	3,800
Planting - PB5	100	200
Planting - PB8	900	1,200
Planting - PB12	100	500
Planting - PB18	50	100

Henderson Creek

	2006-2007	2007-2008
1 st stage weeding and maintenance	3,050 m ²	2,000 m ²
2 nd stage weeding and maintenance	19,987 m ²	10,000 m ²
3 rd stage weeding and maintenance	16,734 m ²	8,948 m ²
Planting - RT	14,870	11,000
Planting - PB3	2,800	3,000
Planting - PB5	100	200
Planting - PB8	810	900
Planting - PB12	100	300
Planting - PB18	50	100

Waikumete Stream

	2006-2007	2007-2008
1 st stage weeding and maintenance	78,409 m ²	26,602 m ²
2 nd stage weeding and maintenance	nil	61,798 m ²
3 rd stage weeding and maintenance	nil	nil
Planting - RT	10,970	12,000
Planting - PB3	4,870	6,000
Planting - PB5	100	200
Planting - PB8	850	900
Planting - PB12	100	300
Planting - PB18	50	100

Opanuku Stream

	2006-2007	2007-2008
1 st stage weeding and maintenance	74,070 m ²	80,290 m ²
2 nd stage weeding and maintenance	8,172 m ²	57,297 m ²
3 rd stage weeding and maintenance	nil	3,000 m ²
Planting - RT	8,530	12,000
Planting - PB3	11,400	14,000
Planting - PB5	150	300
Planting - PB8	2,000	3,000
Planting - PB12	200	500
Planting - PB18	100	275

Oratia Stream

	2006-2007	2007-2008
1 st stage weeding and maintenance	3,050 m ²	2,000 m ²
2 nd stage weeding and maintenance	19,987 m ²	10,000 m ²
3 rd stage weeding and maintenance	16,734 m ²	8,948 m ²
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Key: **RT** = Root Trainer, **PB** refers to the size of the Plastic Bag in inches, i.e. a PB3 is a plastic bag that measures 3 inches (small) compared to a PB18 which is a larger 18 inch sized plastic bag.

It is intended that 33.3% of the weeding and maintenance and 60% of the planting will have Community Group involvement across all of the streams.

An extensive willow eradication programme is being progressed on the Waikumete, Swanson and Opanuku Streams. Willow is the major environmental weed on the stream and contributes to flooding.

Community Contracts and Community Engagement

A key goal of Project Twin Streams is to build community ownership of the Project in ways that are inclusive and meaningful for local neighbourhood communities and communities of interest. Community uptake is being achieved through working to engage and contract six locality-based community organisations to develop Project Twin Streams in their neighbourhoods. This model is proving extremely effective in engaging the diversity of Waitakere communities in Project Twin Streams.

There are now five organisations that have community contracts with Project Twin Streams which have been approved by the Tenders Subcommittee. These are:

Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi in Ranui-Massey along the Swanson Stream from Birdwood Road to Huruhuru Creek. This project is being delivered in association with the Ranui Action Project. Project Twin Streams Ranui-Massey are currently seeking community input into a sculpture which will be placed at the entrance to Ulrich Reserve on Swanson Road. The first stage of planting here is complete and the aim is to have an artwork which will draw people into the reserve, and encourage them to enjoy the replanted area, which was a focus of great community effort. Suggestions regarding a theme and/or materials are most welcome. 2007 sees 10 community groups working on Project Twin Streams within the Ranui-Massey area. Liston College has recently become involved and they will be planting and maintaining their specific area. Progress also continues to be made towards the NZQA accreditation of those alternative education providers who engage in Project Twin Streams. This means that youths who take part in planting and maintenance programmes with the project would be able to receive an NZQA Certificate in Horticulture.

Community Waitakere (previously known as WADCOSS) in the Henderson area along the Henderson Creek. A key project in 2007 for Project Twin Streams Henderson Creek will be the Colletta Wetland Project, which has been adopted by Flanshaw Primary School as part of their on-going support for Project Twin Streams. Pupils will be taking part in an Arbour Day planting on 6 June 2007 and in the week following, their families will visit the area. It is hoped that the school's involvement in this project will ensure the restoration of the wetland and the area will become an invaluable educational resource. Waitakere Gardens residents and the West Auckland Historical Society are also involved in a planting which will take place on the Opanuku Stream. It is hoped to have this work completed by Arbour Day (5 June 2007) in time for the Historical Society's official opening of their historical display. School children from Henderson Primary will be involved in both project work on the stream and the Arbour Day planting.

Corban Estate Arts Centre along the Lower Opanuku Stream to Border Road. This project is being delivered jointly between Corban, WEA (Workers Education Association) and the Waitakere Pacific Arts & Cultural Trust. Project Twin Streams Opanuku Stream continue to build on the solid foundation they established in 2006. In the first year, 16,000 plants were planted via two community plantings and 11 community groups. The community organisation will also continue the stream tours, weeding and plant identification workshops they host. 2007 will see eight community groups with an on-going involvement in the restoration of Opanuku Stream - these include a group from Henderson High School and a corporate group from General Electric.

Partnerships have been established with the ARC Bio-security unit for predator monitoring and tracking and with ARC Ranger Riki Bennet, who will be working to educate students about traditional Maori bush-craft. The focus of helping residents reconnect with the stream in wider ways will be continued with a series of educational workshops; Stormwater solutions in April and Weeding Out and Planting Natives in May. The group will also be establishing a Friends of Opanuku Stream in 2007. This will enable all interested parties to come together, be involved and keep in touch with the Project.

EcoMatters Environment Trust in Glen Eden along the Waikumete Stream. This contract will be delivered in partnership with Glen Eden Primary School and other local schools in the area. There is a huge amount of passion and energy from the three schools in Glen Eden to work together for Project Twin Streams. Project Twin Streams Glen Eden now has seven groups who have adopted area to care for in the Glen Eden catchment. The groups span the entire catchment and will be helping to restore the Whakarina, Bishop and Waikumete Streams from the head-waters near Titirangi down to the far end of Parr's Park in Oratia. A 2006 teacher's workshop will be followed up with a workshop for residents on Saturday 5 May 2007. This is open to anyone in the Glen Eden catchment area who wants to learn how to care for the stream in their back yard, this hands-on session will teach easy methods of weed control as well as how to plant and maintain a site.

McLaren Park and Henderson South Community Initiatives are the most recent community organisation to enter into contract with Council for the community engagement on the stream restoration and they will be managing the lower Oratia Stream.

In Swanson, residents will be actively involved in planting around the Swanson Golf Club for the 2007 weed eradication and a planting programme.

The work of the community contract organisations is strengthening local communities not only through community planting events but by sharing experiences, creative learning, developing art works, expressing local culture, developing community pride, bridging diversity and opening up opportunities for training and employment.

Community Planting Days

The following community planting days are currently planned, with others still being worked on for the lower Oratia Stream area as the McLaren Park Community Group is still establishing itself:

Opanuku Stream

- 23 June 2007, Matariki Planting, Border Road Bridge.
- **SEPTEMBER 2007, SPRING PLANTING, VINTAGE DRIVE.**

Glen Eden

- 16 June 2007, Matariki Planting, Kaurilands Domain, Atkinson Road.
- 1 September 2007, Spring Community Planting, Ceramco Park, Glendale Road.

Henderson Creek

- 19 May 2007, Sherwood Park.
- 7 July 2007, Epping Park.

Ranui-Massey

- 19 May 2007, Celebrating Children, Don Buck Corner Reserve, Ranui.
- 30 June 2007, Matariki Planting, Riverpark Reserve, Massey.
- 18 August 2007, Waimoko Glen, Ranui.

Walk and Cycleways

The walk and cycleway routes cover the following areas and are all designed to follow alongside the Opanuku, Oratia or Waikumete Streams. Stormwater runoff will be filtered by swales or other devices prior to discharge to the environment.

The scope of works is as set out in the table below:

Oratia walk and cycleway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Oratia walk and cycleway runs from Parrs Cross Road to Millbrook Road. It has a bridge and link across to Newham Place, an interface with the underpass at the Sunnyvale Railway Station underpass and a bridge across the Waikumete Stream. • Construction is currently underway on the walk and cycleway and this phase is due to be complete by the end of April 2007. • The Newham Place and Waikumete Bridges, as well as the interface with the On Track works at the Sunnyvale Station, are planned to be completed before the end of June 2007 should all the consents be granted in time.
Lower Opanuku walk and cycleway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lower Opanuku walk and cycleway extends from Alderman Drive over the Great North Road intersection with Henderson Valley Road, through the Corbans Estate and along the southern side of the Opanuku Stream to Border Road. There are links into Smythe Road, Keeling Road and Garelja Roads, as well as an interface with an existing bridge across the Opanuku Stream. • Construction is currently underway on the walk and cycleway and this phase is due to be complete by the end of April 2007. • A bridge over the Waitaro Stream will be built by the end of June 2007 should all the consents be granted in time. • The extensive bridge and approaching boardwalks to the Chardon Place bridge will be constructed as part of the Upper Opanuku construction contract planned for commencement in October 2007. • The segment of the Lower Opanuku walk and cycleway from the Corban Estate arts bridge to Keeling Road (approximately 1km) will be completed in time for the opening launch on 21 April 2007 and will serve as the platform to celebrate the launch of the entire PTS walk and cycleway network.
Lower Waikumete walk and cycleway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lower Waikumete walk and cycleway runs from Seymour Road, through a purpose-built wetland and intersects the Oratia walk and cycleway between the Waikumete Bridge and Millbrook Road. • Construction is currently underway on the walk and cycleway and this phase is due to be complete by the end of June 2007.
Upper Opanuku walk and cycleway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the extension of the Lower Opanuku segment, from Border Road up past the Pony Club, onto Henderson Valley Road and into the new sub-divisions in the area. • This is currently under final design review and it is intended to award the contract for the construction before the end of June 2007, with construction planned for the period October 2007 to February 2008.
Upper Waikumete walk and cycleway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the segment from Ceramco Park, alongside the Waikumete Stream to Savoy Road, at which stage it will join with Captain Scott Road and be interfaced with all other road improvement projects planned for the Glen Eden area. • This is currently under final design review and it is intended to award the contract for the construction before the end of June 2007, with construction planned for the period October 2007 to February 2008.

Millbrook Road walk and cycleway	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This segment runs along Millbrook Road to Henderson town centre.• This is currently under final design review and it is intended to award the contract for the construction before the end of June 2007, with construction planned for the period October 2007 to February 2008.
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The opening launch of the Project Twin Streams walk and cycleways is to be held at the Corban Estate at 10:00 am on Saturday, 21 April 2007.

Property Buy Outs

Following approvals from the Finance and Operational Performance Committee, Project Twin Streams commenced buying properties in the Serwayne Place, Millbrook Rd area (2003), in Henderson Valley (2004) and Glen Eden (2005) and further part purchases of properties for cycleways and esplanades (2006 and 2007). To date settlement has been reached on 78 out of 100 properties, 22 are under negotiation.

Relationship with Manawhenua and Iwi

There is strong support for Project Twin Streams from both Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua. Cultural heritage reports with recommendations for progressing manawhenua interests within Project Twin Streams have been received from both iwi and are being implemented. Opportunities to work with the local iwi on stream restoration using traditional methods are being explored through the Maori Issues Manager, although these opportunities may not be easily agreed to due to the overall progress of the restoration and there are not many untouched areas left to set aside for traditional restoration methods.

All the local community contract organisations are working closely with local Maori in their locality.

There has recently been interest in establishing a Pa Harekeke (traditional flax planting for weaving) as part of Project Twin Streams. This is being progressed in consultation with the Maori Issues Manager. It will include consultation with manawhenua, local weavers and the Weaving School at UNITEC.

An Innovative Approach to Integrated Catchment Management Planning for Project Twin Streams

Work is underway to prepare an integrated catchment management plan with the Auckland Regional Council and Landcare to develop a Quadruple Bottom Line plan for the Project Twin Streams catchment. The Auckland Regional Council has agreed in principle to this proposal and its innovative potential to build on the community engagement strategies of Project Twin Streams to engage communities to take ownership of the water issues in their own catchment. The greatest impact on managing stormwater is through individual and collective behaviour change.

Achieving Project Twin Stream Goals through Collaborative Partnerships

Project Twin Streams is one of two demonstration sites for Sustainable Communities, one of the work strands of Sustainable Auckland, which is a government demonstration project. This brings additional resources of \$65,000 - \$85,000 a year for three years through direct funding, of which 2006/2007 is the final year. A key focus for Sustainable Communities this year will be developing strategic partnerships with external organisations such as Department of Internal Affairs, Auckland Regional Council, and Ministry for Environment to ensure on-going development, funding and other resources which ensure the long-term sustainability of the project.

Progressing Project Twin Streams Economic Goals

In February 2006 Sustainable Communities commissioned the then, Enterprise Waitakere to identify potential opportunities and an implementation plan for economic development in the Project Twin Streams catchments. In July 2006 a workshop was held with key stakeholders - community, central government, Council, and others to present the outcomes of the research and to workshop priorities and next steps. Councillors Hulse and Cooper attended. This workshop generated a lot of positive energy for Project Twin Streams as a catalyst for economic development. Action plan ideas focussed on the following:

- Community economic development initiatives such as providing employment pathways for youth at risk through skills training and unit standards that recognise the skills being developed by youth engaged in regular restoration activities; business ideas such as bamboo to charcoal and weeds to paper and activities that support ecotourism;
- Green technologies;
- Maori economic development.

Waitakere Enterprise has established a new position of Economic Development Facilitator to progress the Project Twin Streams Economic Development Action Plan and to further work on social enterprise development. This position is jointly funded by Sustainable Communities, Council and Waitakere Enterprise.

A steering group led by Waitakere Enterprise and comprising Council, Beacon Pathways, EcoMatters Trust, Landcare, UNITEC and Sustainable Business Network has recently been established to progress the Green Technologies recommendations in the Project Twin Streams catchment. The overarching aim of the group is that 'Green Technology is Mainstream in the Project Twin Streams Catchment'. The purpose is to begin the process of preparing an action plan for progressing green technology economic opportunities in the Project Twin Streams catchment. Currently they are assessing the merits of green technology projects that have been already identified and deciding which of these to focus on in 2007/2008.

Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Quadruple Bottom Line Approach

The Project Twin Streams Integrated Evaluation Framework has now been completed. It captures the effectiveness of a Quadruple Bottom Line approach to an environmental project. Evaluation will include the effectiveness and learnings of using a community development model, and a range of environmental, economic, cultural and social outcomes. The Evaluation Framework is aligned to Council's monitoring and evaluation processes. The framework is very innovative and will be of broader interest and have wider application beyond the Project as very little work has been done on how to evaluate sustainable Quadruple Bottom Line projects.

The challenge for 2007 will be to secure external funding to advance the Evaluation Framework as "monitoring and evaluation: activities are not funded through the original Infrastructure Auckland grants.

RESOURCES

The resources available are as follows:

- Funding of \$38.2 million has been allocated from Infrastructure Auckland (subsequently replaced by Auckland Regional Holdings) for stormwater management, repair and restoration of 56 km of streams and to provide social and economic benefits as outline in the contract;

- Funding of \$5.2 million has been allocated from Infrastructure Auckland for the construction of walk and cycleways along the Oratia, Opanuku and Waikumete streams. Additional top-up funding of \$3.4 million has been obtained from Land Transport New Zealand with Council committing to fund 53%;
- Direct funding of \$80,000 from Sustainable Communities for three years has been secured to progress agreed social, cultural and economic goals of the programme. This funding stops at the end of the 2006/2007 financial year;
- Funding of \$250,000 from Ministry for Environment Sustainable Management Fund for education on sustainable technologies and for a community festival and launch of the walk and cycleway project;
- Funding from Financial Contributions. Work is currently underway to identify other opportunities for additional contributions to ensure that Project Twin Streams has sufficient funding to achieve the overall scope of work up to 2012.

In the long term additional funding will be required to sustain the project beyond 2012.

Internal process improvements have been implemented which now enable monthly claims to be submitted to Auckland Regional Holdings which has the net effect of minimising the cost of capital.

CONCLUSION

Project Twin Streams is demonstrating a community development model for catchment restoration and an integrated catchment management plan. As more and more local people become engaged and enthused with the project the potential grows. The project fully reflects the purpose of local government to promote environmental, economic, cultural and social wellbeing. An ambitious but achievable programme of work that involves the stream restoration through the Quadruple Bottom Line approach and the construction of the walk and cycleways is being implemented and planned for the 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 financial years.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Project Twin Streams Update April - May 2007 report be received.

Report prepared by: Lawrence Butcher, Sustainable Engineering Manager.



9 SAFE WAITAKERE UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Waitakere Community Board on SAFE Waitakere, present an overview of progress and key initiatives, and to outline the current focus of the team.

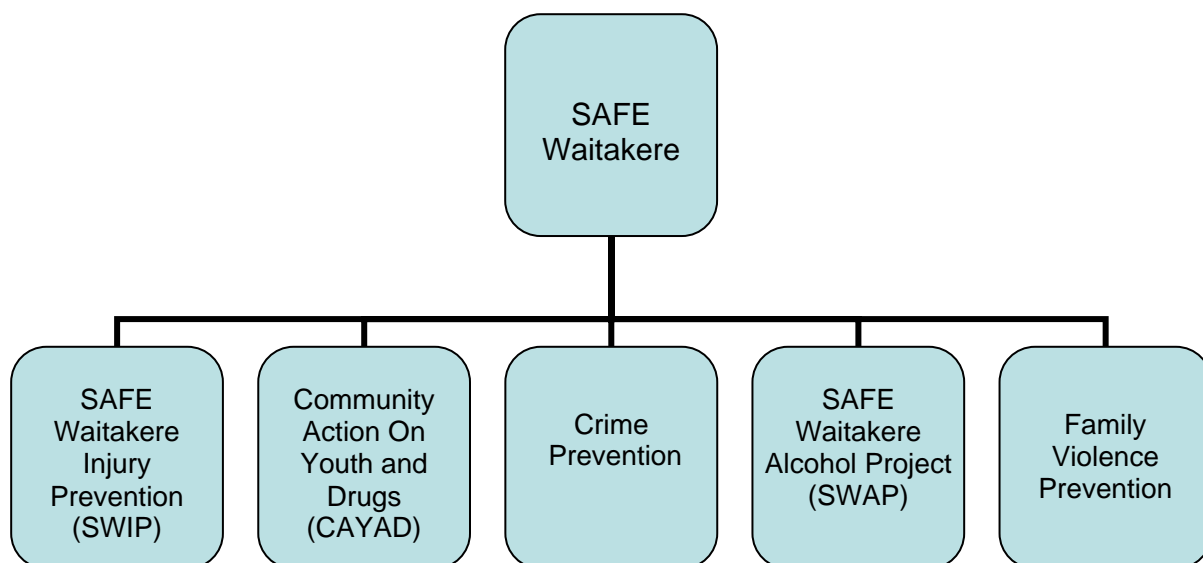
BACKGROUND

SAFE Waitakere Role

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The team acts at local and regional levels to develop plans, partnerships and programmes that deliver safety outcomes in the city in accordance with local and national strategies. The learning from these initiatives is distilled into informing policy development, including the analysis of the effects of government policy, to inform Council and provide advocacy to central government. The team is primarily funded from contracts with the Ministries of Justice and Health. Particular focus areas are crime prevention, injury prevention, alcohol and drugs, and family violence. The project briefs for each focus area are attached at pages A1 to A3.

SAFE Waitakere Structure



STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The work of the SAFE Waitakere Team is closely associated with the strategic priorities of First Call for Children and Safe City. The work of Safe Waitakere supports the Strong Communities strategic platform. The Active Democracy strategic platform also reinforces the concepts of the 'Waitakere Way', the active involvement of multiple agencies, and of all communities in Waitakere, all of which are essential to safety issues within the City.

ISSUES

Progress has been across a number of key initiatives.

SAFE Waitakere - General

World Health Organisation Safer Community Re-accreditation - Waitakere was re-accredited in December 2006.

Community Action on Youth and Drugs (CAYAD)

The CAYAD Contract report for July to December 2006 has been submitted to the Ministry of Health. Ministry of Health officers are pleased with the project's performance. The completed contract report is available for reference if required.

CAYAD Advisory Group Meetings - in accordance with the contract with the Ministry of Health, the CAYAD advisory group continues to meet regularly. Its members include: New Zealand Police, Community Alcohol and Drugs Service (CADS), Wai Health Addiction Services, Pacifica Healthcare, Altered High, Odyssey House, Waitemata District Health Board and Tupu.

Key CAYAD Initiatives are:

Converse 06' - The Waitakere City Youth Council (WCYC) and Te Roopu Puawai Youth Council, in collaboration with Safe Waitakere, Waitakere Youth Transition Services, and Tag Out Trust delivered 'Converse 06', The Waitakere City Urban Youth Summit. It was a one-day Urban Youth Summit participation project, to inspire young people to challenge the stereotypes surrounding their culture and to start to express how they see themselves rather than how society sees them.

Completion of the Methamphetamine City-wide Education Programme:

- Delivery of the Methamphetamine Education Programme throughout Waitakere;
- Offering a presentation package, education material and information handouts to specific community leaders and agencies working closely with youth and their families;
- Working in collaboration with other alcohol and drug providers to provide referrals and follow-up assessment and treatment;
- Delivery of sixteen workshops throughout Waitakere - four presentations in each of the four wards; and
- CAYAD continued support, in terms of supervision, programme attendance, contacting organisations and schools for referral purposes.

SAFE Waitakere Alcohol Project (SWAP)

The SWAP Contract Report for July - December 2006 has been reviewed by Ministry of Health officers, who are pleased with the project performance. The completed contract report is available for reference if required.

Key SWAP Initiatives are:

Parent Pack - A resource for parents, containing tools and information to help them understand and manage issues pertaining to their teenagers, has been prepared and distributed. The pack was produced following community feedback and an analysis of current information available. SWAP has identified that a large number of the issues faced by teenagers show alcohol as a key component. The pack was finalised through collaboration between CAYAD and a large number of other agencies and community groups including: Police, Community Alcohol and Drug Services (CADS), Health West, West Auckland Youth Services, Altered High, Hoani Waititi Marae and many participating parents. Thirty thousand copies of the Parent Pack have been printed for distribution in the Waitakere community. Within the first week over 10,000 copies were supplied to the various schools within Waitakere. Feedback from the document to date has been very encouraging.

The *Think Before You Buy Under 18s Drink and Think Consequence* campaign - this campaign involved intensive advertising in local news media and at locations where alcohol is sold and included:

- Local newspaper and radio advertisements concerning the dangers of supplying alcohol to teenagers;
- Local radio and print media interviews with community workers;
- Media events, billboard advertisements, banners and other innovative promotions;
- The distribution of printed material; and

- The presentation of campaign information at point of sale.

Project Respect - This is a shared project between both SWAP and the Crime Prevention Project.

SWAP is currently taking the lead for project implementation. Project Respect is summarised below within the Crime Prevention Project section of this report.

SAFE Waitakere Injury Prevention Project (SWIP)

The SWIP Contract Report for the period July - December 2006 was submitted to the Ministry of Health. Ministry of Health officers have given positive feedback on project performance. The completed contract report is available for reference if required.

SWIP Board Meetings - the SWIP Board continues to meet on a monthly basis. Its members are:

- Deputy Mayor (Cr Carolynne Stone);
- Te Taumata Rununga (Poata Northcroft and Mihi Te Huia);
- Waitakere Pacific Board (Cheryl Talamaivao and Elia Tavita);
- Waitakere City Council Councillor (Cr Linda Cooper);
- Accident Compensation Corporation (Kit Holt);
- Safekids New Zealand (Julie Chambers);
- Royal New Zealand Plunket Society Inc. (Stephanie Shennan); and
- Waitemata District Health Board (Helene May).

Safe Waitakere Injury Prevention Co-ordinator (Maori Programme) - an appointment has recently been made to this full-time position.

Safe Homes for Pacific Kids - a contract for this project was finalised in February this year.

Key SWIP Initiatives over the last year are:

Child Safety Working Group Safe Season Campaign - the Child Safety Working Group is a multi-agency coalition group focused on reducing injury to children. The Safe Season campaign is aligned with both the SWIP strategic plan and the New Zealand Injury Prevention Strategy. The main focuses are Poisoning Prevention, Water Safety, Fall Prevention and Motor Vehicle Passenger Safety, all priority areas for injury to children. Initially being piloted in a specific geographical area, there is capacity for the campaign to be aligned with other WCC projects, e.g. "Massey Matters".

The main objectives for the project are to:

- Raise awareness of the four main issues across all sectors of the community interacting with children;
- Encourage behaviour change in the target audience; and
- Develop and maintain strong relationships with the community.

Driveway Run-over Prevention Project - this is a regionally-developed project designed to raise families' awareness of the risks and give practical information on the prevention of this tragedy.

Safe Waitakere have previously hosted a workshop to bring together key champions around this issue, including: paediatric surgeons and nurses; medical and injury researchers; local authority representatives; Land Transport New Zealand representatives and injury prevention practitioners.

Rock Fisher Project - Safe Waitakere brought together trauma services and supported the establishment of the Waitakere Trauma Reference Network. After discussion at the Trauma Network, the Rock Fisher project was developed in response to a spate of rock-fishing fatalities on Auckland's rugged west coast during 2005. Concerns were raised by rescue organisations, police, councils and regional water safety groups about the frequency with which fishers get into difficulty at high-risk surf locations. Auckland Regional Council (ARC), WaterSafe Auckland Inc. (WAI) and Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) jointly commissioned this project to address these concerns. The purposes of the project were threefold:

- Pilot an on-site rock fishing safety education promotion;
- Study the demographics, beliefs and behaviours of Auckland's west coast rock fishers; and
- Make recommendations for future rock fishing safety promotion based on the information obtained (now completed).

Injury Prevention Through Environmental Design (IPTED) - IPTED involves applying injury prevention principles to environmental design. Auckland City Council (ACC) have recently developed draft national IPTED guidelines and have approached Waitakere City Council with a request to support a pilot project. This will involve a review of the guidelines in relation to current practises in Waitakere.

Crime Prevention Project

Crime Prevention Contract Reports (including Car Safe report) for the period July - December 2006 have been submitted to the Ministry of Justice Ministry and staff are pleased with project performance. Completed contract reports are available for reference if required.

The Crime Prevention Strategy for the City is due to be reviewed this year. This strategy incorporates the Council/Police Memorandum of Understanding, the City Safety Liaison Group and the Crime Prevention Reference Group. A review of the graffiti vandalism strategy, which currently operates separately from the crime prevention strategy, will be included.

Key Crime Prevention Initiatives are:

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) - CPTED is a crime prevention philosophy based on proper design and effective use of the built environment, leading to a reduction in incidence and fear of crime, as well as an improvement in quality of life. The application of CPTED principles is evident throughout Waitakere in a variety of locations, for example:

- West Coast Beaches and Ranges Car Parks: a collaborative approach has been applied to CPTED. Joint assessments in several car park locations have been completed with representatives from a variety of agencies (WCC, ARC, Police, Watercare). Recommendations arising from these assessments have been implemented.

At this stage the application of CPTED principles are in the form of general "guidelines". The Manager of Urban Development and Design is currently developing specifications for a project to review the Code of Practise for City Infrastructure and Land Development to ensure Safety and Access by Design principles are incorporated: this may include a comprehensive audit of selected areas. Safety and Access by Design incorporates Crime Prevention, Injury Prevention and Barrier Free Access: applying a combined approach to these areas has the potential to realise significant benefits.

Project Respect - This project targets alcohol-related violence across Waitakere. Encompassed within the initiative is a strong focus on Maori and Pacific Island offending, because Police intelligence analysis identified that a disproportionate level of offending was committed by these two population groups. A six-month pilot initiative has been established which received Ministry of Justice funding for the Maori and Pacific Island components. Project Respect also provides a focus on liquor bans: a working group has been established within Council that is exploring the issues surrounding liquor bans, benefits and placement. A separate report to the Planning and Regulatory Committee will be prepared by SWAP, outlining the progress made by the working group together with specific recommendations (including a recommendation to progress to public consultation).

Family Violence

Key Family Violence Initiatives are:

Everyday Communities (launched October 2006) - An innovative programme developed by Child Youth & Family that aims to raise public awareness and prevent issues of child abuse, neglect and family violence. This is the first time that Everyday Communities has come to a large urban community. Previously it has been run in rural areas and has achieved widespread community ownership and participation in all the regions where it has been active. The objectives of Everyday Communities are:

- Public Education;
- Community capacity building and capability; and
- Promotion of networking.

White Ribbon Day – The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women - A march took place on the morning of Friday, 24 November 2006. Its aim was to show community solidarity on Family Violence Prevention and to provide the public with information on the appropriate action to take to prevent family violence.

SAFE Waitakere Overview

Key upcoming areas of focus over the coming year will be:

- Family Violence will be a key community safety issue for the City to consider in 2007;
- IPTED/CPTED: the development of CPTED and IPTED principles within Waitakere has significant potential to assist with the prevention of injuries and crime;
- Graffiti Vandalism issues are being progressed at a regional level and local activity continually developed;
- Crime Prevention Strategy - this strategy is due for review in 2007;
- Currently the re-establishment of the City Safety Liaison Group is taking place. Councillor Hulse has indicated her support for this group from her capacity as Chair of the Crime Prevention Reference Group;
- Cannabis Misuse has been highlighted as an area for focus in 2007;
- Project Respect will continue until end May 2007;
- Community Restorative Justice Initiative (initial discussion stages); and
- Alternative Education Sector needs analysis and planning.

RESOURCES

The Safe Waitakere Team consists of eight full-time positions of which six are funded externally by the Ministries of Justice and Health. The Team Leader and Family Violence Advocate positions are funded by Council. Council has also allocated \$35,000 in the 2006/2007 Annual Plan to support crime prevention activities.

CONCLUSION

Safe Waitakere continues to maintain a strong focus through partnerships on achieving safety outcomes for the City. This report represents a summary of Safe Waitakere and describes some key projects and initiatives. Reporting to Council is also a key requirement of the Ministry contracts currently managed by Safe Waitakere.

RECOMMENDATION

That the SAFE Waitakere Update report be received.

Report prepared by: Mark Maxlow: Safe Waitakere Team Leader.



10 GRAZING LAND AT ARMOUR BAY - PARAU

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Waitakere Community Board on the possible options for the use of an area of Council owned park land at Armour Bay Reserve for the grazing of horses.

BACKGROUND

During the discussions for the lease of Owen's Green there were verbal requests made through the Waitakere Community Board and from private parties to investigate the possibility of any other land opportunities for the provision of grazing horses in the Armour Bay/Parau/Laingholm area.

Occasionally in the past there have been several areas of open space and unused parkland which has been leased to local users to graze horses. This use has been for short terms and on a temporary basis and provided some minor benefit to the city by reducing the need to manage those areas. Long term leases have not been allowed due to the Parks Strategy requirements and the need for these areas for other development in the near future.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Through its Strategic Plan, Council has adopted a platform of 'Strong Communities' stating that in the next 10 years Council will develop the City as a renowned hub of social activity, arts, leisure, sports and recreation.

Council's strategic objective for leisure is that a comprehensive range of leisure, recreation and sports services and facilities are provided to help improve the well being of the City's people and communities.

The draft Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (2005) states that equestrian facilities / pony clubs are an important facility as they cater mainly for young women, a group not well provided for in outdoor recreation facilities in the City.

ISSUES

The draft Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (2005) is clear on where Council's support lies for the provision of equestrian facilities /Pony clubs in Waitakere City. Equestrian parks require large amounts of land so that the club can provide affordable grazing for users or club horses. Three locations have been identified which are at Te Rangi Hiroa, Henderson Valley Park, and a future site in the north of the City. This provides an ideal spread of equestrian facilities in the City. All pony clubs will be encouraged to move to these parks.

The draft Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (2005) also seeks to secure key locations for the development of equestrian facilities while also balancing an activity that can require large areas of reserve land. The goal is to provide space on fewer equestrian parks (three major parks) but develop higher quality facilities that can be used by more than one pony club. The draft strategy recognises Te Rangi Hiroa, Henderson Valley Park, and a future site in the north of the city as the best sites to support equestrian facilities for the City.

The draft Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (2005) is currently being reviewed and a strategic plan is also being developed for the provision of leisure services in Waitakere City. These strategic plans will further clarify this situation and the support that Council will provide to these activities. The strategic plans will include policies relating to Council's continual support for the three nominated equestrian facilities at their current locations.

The draft Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (2007) will not support the use of Council parkland for grazing purposes, unless the proposed grazing is on a short term basis - approximately 3 to 5 years, there are real tangible benefits to the City in providing the grazing, there is a reduction in the management costs of the land and that the land is not currently required for the development of other recreational or leisure uses. These leases would be short term approximately 3 - 5 years to allow future development of the land to proceed when required to meet the recreational needs of the areas.

A demand for grazing land in the Armour Bay/Parau/Laingholm area has been identified by the local club members to enable horse owner to graze their horses closer to their home and club facilities. The only viable area of land in the Armour Bay/Parau/Laingholm area which is not currently used for leisure or recreational purposes and could accommodate horses is an area of the Armour Bay Reserve. This land is approximately 1.5ha in size and is located on the northern side of the entrance to Armour Bay. The land slopes to a stream on the northern boundary and is fenced which would need improvements to accommodate grazing.

To facilitate the use of this land, a public tender process would need to be undertaken to enable a fair process for any person or groups to apply for the use of the land as grazing. This process would take approximately 3 – 6 months for a report to be submitted back to the Board for consideration.

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The management plan for Armour Bay Reserve is included as part of the Manukau Harbour Foreshore Reserve Management Plan, attached at page A4, which was adopted in 2001. This management plan does not specifically identify the use of this land for any recreational or leisure use and shows the area remaining as public open space.

RESOURCES

There are currently no resource issues with this project.

CONCLUSION

The revised draft Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (2007) and the draft Leisure Strategy (2007) are clear in their support for equestrian facilities at Te Rangi Hiroa, Henderson Valley Park, and a future site in the north of the city as the best sites to support equestrian facilities for the City. The provision of Council owned Park land for grazing is not supported by the strategies and the Reserve Management Plan does not identify any land being available for grazing purposes.

There are two options available to the Board

1. That a section of Council owned park land at Armour Bay Reserve is not made available for grazing purposes.
2. That a section of Council owned park land at Armour Bay Reserve is tendered and made available for grazing purposes on a short term basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Grazing Land at Armour Bay – Parau report be received.
2. That the Council owned parkland at Armour Bay Reserve not be made available for grazing purposes or that Council owned parkland at Armour Bay Reserve be tendered and made available for grazing purposes.

Report prepared by: Grant Jennings, Parks and Open Space Asset Manager.



11 **SAN PEDRO PLACE, PALM HEIGHTS - LINK ROAD - NEW GIVE WAY CONTROL**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Waitakere Community Board's approval to install a Give Way control at the San Pedro Place link road / San Pedro Place intersection.

BACKGROUND

A local resident raised the issue of the narrow road on the San Pedro Place link road, and south bound vehicles entering San Pedro Place at speed with little regard to drivers coming from their right.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Council's 'Integrated Transport and Communication' platform provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible, and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.

Give Way controls can be applied to ensure efficient, safe movement on roads by keeping traffic lanes and visibility lines clear.

ISSUES

Description

The narrow section of the San Pedro Place link road has a carriageway width of five metres and is a shortcut route used by drivers to the south for access to and from Border Road.

Accident Statistics

A search of the Land Transport New Zealand database shows that for the past five years, there have been no reported accidents on the San Pedro Place link road.

Proposed Works

It is proposed to install a new Give Way control and associated road marking at the San Pedro Place link road / San Pedro Place intersection, as well as a short section of centre line at the San Bernadino roundabout.

Decision Making

This proposal is presented with due consideration of relevant criteria, as promulgated in Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002. The principal community outcome to be derived is an improvement in the level of traffic management resulting in an increase in safety and convenience for residents of the City.

RESOURCES

The proposed new traffic control can be implemented under the 2006/2007 Annual Plan road maintenance budget.

CONCLUSION

A new Give Way control will improve traffic safety at the San Pedro Place link road / San Pedro Place intersection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the San Pedro Place, Palm Heights Link Road Proposed New Give Way Control report be received.
2. That in relation to **SAN PEDRO PLACE, PALM HEIGHTS:**
 - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No. 7, 1991- Traffic, the following controls now be resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) that a new **GIVE WAY** control be put in place on **SAN PEDRO PLACE LINK ROAD** where it intersects with **SAN PEDRO PLACE**.
3. That the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 – Rule 54002 hereby be approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said intersection priority control.

Report prepared by: Kong Jin, Senior Transport Engineer.



12 HENDERSON VALLEY SCHOOL - 40KM/H SCHOOL SPEED ZONE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Waitakere Community Board of a new 40km/h speed zone in Henderson Valley School and Gum Road outside Henderson Valley School.

BACKGROUND

In July 2002 the Land Safety Transport Authority released its Traffic Note 37 providing guidelines for the installation of variable speed limit school speed zones. In these speed zones, located around schools, the speed limit is 40km/h during before and after school periods and either 50, 60, 70, 80 or 100 km/h at all other times. Electronic signage is installed at the boundaries of the school speed zone to display a 40km/h speed limit sign only during the times when the lower speed limit is required.

Prior to the release of Traffic Note 37 the school speed zone concept was trialed in Christchurch City. The variable speed limit signage was found to be effective at reducing vehicle speeds, especially when backed up with enforcement by the police, and was found to be particularly suitable in locations where mean vehicle speeds were particularly high.

Funding is provided for two 'variable speed limit school speed zones' in the 2006/2007 Annual Plan. It is proposed that these school zones be installed at Henderson Valley Road and Gum Road outside Henderson Valley School, and at Woodlands Park Road and Jays Road outside Woodlands Park School.

A6 There are two existing 'variable speed limit school speed zones' in Waitakere. They are located in Bethells Road outside Waitakere Primary, and West Coast Road outside Oratia District School. A photograph of the signs installed in West Coast Road outside Oratia District School is shown on page A6.

As the Community Board has no delegated authority to approve a speed zone, this must go to the Council for approval.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Waitakere City Council's 'Integrated Transport and Communication' platform provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible, and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.

Safe and appropriate speed limits play an essential role in ensuring motorist safety when using Council's road network.

ISSUES

Henderson Valley School is a primary school located in Henderson Valley Road near the intersection with Gum Road. It is proposed to install the 40 km/h school zone variable speed limit in Henderson Valley Road and Gum Road close to this school.

The section of Henderson Valley Road where Henderson Valley School is located outside of the metropolitan part of the City and is located within a 70 km/h speed limit area. Speed tube data collected by the Council in February 2007 showed that 68% of vehicles in Henderson Valley Road passing the school were exceed the posted speed limit.

A7 The proposed location of the new speed zone in Henderson Valley Road would be from a point in Henderson Valley Road 125 metres west of the intersection with Candia Road to a point outside number 352 Henderson Valley Road as shown at page A7. The 40 km/h speed limit would also apply to all of Gum Road during, before and after school times. The locations of the signs have been chosen to ensure that approaching drivers have a good opportunity to see the signs before they enter into the 40 km/h speed limit area and were chosen after consultation with the principal of Henderson Valley School.

When trialed in Christchurch the 40km/h speed zones operating around school entrances before and after school periods were found to be very effective at reducing vehicle speeds while the signs were in operation. Henderson Valley Road is considered a good location for the installation of a 40km/h school speed zone as there is potential for a significant reduction in vehicle speeds, greatly improving child safety before and after school.

Accident statistics show that if a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling at 70km/h will almost certainly be killed while a pedestrian struck by a vehicle at 40km/h has an excellent chance of surviving.

The Police, Land Transport New Zealand, Automobile Association, Road Transport Forum and residents that live within the proposed school zone speed limit area have been consulted about the proposed change by letter. No objections have been received.

RESOURCES

The proposed signage can be implemented at an approximate cost of \$17,000 under the 2006/2007 Annual Plan School 40km/h Zone budget.

CONCLUSION

The proposal to install a new 40km/h school speed zone in Henderson Valley Road and Gum Road outside Henderson Valley School is recommended to improve safety near schools and improve road user safety during before and after school periods.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Henderson Valley School - 40km/h School Speed Zone report be received by the Waitakere Community Board.
2. That the Waitakere Community Board recommends to Council that in relation to **HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD**:
 - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 – Traffic, the following controls be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) That a **SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT** be established in **HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD** from a point 125 metres north of the intersection with **CANDIA ROAD** to a point 448 metres north of the intersection with **GUM ROAD** measured along the centre of **HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD**. The speed limit in this area shall be 50km/h except at times when the variable speed limit signs are activated during which times the speed limit shall be 40km/h.
3. That the Waitakere Community Board recommends to Council that in relation to **GUM ROAD**:
 - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following controls be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) That a **SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT** be established along the entire length of **GUM ROAD**. The speed limit in this area shall be 50km/h except at times when the variable speed limit signs are activated during which times the speed limit shall be 40km/h.

4. That the Waitakere Community Board recommend to Council that the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 – Rule 54002 hereby be approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said speed limit restrictions.

Report prepared by: Kitch Cuthbert, Senior Road Safety Coordinator.



13 SWANSON STATION PARK PUBLIC TOILET

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Waitakere Community Board's approval of the design and location of the proposed public toilet at Swanson Station Park.

BACKGROUND

The provision of a public toilet at Swanson Station Park as requested by the community identified a need that meets Council's strategic objectives.

A concept design was developed jointly between Council officers and members of the Swanson Residents and Ratepayers Association and Swanson Station Heritage Park Trust. The concept design includes a double unit using the Parks Standard Toilet Design.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This project contributes to Council's Urban and Rural Villages Platform where the objective is to enhance the quality of public spaces in rural villages.

This project also contributes to Council's Integrated Transport and Communications by providing additional facilities to make using the rail network more attractive and user friendly.

The draft Parks and Open Space Strategy identifies that toilets should only be supplied where the use is expected to be high and sustained, and where people have travelled some distance and there are no other facilities. Swanson Station Park meets the requirements of a location where the use is expected to be high and where people have travelled some distance.

ISSUES

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Two proposed concept designs have been presented to the community. Both designs will provide two all accessible unisex toilets. A floor plan of Parks Standard Toilet Design (Double Unit) is provided in the attachment at page A8.

The proposed design incorporates the Council's Parks standard fixtures for public toilets. The following sustainable features have been incorporated to reduce vandalism, graffiti and ongoing costs to Council:

- Tilt slab concrete or concrete block walls;
- All fixtures and fittings are stainless steel;
- All services (plumbing and electrical) are hidden in the walls;
- Use of vandalite or similar vandalism resistant lighting;
- Maximum use of natural lighting and ventilation through the roof design.

The general location of the proposed public toilet is the same in both options although orientation of the toilet block has changed. This location is considered most appropriate due to its central location within the park and easy access from the car park, bus stops and the rail network. The toilet is in the same location that was originally proposed and approved by Waitakere Community Board.

Option 1 – West Facing Toilet Block

A9 Option 1 as shown in the attachment at page A9, shows the toilet location facing the car park.

The advantages of this option are its easy access from the rail network and car park, the ability to conceal exposed blank walls with planting and the toilet block doesn't encroach into the open space as much as Option 2.

The main disadvantage of this option is a decrease in the visibility of the entrance to the toilet block from the east of the café but the layout of the toilet block provides safer visibility for pedestrians accessing the rail network.

Option 2 – North-east Facing Toilet Block

A10 Option 2 as shown in the attachment at page A10, shows the toilet location facing Swanson Road at an angle.

The advantages of this option are its visibility at all times and the open road frontage from Swanson Road.

The disadvantages of this option are the more limited access from the car park and rail network, the more open wall space for graffiti and the relationship with the half court. People accessing the toilet from the car park or rail network will have to approach the toilet by passing the half court.

Design

Both options will incorporate a similar colour scheme and roofline to the station building in keeping with the park. Solar power will also be investigated for this design.

A11 An example of the different rooflines and profiles designed to date is provided the attachment at page A11.

Artwork can be incorporated into the design on the walls through printing onto the concrete pre-cast walls, insertion of tiles, murals or by fixing sculptures onto the surfaces. Artwork will be developed in consultation with the community and incorporated into the design.

Following the approval of the Waitakere Community Board, the proposed concept design will then progress into detailed design to obtain resource and building consent.

It is intended that physical works will be carried out in the 2007/2008 financial year.

Any further feedback received regarding the proposed concept design will be provided for the Board at the May 2007 meeting.

Preferred Option

Option 1 is the preferred option because the advantages to pedestrians for access outweigh the reduced visibility from Swanson Road from the eastern direction. Visibility from the western direction along Swanson Road will still be maintained.

Decision Making

Parks standard toilet design has been developed through significant product research into durability and sustainability. Parks standard toilet design is appropriate for the proposed location. This option was presented to the community for consultation. This option has been assessed against relevant criteria in accordance with Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002.

RESOURCES

Funding of \$195,000 has been allocated for the provision of public toilets at Swanson Station Park through the 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan, of which \$5,000 for artwork for the toilet block has been included in this budget.

CONCLUSION

The concept design has incorporated the feedback from the local community. The Swanson Station Park public toilet has been designed to reduce vandalism and ongoing costs to Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Swanson Station Park Public Toilet report be received.
2. That the Waitakere Community Board approves Option 1 – West Facing Toilet Block as the proposed concept design for the development of public toilet facilities at Swanson Station Park.

Report prepared by: Debbie Chapman, Parks Project Development Officer.



14 WAITAKERE RURAL ROADS - NEW CENTRE LINES

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Waitakere Community Board of the feasibility of painting new centre lines on all the rural roads in the Waitakere Ward.

BACKGROUND

A request was made at the Tuesday, 6 March 2007 meeting of the Waitakere Community Board for centre lines, where feasible, to be painted on all the rural roads in the Waitakere Ward. The Board resolved as follows:

“That the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide a report to the Waitakere Community Board on the possibility of centre lines being installed on rural roads in the Waitakere Ward.”

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There are concerns that vehicles are failing to keep to the left side of the road and that these vehicles are crossing over the centre of the carriageway and traveling at a high speed.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Council's 'Integrated Transport and Communication' platform provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible, and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.

Centre lines can be applied to calm traffic on roads by restricting vehicles to the left hand side of the road.

ISSUES

On narrow roads without centre lines there is a tendency for drivers to travel along the centre of the carriageway rather than staying to the left. This can present a potential collision hazard with traffic travelling in the opposite direction, particularly on curves in the road where forward sight distance is limited.

Installation of a centre line is an effective measure in these situations. The line reminds drivers of the requirement to keep left and show drivers when they are entering into the area used by opposing traffic.

Installing a centre line can also reduce operating speeds in a road. On average, drivers travel faster on wider roads and slower on narrow roads. By narrowing the available traffic lane to one side of the carriageway, drivers can be encouraged to reduce their speed.

However, centre lines are not appropriate on all roads. The Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 prohibits centre lines where the sealed carriageway is less than 5.1 metres wide. In addition centre lines are not recommended on unsealed roads or low volume roads.

The approximate cost of installing centre lines on all the sealed applicable rural roads within the Waitakere Ward is \$30,000.

RESOURCES

Resources are not available within the 2006/2007 Annual Plan or the draft 2007/2008 Annual Plan. Funding can be considered in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019.

CONCLUSION

Further investigation would be required to determine if each of the roads would merit having centre lines marked upon them. As centre lines are not required for all roads, each of the rural roads within the Waitakere Ward would have to be assessed on its own merits rather than collectively.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Waitakere Roads - New Centre Line report be received.

Report prepared by: Scott Abbot, Project Coordinator.



15 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Provision has been made on this agenda for Board Members should they so wish to submit a report on their activities during the month in regard to matters within the scope and delegations of the Board. However, to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, no decision may be made on matters raised in Board Members' reports.

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Christine Shepherd Diane Goodley
Waitakere Citizen Advice Bureau	Diane Goodley
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	Christine Shepherd Sharon Davies (alternate)
Huia/Cornwallis Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Robin Taylor Diane Goodley
McLaren Park Community Project Steering Group	Diane Goodley
Piha/Karekare Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah Robin Taylor
The Weedfree Waitakere Trust	Diane Goodley
West Coast Plan Liaison Group	Monique Davis
Council/Police Liaison Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Community Sport Fund Allocation Subcommittee	Monique Davis Diane Goodley
Hearings Committee	Robin Taylor Kubi Witten-Hannah
Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee	Sharon Davies
Street Events Subcommittee	Monique Davis

