

NOTICE OF MEETING

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD

(Bethells/Te Henga, Waitakere Village, Swanson, Piha, Karekare, Oratia, Laingholm and Titirangi South including Titirangi Village)

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Waitakere Community Board will be held on:-

DATE: Tuesday, 1 June 2010 **TIME:** 7.00 pm

MEETING ROOM: Council Chamber

VENUE: Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, Waitakere

to consider the business as set out herein and to take any necessary action connected therewith.



27 May 2010

Judith Moore
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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MEMBERSHIP:

Mr	KJP	Witten-Hannah, JP (Chairman)
Ms	LE	Davies (Deputy Chairman)
Mrs	EG	Francke
Cr	PA	Hulse
Cr	PG	Mitchell
Mr	EN	Taylor

(Quorum 4 members)

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(Meeting Room could be subject to change)

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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, 4 May 2010

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the minutes of the meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, Tuesday, 4 May 2010, as circulated, and that they 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 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Council has acknowledged in its Code of Conduct that Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to check that no such conflicts arise in relation to any items on this agenda.



5 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;
- (ii) the Chairman shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time; and
- (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.



6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Chairman's Report for June 2010.

Report

1. Only three more Community Board meetings to go after this one. The end of an era is approaching rapidly.
2. The drought has finally broken and the water tanks are full again. It is time now to commend the people living in the ranges for the care they have taken around fires. This has been the driest summer in the almost 40 years I have been at Karekare. Despite that there have been relatively few fires and it is great to see the bush wet and safe again.
3. The Oratia Residents and Ratepayers had their annual general meeting in their large hall and had a really good attendance. They are looking forward to the replacements of windows in the small hall and, in July, a new kitchen will go into the big hall thanks to the support of Council and the Licensing Trusts. It was particularly good to hear from a neighbour that he was really pleased with the management of the hall and particularly no noise issues. There is still concern about the Seymour Road/Parrs Cross Road, Sunnyvale round-a-bout. Efforts to slow traffic have made it difficult to negotiate for larger vehicles so there may be more work to be done here.
4. Guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting was local Oratia resident, local MP and Minister of Social Welfare, Paula Bennett. She gave a very interesting talk linking nationwide issues for her portfolio to Waitakere. Neil Allport has been elected to another term as Residents and Ratepayer President. Neil does a great job and commits a lot of time to the role including taking on the job of security guard when there are parties in the hall. Like our other Residents and Ratepayers this one does a great job and it is enjoyable working with them.

5. Piha is waiting for the maintenance to start on Marine Parade North. This is described as “routine maintenance”, but it does seem to be a while since it was last done. When water ponds along this stretch of road it can become quite dangerous as people swerve to avoid it. I drove over today to see if work had started and watched as a young woman pushing a pushchair struggled to avoid cars and the large pools of water. An early start would be much appreciated.
6. There is some concern being expressed in Piha about a proposal to return sand blown from the beach onto the Piha car park in front of the surf club. The main concerns are about the cleanliness of the sand and just where it would be put. The idea of not trucking the sand away is a good one that I support, but there is some more work to do to convince some local people that the proposal can be done in an environmentally sound way.
7. There is ongoing concern, too, about the road through the Piha Domain to the Piha Bowling Club. In the summer, this becomes a real dust nuisance and unfortunately the result of the speed bumps put in place to slow down the hoons, has just been to widen the dirt track as people drive around them. Council officers and the Residents and Ratepayers are working towards a solution that will meet the needs of the community and of this delicate part of the environment.
8. Fiona Andersen has applied for renewal of her lease of the Domain Campground. She has done a wonderful job with the Campground and has been a big contributor to Piha in many ways including the First Response. This support will no doubt be taken into account.
9. There is good news around the starting of work on Seaview Road in front of the Returned Services Association. Given the narrowness and the high usage of this piece of road, it is one of Piha’s most dangerous stretches of road and it will be good to see it made safer. It has been resurfaced and is awaiting further work.
10. Unfortunately, the change of night for the Oratia Meeting made to accommodate Ms Bennett’s busy schedule, meant that I missed the Waiatarua monthly meeting. I will make up for it this month though by taking part in their annual debate. Given that this debate has a strong tradition and there is always a full house, it is a big responsibility. I feel certain trepidation about facing Paula Bennett, who can sharpen her skills in the parliamentary debating chamber. If you make it along, you will see their hall is looking fantastic and by the time of the debate, the upgrade to the water system should have eliminated delays in filling the toilet cisterns. I am sure that will be a relief to know.
11. The Foothills Walkway proposal alerted me to the existence of a piece of open public land on Forest Hill Road, Waiatarua that I did not know about. I have discussed this with the Waiatarua Residents and Ratepayers and, while it would not be their first choice of site, it has potential to be, at least in the interim, the open park Waiatarua has been looking for. The land is owned by the Auckland Regional Council and I have begun discussions with them on behalf of the people of Waiatarua.

12. On Friday, 4 June 2010 the chance to comment on the first round submissions on Plan Changes 35, 36 and 37 will close. This has been a difficult process for many because the plan changes are complex and comprehensive. Although the time was extended from the initial two weeks some concerns are evident that the time available is still too short. The Council has submitted in opposition to the Plan Changes applying to the western side of the ranges. However, there are some strong concerns among communities relating to the eastern side. Part of the problem may have been the way in which the Local Area Plan process has been carried out. At the meeting, I will be able to give you an oral report on a meeting I have arranged with the Chief Executive Officer and the Director: Strategic Planning to see if there is a way to build consensus in the affected communities before starting the complex task of drafting plan changes. The current plan changes may be able to be put on hold until this process can be carried out. The draft changes can be a resource to which communities can refer in considering just what they need.
13. I called a combined Resident and Ratepayer Association meeting. It was interesting that as well as Residents and Ratepayer representatives we had six people from Swanson and two visitors from Piha. This seems to suggest to me that there is potential for reviving an active Residents and Ratepayers in Swanson. I believe that the community needs one and that it should be something that we as a Board can facilitate before we go out of existence.
14. The timing of the Oratia Annual General Meeting meant that I missed not only the Waiatarua monthly meeting, but also a meeting to brief rural fire-fighters about issues relating to amalgamation. This is another one of those areas where Waitakere has led the way. Rural fire fighting has been well supported by Waitakere and while these groups were set up initially to fight forest or scrub fires, the level of equipment and training the Council has supported has meant that they meet the full range of challenges that urban brigades face. There is deep concern that this state of affairs may not continue. I was able to attend only briefly, but I wanted to make one key point and that was to ask Principal Rural Fire Officer Peter Barber whether he will be able to continue at least to help through the first year of transition. There would be no person more suited to carrying out this role. Principal Rural Fire Officer Barber has had considerable experience as a professional fire-fighter and he has shown over his time at Waitakere, that he has the ability to manage volunteers and ensure they are an effective and, also important, happy force. I spoke to many of my colleagues both before and at the meeting and I am sure he has the confidence of all rural fire-fighters in Waitakere. We are singularly fortunate to have a leader who can bridge the divide between the professional and rural forces. He also has a real understanding of the needs and potential of volunteer rural forces and would be the ideal choice to bring the different forces together under the amalgamated city.

15. Finally I would like to comment on something largely outside our Ward. Every now and then I like to stick my nose into an issue over the fence. I was pleased to do it successfully with regards to the Coronation Bridge and the current issue is not far away. I am referring to the proposal to run trams from Waitakere Central to the Corban Estate Art Centre. I can provide some justification for meddling this time because the restoration of the trams is being undertaken by Oratia historian, David Harre. David is a local hero because to him history is something to be kept alive, not just remembered in books. Hence, the trams. David wants to see the trams used not just sitting in a museum and currently Napier is keen to get their hands on them. I want to see them stay locally and think the short run from Council to Corban Estate Art Centre is ideal. David is willing to establish a Trust to finance the construction of the tracks but it will need Council support if it is to attract funding and it also needs Council to secure the route. We have been offered a second hand wooden trestle bridge to span the stream. Apparently Napier is willing to spend \$20 million to have them there. We could keep them for a small percentage of that. Apart from the historical appeal we do need better linkage between the Central Business District and the Arts Centre so this is a perfect win-win opportunity.

KJP Witten-Hannah, JP

CHAIRMAN



7 **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	Linda Davies
City Safety Action Group	Evan Taylor Linda Davies (alternate)
Huia/Cornwallis Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Linda Davies
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	Elizabeth Francke
Piha/Karekare Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah
Waitakere Citizens Advice Bureau	Gayle Marshall Linda Davies
West Coast Plan Liaison Group	Elizabeth Francke
Waitakere Ward Local Reserve Management Plan Advisory Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah Elizabeth Francke Linda Davies (alternate)
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Creative Communities Scheme Allocation Subcommittee	Linda Davies Kubi Witten-Hannah (alternate)

Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee	Penny Hulse
Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee	Kubi Witten-Hannah Elizabeth Francke (alternate)
Street Events Subcommittee	Evan Taylor








8 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Committee Secretary's Report for the Waitakere Community Board dated 1 June 2010.

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
1.	Footpath/Kerb Maintenance in the Waitakere Ward Public Forum 2 December 2008 Resolution No. 286/2009 3 March 2009 Waitakere Community Board	Service requests tentatively planned for the next three months include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swanson Road, Swanson - (opposite railway station) planned for June 2010; and 52 Rimutaka Place, Titirangi - repairs to be carried out in June 2010. 	Steve Cavanagh  836 8000 Ext: 8731
2.	Seymour/Parrs Cross Roads, Sunnyvale - Update on the Roundabout Officer's Report	The roundabout at the intersection of Seymour and Parrs Cross Roads, Oratia was completed in April 2010. Apart from some significant congestion during peak periods in the first few weeks after construction, it is now generally working well. A detailed review is to be undertaken three months after installation which is in July 2010. However, an interim report on the roundabout will be presented to the Infrastructure and Works Committee at its meeting to be held on Wednesday, 2 June 2010. A copy of the report is available to the Community Board Members in the Community Board Lounge.	Duncan Campbell  836 8000 Ext: 8019

<p>3.</p>	<p>Safety Issues with the Relocation of the Bus Stop at the Junction of Henderson Valley Road with Mountain and Opanuku Roads, Henderson Valley Public Forum 2 March 2010</p>	<p>The Henderson Valley Residents Incorporated requested the installation of a bus shelter at the junction of Henderson Valley Road with Mountain Valley and Opanuku Roads, Henderson Valley. A letter has been sent to the resident at 1 Opanuku Road Henderson Valley, requesting feedback on the relocation of the bus shelter, as the resident will be affected. An objection had been received previously from the resident of 1 Opanuku Road Henderson Valley, and the Henderson Valley Residents Incorporated, who were to handle consultation, were informed of this as part of the resource consent conditions of the bus shelter. However, no feedback has been received from the Henderson Valley Residents Incorporated. The Council does not have a budget to install the bus shelter, as it is not the Council's policy to install school bus shelters not on a scheduled bus route. Any resource consent would also require an arborist report, as it is located under a tree drip line. If the Council does receive approval from the resident, and receives the resource consent, the current new bus shelter installation programme is full for the next five years.</p>	<p>Vicki Daley  836 8000 Ext: 8794</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Bethells Beach Surf Lifesaving Patrol Incorporated – New Lease at Te Henga Park, Bethells/Te Henga Resolution No. 365/2010 7 April 2010 Infrastructure and Works Committee</p>	<p>A draft lease has been sent out to the Bethells Beach Surf Lifesaving Patrol Incorporated for their consideration.</p>	<p>Odette Pepers  836 8000 Ext: 8305</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting 2010 Resolution No.</p>	<p>At the Council meeting held on 28 April 2010, the Council resolved that all Community Board Chairmen will attend this year's Local Government New Zealand Conference to be held at Auckland's Sky City Convention</p>	<p>Darryl Griffin  836 8000 Ext: 8712</p>

	<p>521/2010 28 April 2010 Council</p>	<p>Centre from Sunday, 25 July to Wednesday, 28 July 2010.</p> <p><i>“The Council resolved to:</i></p> <p>9. <i>Agree that the Chairmen of Waitakere’s four Community Boards attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference 2010 from Sunday, 25 July to Wednesday, 28 July 2010 on selected days and for this to be paid for from the Community Boards’ budgets.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">521/2010</p> <p>Community Board Chairmen: Elizabeth Grimmer (Henderson), Gayle Marshall (New Lynn), John Riddell (Massey), and Kubi Witten-Hannah (Waitakere), will each attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference 2010 on selected days. Conference registrations will be arranged by the Fleet Management and Travel Officer.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Community Assistance Funds 2010/2011 Community Board Member’s Request</p>	<p>The Chairmen of the New Lynn and Henderson Community Boards requested that an update be brought to the June 2010 meetings of all four Community Boards on the funding available through the Community Assistance Funds from June until September 2010.</p> <p>Community Assistance Funds</p> <p>Citywide Community Wellbeing Fund; Accommodation Assistance Fund; Fee Waivers Fund; Youth Programme Fund; Community Halls and Marae General Fund; and Community Halls and Marae Capital Works Fund.</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>The Community Assistance Funds next funding round will;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • open Monday, 31st May 2010; and • close 5.00pm, Friday, 9th July 2010 except the Local Community Wellbeing Fund which will close at: 	<p>Kim Hammond ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8518</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.00pm, Friday, 13th August 2010. <p>All funds will be processed and allocated by September 2010 with the cheques being distributed in October 2010. The final Community Assistance Funding report will be presented at the September 2010 Community Board meetings.</p> <p>Advertising</p> <p>Advertisements will be placed in the Western Leader Public Notices section the week commencing Monday, 24 May 2010. Posters will be placed in all Community Centres and Community Houses with a mail-out also being sent advertising the funding available and the opening and closing dates of the, Community Assistance Fund and Local Wellbeing Fund.</p> <p>If the Community Board Chairmen require any further information the Community Grants and Support Officer can be contacted.</p> <p>A synopsis of the Community Assistance Funds 2010/2011 is attached at pages A1 to A2.</p>	
7.	Laingholm Reserve Playground Design Officer's Report	As part of Council's ongoing playground renewal programme, the playground at Laingholm Reserve is being designed in the 2009/2010 financial year for construction in the 2010/2011 financial year.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969
8.	Piha Domain Campground Wastewater System Upgrade Officer's Report	As part of Council's ongoing services renewal programme, the wastewater systems at Piha Campground and Piha Beach toilet are being re-designed in the 2009/2010 financial year for a major upgrade in the 2010/2011 financial year. Works will involve decommissioning the system at Piha Beach toilet and connecting into the upgraded system at Piha Campground. The upgraded system will also receive wastewater flows from the Piha Bowling Club and Piha Returned Services Association. The Auckland Regional Council is currently processing the renewal to the discharge consent. Physical works are programmed	Andreas Lilley ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8553

		to be undertaken by November 2010.	
9.	Parrs Park Artificial Turf Field Officer's Report	As part of Council's ongoing sports field renewal programme, an artificial turf field is being designed in the 2009/2010 financial year for development in the 2010/2011 financial year. The field will be an 8,000 metres squared artificial turf and will be located on fields 8 and 9 at Parrs Park, Oratia. Associated works include field lighting and toilet and changing room facilities. Physical works are programmed to be undertaken in mid 2011.	Andreas Lilley ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8553
10.	Community Board Photos for 2007-2010 Term Officer's Report	Photographs of the Henderson, New Lynn, and Massey Community Boards for the 2007-2010 Council term will take place on the morning of 6 August 2010. The Waitakere Community Board photograph was taken in 2009 prior to the departure of Christine Shepherd.	Candice Ho ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8170

COUNCIL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Report Name	Committee	Attachment Pages
Seymour Road/Parrs Cross Road, Oratia Roundabout	Infrastructure and Works	Report and attachments will be made available in the Community Board lounge.

REPORTS PENDING

Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Piha / Karekare And Huia / Cornwallis Local Water Plans	Resolution No. 1725/2004 7 September 2004 Environmental Management Committee	Further updates will be provided to the Community Board on the basis of requirement.	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8294

Report prepared by: Judith Moore, Committee Secretary.



9 **FRENCH BAY YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED – NEW LEASE AT FRENCH BAY ESPLANADE**

GLOSSARY

French Bay Yacht Club Incorporated	(FBYCI)
Manukau Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan	(Management Plan)
Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2002	(WRHAA)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Waitakere Community Board to grant French Bay Yacht Club Incorporated (FBYCI) a new lease at French Bay Esplanade under section 54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the French Bay Yacht Club Incorporated – New Lease at French Bay Esplanade report.
2. **Approve** that a new lease be granted to French Bay Yacht Club Incorporated for a term of 10 years with one right of renewal for five years at \$250 plus GST per annum, in accordance with the Council's Community Leases Policy.
3. **Agree** that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate and conclude with French Bay Yacht Club Incorporated a new lease at French Bay Esplanade for the footprint of their building located on reclaimed land shown on Survey Office Plans 51194 and 51268 under section 54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977.

BACKGROUND

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1. FBYCI (previously called French Bay Boat Club) has been in French Bay Esplanade since 1966 when a 20 year lease was granted by Waitemata County Council enabling FBYCI to erect a new clubhouse for boating and sailing purposes from 1 December 1966. The leased area and the lease plan bear no relationship to the actual location of the existing clubhouse and there is no record of any other lease being granted. The lease plan of the old lease is attached at page A3. The land, part of which is set aside for FBYCI, is described in the old lease schedule as Lot 1 DP 31265. A copy of Lot 1 DP 31265 edged in yellow and showing the location of the FBYCI building circled in red is attached at page A4.
2. During the 1970s, there was considerable controversy between the local Residents and Ratepayers Association who wanted to restrict the activities of FBYCI. In particular, they objected to a proposed reclamation at French Bay. Nevertheless, reclamation by Waitemata County Council of an area of one rood and 26 perches was authorised and recorded in the New Zealand Gazette on 23 August 1973 at page 1603. The conditions attached to the reclamation were as follows:
 - “1. The aforesaid Council shall construct adequate steps adjacent to the cliff from the south end of the reclamation to the foreshore;
 2. Public access to the reclamation shall be assured;
 3. The boat ramp associated with the reclamation shall be available for public use at all reasonable times; and
 4. The beach area between the existing ramps at French Bay shall be kept clear of boat trailers.”

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3. FBYCI is located on this reclaimed land which was subsequently vested in the Auckland Harbour Board and then transferred to Waitemata City Council as a recreation reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977 by Act of Parliament, namely, section 3 of the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal Act 1985. However, part of that land is also within the coastal marine area which under the Foreshore and Seabed Act 1991 is re-vested in the Crown.
 4. The area of FBYCI which is on/in the coastal marine area can be seen on the plan attached at page A5 marked "A" and coloured yellow. The remainder of the building (the smaller portion) is not within the coastal marine area and is the part over which Council can grant FBYCI a lease under section 54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977.
 5. The objectives of FBYCI's constitution include the following:
 - (a) *The encouragement of yachting generally; and*
 - (b) *Such other purposes connected with aquatics and the welfare and development of the Club...*
 6. All persons interested in the objectives are eligible for membership.
 7. FBYCI is willing to share their building with any community group, in particular, community organisations, service organisations and kindred groups. They currently share their facilities with Waterwise Schools (schools sailing and training).
 8. Rental income only just covers maintenance of the building and boats and FBYCI has indicated they intend to apply to ASB for funds to repair the roof of their building and the external concrete floor. FBYCI also plans to increase its membership and run more "learn to sail" programmes.

DECISION MAKING

9. It is proposed that a new lease be negotiated and concluded with FBYCI of that part of the footprint of the existing clubhouse which is located on Council land.
10. As identified above, the major part of FBYC's clubhouse area is not subject to Council's jurisdiction. FBYC will be required to deal with the Auckland Regional Council in respect of their occupation and use of that area

Issues

Lease

11. It is proposed that the new lease be in accordance with Council's Community Leases Policy for a term of 10 years with one right of renewal of five years. As part of the building is located on coastal marine area, it will be a condition in the lease that FBYCI has a coastal permit.
12. The consent of the Minister of Conservation for the lease is not required under section 45(1)(b) of the Reserves Act. The Minister's authority is delegated to the Council as the administering body because the proposed use is contemplated in the Manukau Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan (Management Plan), is an existing use and the effects of the continued use will be the same or similar in character, intensity and scale as before.
13. Public notice is not required under section 54(2) of the Reserves Act 1977 because the proposed use is in conformity with, and contemplated by, the Management Plan.

Manukau Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan

14. French Bay Esplanade is categorised by Council as a local green network esplanade. Although FBYCI is specifically mentioned in the Management Plan, the Management Plan does not mention French Bay Esplanade. It mentions French Bay Reserve which is near to, but separate from French Bay Esplanade. The Management Plan recognises that a predominant use of particular reserves relates specifically to the water access provided by the reserve and the associated water recreation activities. French Bay Esplanade has a boat ramp which makes it particularly suitable for yachting and boating.

15. Policy 8.8 of the Management Plan is:

“To use the control of lease agreements to ensure the most effective and equitable use of the Manukau Harbour Foreshore Reserves.”

16. Implementation of the above policy includes specifically providing a lease for FBYCI. Implementation of the policy also includes providing for the continuation of leasing areas of land within the reserves to provide for community use and well-being. Lease applications must conform to the criteria set out in Council’s Community Assistance Policy and Council’s Parks Strategy of April 1999. In addition the Management Plan requires the proposed use:

“Will be in accordance with the Objective and Policies of this Plan;

Will be In accordance with the Reserves Act 1977;

Will not detract from the existing environment and use of the park;

Will generally provide a benefit (or benefits) to the public which is greater than any adverse effect caused by granting the lease;

Is in an appropriate location; and

Will not cater exclusively to any one sector of the public, except where this is provided for and is appropriate in terms of the Objectives and Policies of this Plan.”

17. The above criteria are consistent with the presence of FBYCI at French Bay Esplanade because the club has been there for so long on reclaimed land.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

18. FBYCI’s activities support Council’s First Call for Children Strategic Priority by sharing their facilities with Waterwise Schools. In general FBYCI contributes to Council’s Social Strategy by providing a healthy recreational facility that is open to everyone.

19. French Bay is within the heritage area covered by the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2002 (WRHAA). The aim of the WRHAA is to protect and enhance the area’s heritage features. These features include:

“(a) its terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems of prominent indigenous character;

(b) the different classes of natural landforms and landscapes within the area that contrast and connect with each other, and which collectively give the area its distinctive character;

(c) the coastal areas...

(d) the naturally functioning streams that rise in the eastern foothills and contribute positively to downstream urban character, stormwater management, and flood protection;

(e) the quietness and darkness of the Waitakere Ranges and the coastal parts of the area;

- (f) *the dramatic landform of the Ranges and foothills, which is the visual backdrop to metropolitan Auckland, forming its western skyline;*
 - (g) *the opportunities that the area provides for wilderness experiences, recreation, and relaxation in close proximity to metropolitan Auckland;*
 - (h) *the eastern foothills...;*
 - (i) *the subservience of the built environment to the area's natural and rural landscape...*
 - (j) *the historical, traditional, and cultural relationship of people, communities, and tangata whenua with the area and their exercise of Kaitiakangā and stewardship;*
 - (k) *the evidence of past human activities in the area, including those in relation to timber extraction, gum-digging, flax milling, mineral extraction, quarrying, extensive farming, and water impoundment and supply;*
 - (l) *its distinctive local communities;*
 - (m) *the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park and its importance as an accessible public place with significant natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources; and*
 - (n) *the public water catchment and supply system..."*
20. The location of the FBYCI is on a small portion of land reclaimed long ago. There is no proposed change of use, nor change in character, intensity or scale of the proposed use. The Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area will not be prejudiced by the continued presence of FBYCI at French Bay Esplanade.

CONSULTATION

21. Council's Lease Assessment Group has been consulted and is agreeable to the proposal. The Lease Assessment Group is keen to establish whether other compatible groups can co-locate with FBYCI.
22. The Community Relations Officer – Coastal at the Department of Conservation has advised that Council has the authority under the Reserves Act 1977 to grant a lease of that part of the reclaimed land occupied by FBYCI that is not on/over the Coastal Marine Area. That part of FBYCI located on/over the Coastal Marine Area must be the subject of a coastal permit to occupy from Auckland Regional Council.

RESOURCES

23. No Council resources will be required to implement the new lease, other than staff time.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

24. There are no implementation issues apart from negotiating and agreeing the new lease.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

25. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

Report prepared by: Stephanie Willcox, Community and Reserves Lease Officer.



10 KAURI DIEBACK – JUNE 2010

GLOSSARY

Auckland Regional Council	(ARC)
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Biosecurity New Zealand	(MAFBNZ)
<i>Phytophthora taxon Agathis</i>	(kauri dieback)
Parks Planning and Parks and Open Space Assets	(Parks and Open Space)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update the Waitakere Community Board on actions to address *Phytophthora taxon Agathis* (kauri dieback).

A surveillance programme was initiated in 2008 by the Auckland Regional Council (ARC) to determine the distribution of kauri dieback, in Waitakere Ranges Regional Park. This programme was undertaken as part of the ARC management programme to mitigate the impact and spread of the disease. A targeted survey of trees identified five significant disease zones along the track network. A general decline of kauri health and other physical and stress damage to trees was also observed in this survey.

A range of measures to help mitigate disease spread have been developed and implemented by the ARC and Council. This report updates on progress since the report to the Planning and Regulatory Committee in November 2009.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Kauri Dieback – June 2010 report.
2. **Agree** that any future update reports on kauri dieback in Waitakere that are reported to the Planning and Regulatory Committee be forwarded to the Waitakere Community Board for information.

BACKGROUND

1. Kauri dieback is a recently discovered disease of kauri trees in New Zealand. All responsibility for responding to new biosecurity incursions in the Auckland region is the responsibility of the ARC, who may then seek to delegate any parts of those responses to local councils. Since the discovery of the disease the ARC has been leading research into the disease and possible cures, as well as the regional response. ARC has also taken the lead to approach the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Biosecurity New Zealand (MAFBNZ) for national government funding of the response programme.
2. The ARC is regularly undertaking surveys of suspected diseased trees across the region, on both public and private land. GIS (geographical information system) information is captured on these trees and an updated map is regularly sent to local councils.
3. Council officers continue to work closely with ARC Biosecurity staff on the latest research findings, public information distributions, latest maps and any new innovations for phytosanitary measures.
- A6-A9 4. Regular update reports have been provided to the Planning and Regulatory Committee, the latest report being November 2009 and is attached at pages A6 to A9. At the 4 May 2010 Waitakere Community Board meeting it was resolved as follows:

“The Waitakere Community Board resolved to:

Agree through the Chief Executive Officer that an update report be brought to the June 2010 Waitakere Community Board meeting from Parks Planning on the phytophthora taxon agathis outbreak in Waitakere.”

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5. The following report provides a brief overview of the actions that Council has undertaken to date relating to the control and management of kauri dieback.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

Joint Agency Response Group

6. The Joint Agency Response Group (consisting of MAFBNZ, Department of Conservation, and four regional councils) has prepared a coordinated Long Term Management Plan for kauri dieback across the natural range of kauri in New Zealand. This plan incorporates an operational, research and communications programme to increase management of kauri dieback nationally. The plan has determined three objectives:
 - Protection of high conservation value areas;
 - Ensuring the integrity of kauri ecosystems remains; and
 - Protection of iconic (large or trophy) kauri trees.
7. A business case to fund these long term management objectives was presented to cabinet for central government funding. A decision was made that \$4.7 million will be allocated across all workstreams over four years. Since this funding was made available, \$97,000 has been spent by the ARC.

Auckland Regional Council Actions

8. Auckland region allocations of the Central Government funding are paid to the ARC who will then decide how the funds are distributed to the local councils. At this stage, ARC has been providing staff time, signage, training and Trigene disinfectant to local councils for free and it is anticipated that this will continue into the foreseeable future.
9. Ground surveys of all Waitakere parks are expected to be undertaken by the ARC in the next few months where an officer will walk in the parks looking for signs of diseased trees. The ARC has also been undertaking aerial surveys of the Waitakere Ranges to detect any kauri dieback outside of track areas. To date aerial surveys have been completed of the northern half of Waitakere ranges with the remaining flights to be completed once the weather is clear.
10. In March a conference was hosted by the ARC and international agencies were invited to attend who were also facing other Phytophthora outbreaks in their own countries. At this conference issues and brainstorming for how to deal with this strain of Phytophthora (kauri dieback) were investigated.

Waitakere City Council Actions

11. The following actions have been undertaken by Parks Planning and Parks and Open Space Assets (Parks and Open Space) to manage and control kauri dieback in Waitakere:
 - a. Phytosanitary car kits have been put into every Parks and Open Space fleet vehicle. Examples have been shown to other departments of Council so they can make their own kits;
 - b. Hygiene notices have been put into each Parks and Open Space fleet vehicle;
 - c. Training has been provided for all teams within Council for disease identification and hygiene practices;
 - d. Work has been undertaken with Resource Consents to develop consent conditions and advice notes that can be put into consents;
 - e. Working closely with the ARC to provide additional staff training and training for the public;
 - f. Working closely with the ARC to share knowledge and produce updated maps of all surveyed trees in the region;
 - g. Arranged for ARC staff to ground survey all parks in Waitakere known to contain kauri trees and check those trees for disease symptoms;
 - h. Provided to the ARC a cheaper disinfectant to be tested for applicability to kauri dieback;
 - i. Established warning signs in Waitakere parks that are in the vicinity of known diseased tree locations;
 - j. Presented update reports to Council since the disease was discovered;
 - k. A public static display board has been developed which is set up at each Project Twin Streams planting event providing information about kauri dieback. All volunteers are shown how to disinfect their boots and equipment at each planting day; and
 - l. All field officers have been asked to look for signs of disease symptoms when undertaking site visits and reporting them to Parks and Open Space staff or the ARC.

Consideration of Community Views

12. There has been no direct consultation with the community over how Council will respond to this disease. If required this will likely be led by the ARC. Council have, however, installed warning signs at local parks close to infected trees to help raise awareness.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

13. Council's response to biosecurity issues such as kauri dieback align with the Waiora and Green Network community outcomes, and meet the goals and objectives of the Environment Strategy 2008 which looks to manage native forest pests to support native biodiversity. In addition, this response meets the requirements of the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2006 which looks to provide for the maintenance and long term viability of the City's indigenous biodiversity. These actions look to protect and enhance a resilient Waitakere ecosystem which meets the objectives of the Waitakere Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan 2009.

CONSULTATION

14. Consultation has been undertaken with Parks and Open Space Assets, Resource Consents and Field Services.
15. Consultation has been undertaken with the ARC.
16. Consultation has not been undertaken with Maori, including Te Taumata Runanga and iwi.

RESOURCES

17. There is currently no specific funding available within the Annual Plan for biosecurity response for kauri dieback. Until such time as the Waitakere park surveys are complete Parks and Open Space are unable to determine the further actions required by Council and how much this may cost. It is anticipated that the ARC will provide funding for any work needed or undertake the work themselves.
18. The ARC is actively supporting local councils to implement kauri dieback response. To date the ARC has provided perspex warning signs to be erected at park entrances and along tracks, educational resources, full surveys of all parks in Waitakere with kauri trees, and staff training. Council officers will continue to work with ARC to formulate a Waitakere Kauri Dieback Response Plan, including a gap analysis of resources.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

19. There are no implementation issues with this report.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

20. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

Report prepared by: Danielle Hancock, Parks Ecology and Policy Coordinator.



11 DRAFT WAITAKERE WARD LOCAL RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN

GLOSSARY

draft Waitakere Ward Local Reserves Management Plan (draft Plan)
Waitakere Community Board (the Board)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of this report is to present the draft Waitakere Ward Local Reserves Management Plan (draft Plan) to the Waitakere Community Board (the Board) for approval to publicly notify the draft Plan for submissions. A copy of the draft Plan is attached at pages A11 to A103.

This report also presents the submissions received during the first round of consultation. The draft Plan has been prepared taking into consideration the comments raised in submissions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the draft Waitakere Ward Local Reserves Management Plan report.
2. **Approve** that the draft Waitakere Ward Local Reserves Management Plan be publicly notified for the second round of submissions.

BACKGROUND

1. The management of all reserves is governed by the Reserves Act 1977. Under the Reserves Act 1977, Council is required to prepare Reserve Management Plans for all reserves under its jurisdiction. The process for preparing a Reserve Management Plan, including consultation requirements is clearly outlined in the Reserves Act 1977.
2. An Advisory Group was established in July 2009. The purpose of the Advisory Group is to oversee the development of the draft Plan. The Advisory Group is made up of Elected Members and Council officers.
3. Public notification for the intention to prepare the draft Plan occurred from July to September 2009. An open day was held at the Oratia Farmers Market and meetings were held with residents and ratepayer associations within the Waitakere Ward during this time. A total of 27 submissions were received.

4. Te Ngahere Limited was commissioned during this period to undertake an ecological assessment of each of the local reserves to be included in the Waitakere Ward Local Reserves Management Plan.
5. The Advisory Group has met on three occasions to discuss various issues that have arisen through the consultation period. The draft Plan has since been prepared and incorporates issues raised in submissions where possible.
6. The draft Plan has been presented to the Advisory Group for comments. The Advisory Group recommended that the draft Plan be presented to the Board for approval for public notification, incorporating minor changes requested by the Advisory Group.
- A10 7. The proposed timeline for the remaining tasks to complete the draft Plan is attached at page A10. The Community Board can have input into this programme should it wish to do so.

DECISION MAKING

8. Each submission received during the first round of consultation has been carefully considered for inclusion in the draft Plan.
9. For this reason, it is considered that decisions made on which issues raised in submissions are to be included in the draft Plan are in line with sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Issues

Submissions Received

10. The submissions received to the first round of community consultation were predominantly focussed on the development and maintenance issues of specific reserves in submitters' neighbourhoods.
11. Issues regarding maintenance of parks have been passed on to Parks and Open Space Assets for immediate action or inclusion in their schedule of works where appropriate.
12. The main themes from other submissions received included the following:
 - Redevelop Western Park, Western Road, Laingholm following the removal of the existing hall. Ideas for the reserve included a skate park, memorial garden and wetland garden;
 - Improve access to and usability of Rahui Kahika Reserve, 172 Godley Road, Titirangi;
 - Support communities and neighbouring property owners with weed control and restoration planting; and
 - Improve and develop and advertise walking track linkages within local neighbourhoods.

Inclusion of Issues within the draft Plan

13. The draft Plan has allowed for issues regarding development on reserves such as ecological restoration or upgrading of walking tracks and other Parks infrastructure and facilities have been included in the Table of Works of the draft Plan.

14. The draft Plan has allowed for the upgrading and maintenance of walking tracks in local reserves throughout the Waitakere Ward. The draft Plan also provides for restoration management of all reserves including working with adjoining private property owners to reduce garden encroachment and the spread of pest plants into local reserves.
15. The draft Plan allows for the future redevelopment of Rahui Kahika Reserve, Soldiers Memorial Reserve, Waitakere War Memorial Reserve and Oratia Hall Reserve and includes draft concept plans for these reserves.
16. The draft Plan has allowed for the future redevelopment of Western Park within the Table of Works. The Council's Community Wellbeing Unit is currently working with the local community on the future development of Western Park.

Consideration of Community Views

17. Extensive community consultation is required throughout the preparation of the draft Plan, as required by the Reserves Act 1977. Community views were sought in the first round of consultation for the draft Plan through the submission process and open days.
18. Consultation is required to give communities the opportunity to have their say on the proposals within the draft Plan. Issues raised in the second round of consultation will be considered as an amendment to the draft Plan if considered appropriate by the Advisory Group and the Board.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

19. The draft Plan has been prepared within the context of Waitakere City Council's Strategies and Strategic Outcomes. The Strategies particularly relevant to Reserve Management Plans relate to are social, environment and cultural matters.
20. The Social Strategy seeks to connect people and communities to services, facilities and activities that allow for healthy, safe and sustainable living. The objectives and policies of the draft Plan seek to achieve the associated strategic outcomes of building strong and resilient communities and leadership, providing great living places including recreational opportunities within local communities, as well as promoting and supporting the needs of children and young people within the City.
21. The Environment Strategy seeks to provide a network of green, clear air and clean water. The draft Plan contributes directly to the achievement of this strategy and the stated strategic outcome of having native forests full of native birds and linking streams of native fish.
22. The Cultural Wellbeing Strategy seeks to ensure that we all feel we belong, treasure our diversity, creativity, culture and heritage. The draft Plan through its objectives and policies seek to meet the associated strategic outcomes of identifying, protecting and promoting the heritage of the Waitakere Ward present within the local reserves.
23. The draft Plan is being prepared within the context of the Waitakere Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan (2009) which provides guidelines for the management of parks in Waitakere.

CONSULTATION

24. Consultation with officers across Council has been undertaken through the development of the draft Plan and through the Advisory Group. The Advisory Group includes staff from Leisure Services, Parks and Open Space Assets and Strategic Planning.
25. Consultation has also occurred with Resident and Ratepayer Associations and reserve user groups.
26. Both iwi have been consulted in the development of the draft Plan. A member of Te Taumata Runanga is on the Advisory Group.

RESOURCES

27. The draft Plan has been undertaken by Parks Planning.
28. Funding of \$100,000 for 2009/2010 has been allocated through the Annual Plan process for the preparation of Reserve Management Plans.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

29. Approval to publicly notify the draft Waitakere Ward Local Reserves Management Plan is required from the Waitakere Community Board.
30. Upon the resolution of the Board, the draft Plan will be publicly notified for a period of three months. This notification process will be advertised in local newspapers and on the Council's website. Signs will also be erected on local reserves throughout the Waitakere Ward.
31. Following the close of the notification period the Board will hold a hearing of submissions. The draft Plan will be reviewed in association with the issues raised through submissions received in writing and expressed at the hearing.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

32. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

Report prepared by: Kate Morrissey, Parks Planner: Parks Planning.



12 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS UPDATE

GLOSSARY

Project Twin Streams	(PTS)
Auckland Regional Holdings	(ARH)
Auckland Regional Council	(ARC)
Integrated Catchment Management Plan	(ICMP)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Waitakere Community Board with an update of Project Twin Streams (PTS) outcomes and highlights from January 2010 to April 2010.

The 2010 planting season for riparian restoration has had a slow start due to the extended dry season; hence only 8,756 plants have been planted so far.

Over the months January to April 2010, community involvement has focussed around maintenance and site preparation, to ensure that sites planted in prior years are weed free, and to ready new sites for planting.

Property acquisitions are progressing on 38 properties (this includes full purchases, partial purchases and conservation covenants). As at the end of April 2010, 107 property purchases had been completed.

All PTS walk/cycleways have been completed. Only artworks need completing and minor defects repaired along the Upper Opanuku walk/cycleway before it can be officially opened.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Project Twin Streams Update report.

BACKGROUND

1. The purpose or kaupapa for PTS is: working together for healthy streams and strong communities: creating a sustainable future.
2. PTS is a Council-Community project that focuses on achieving long-term sustainable integrated management of the Henderson Creek and Huruhuru Creek catchments. PTS uses a community development approach to tackle the issues around integrated stormwater management and the restoration of stream banks along the Oratia, Waikumete, Opanuku, Pixie and Swanson Streams.
3. PTS is funded by a grant from Infrastructure Auckland, now Auckland Regional Holdings (ARH). The grant consists of \$40 million over a ten year period from 2003-2012. PTS broadly aims to avoid, remedy and mitigate adverse stormwater effects in ways that also achieve social, cultural and economic outcomes. A further \$8.6 million (\$5.2 million from ARH and \$3.4 million from New Zealand Transport Agency) was received to build 10km of new walk/cycleways alongside three of the streams in the PTS catchment.
4. The key driver for PTS was to achieve environmental quality improvement. There are critical issues facing the catchment, such as:
 - high levels of pollution in the discharge from Henderson Creek to the Waitemata Harbour;
 - sporadic flooding, erosion and sedimentation of stream beds; and
 - Unacceptable levels of sewer overflows during storms.

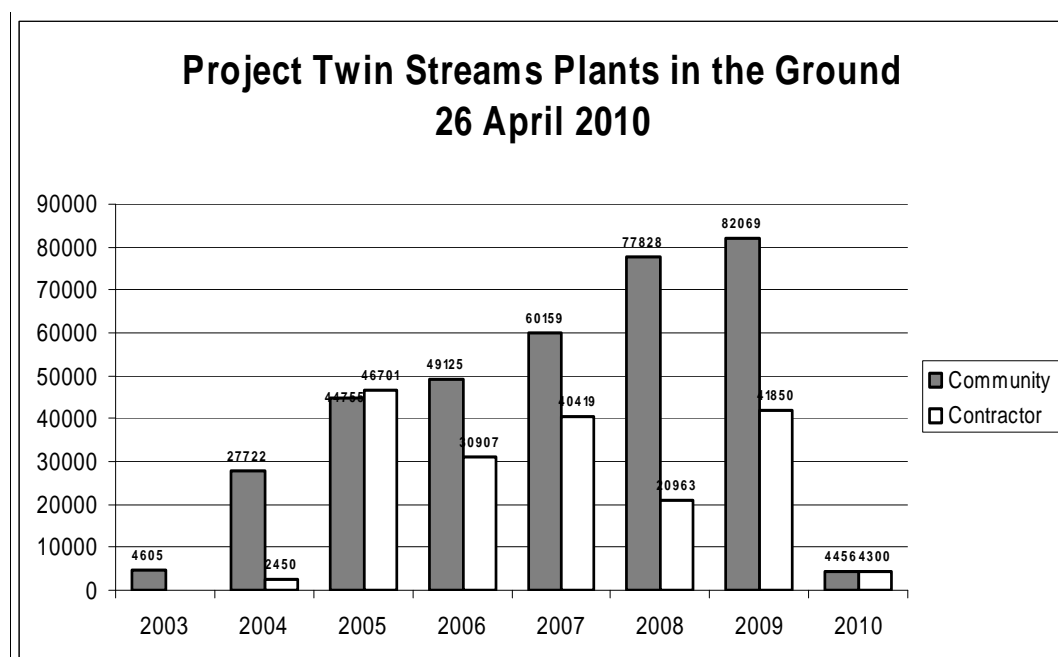
5. However, it was clear from the start of PTS that to improve environmental quality an approach was needed that integrated the four wellbeings (environmental, social, cultural and economic) and recognised the spiritual connection between people and the natural environment. This quadruple bottom line approach is reflected in the PTS Strategic Plan that was approved by Council in July 2005.
6. The point of difference between PTS and other environmental projects is that it takes a sustainable community development approach. The assumptions underpinning this approach are:
 - People are more likely to make changes in behaviour when they understand the problem and are part of identifying the solutions;
 - Local community organisations are more knowledgeable about their community, and therefore better at engaging local people;
 - Each community has its own diverse characteristics;
 - Creative learning methods that engage people are more effective in creating meaningful and long-term behaviour change; and
 - A partnership approach between local communities, non-government organisations, and local, regional, and central government, will be a very effective way of achieving long-term change towards sustainability.

DECISION MAKING

7. This report is for information only, hence no decision making is required.

Planting and Maintenance Programme

8. Planting generally starts in April/May of each calendar year, depending on the weather. Because of the extended dry period, planting has been delayed this season. This has meant that only a small amount of planting has been carried out. Graph 1 below summarises the number of plants that PTS has planted in each calendar year with 2010 figures to 26 April 2010.



Graph 1 – Number of plants that have been planted by community and contractors.

9. The majority of the works carried out between January and April 2010 has focussed on maintaining sites, or preparing sites for planting.

Community Contracts and Community Engagement

10. There are four community organisations and one local resident (as listed in Table 1) who are contracted by PTS to engage their local communities. These organisations and individuals are meeting their targets for stream planting and community engagement. The table below provides a summary of the community contract organisations' performance on the basis of the number of plants planted and volunteer attendance numbers.

Community Contract Organisation	Stream	Number of Plants Planted by Community Over 2010	Number of Volunteers (attendance)	Number of Groups
Te Ukaipo Mercy for Rangatahi Initiatives	Swanson, Waimoko and Momutu Streams	0	84	3
Swanson resident contracted)	Swanson	0	0	0
Community Waitakere	Henderson Creek	2,850	343	4
McLaren Henderson Community Initiative	Park South Opanuku	0	555	12
McLaren Henderson Community Initiative	Park South Oratia	0	545	5
EcoMatters Environment Trust	Waikumete, Bishop and Whakarina Streams	355	246	3
TOTALS		3,205	1,773	27

Table 1 – Contracted Community Group Deliverables for the Period January to April 2010. The table lists of community organisations contracted by Council to engage its local communities in PTS. Numbers of plants planted by these organisations are also provided.

11. All contracted community organisations have expressed interest in expanding the works they are currently involved in, and are assessing their capacity to take on roles which are currently carried out by contractors.

Creative Processes and Innovative Learning

12. Using creative learning methods to engage people is a tangible and fun way for people, particularly children, to engage in PTS.
13. Between January and April 2010, various creative learning projects have brought together a range of diverse groups and ages to engage in PTS. These include:

- Launch of two books – one illustrating artworks by Sunderland School students themed around PTS, and the other documenting the sculpture project on Urlich Reserve;
- Running a “learning outside the classroom” programme which has been attended by students from primary to high school level;
- Mosaic and pou installed by Barnardos, Holy Cross Primary, and Sunnyvale Primary;
- Murals for the Epping Road community garden and Lucinda Place community orchard; and
- Painting on canvas project – where individual paintings from Opanuku Stream community groups will be joined together to create larger art pieces.

Walk/Cycleways

14. The Upper Opanuku walk/cycleway was completed in April and 1.85km has been unofficially opened for public use. Minor defect repairs are outstanding, after which the paths can be officially opened to the public.
15. Planning is currently underway to install five anemometers as artworks along the walk/cycleway network.

Property Purchases and Covenants

16. PTS is acquiring properties for the purposes of mitigating flooding hazards and obtaining land for riparian restoration works. Progress with property acquisitions is summarised in Table 2 below. The Council deadline for completion of all acquisition negotiations in order to allow sufficient time to undertake the stream restoration works is June 2010.

	Full Property Purchase	Partial Property Purchase	Conservation Covenants	TOTAL
Acquisitions Completed	79	46	19	144
Acquisitions in Progress	0	21	17	38

Table 2 - Summary of a number of properties purchased by PTS and those still in negotiations, as at April 2010.

Relationship with Manawhenua and Iwi

17. PTS consults with local iwi groups for new works programmes or proposed amendments on an as required basis.
18. The contract with Ngāti Whatua ō Orakei Limited for carrying out restoration works along a portion of Opanuku Stream is being re-negotiated with the view of extending the contract period.

Integrated Catchment Management Plan

19. Council is planning to implement an integrated catchment management plan (ICMP) for the PTS catchment. The ICMP is a regulatory requirement primarily for stormwater discharges within a catchment (in particular the effects of stormwater flows and quality on natural water bodies). Currently, the focus is on responding to requests for further information from the Auckland Regional Council (ARC). Information gathering in preparation to complete the application document is ongoing.

Future Planning

20. The intention of PTS has always been to develop a community governance structure sitting outside of, but including, Council. The PTS future governance project recognises the urgency required to establish a future governance structure as:
- funding from ARH phases out between 2010 and 2012;
 - the Auckland Council transition moves ahead; and
 - Community expectations build.
21. Work on developing a future governance structure is ongoing. This is being undertaken in collaboration with PTS community partners and options identified are being further investigated.
22. Scientific research on the environmental state of the PTS catchment is underway at present as part of the information gathering exercise to justify a case for Council to provide future funding for PTS (beyond 2012).

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

23. PTS has been identified as one of Council's catalyst projects and is contributing to the implementation of the vision of Waitakere as an eco city through all Council's strategies. Specific strategies which PTS strongly aligns with in particular are:
- Environment
 - Maintaining, protecting and enhancing the natural environment.
 - Enabling community care and conservation of the green network.
 - Weed and pest management to support native biodiversity.
 - Social
 - Creating natural environments that are accessible, sustainable and promote the health and wellbeing of all people.
 - Building strong resilient communities and developing community leadership.
 - Cultural Wellbeing
 - Supporting diverse identities and cultures to be expressed and celebrated.
 - Transport
 - Increasing walking and cycling network.

24. PTS is identified as contributing to several Community Outcomes. These include:
- Green Network;
 - Strong Communities;
 - Sustainable Environment;
 - Strong Economies;
 - Waiora (Environmental protection); and
 - Whaiora (Participation in society).

CONSULTATION

25. Where a new works programme is proposed, or works deviate from approved plans, then consultation with one or more of the following is undertaken, dependent on the type of works:
- ARH;
 - Contracted community partners;
 - Private property owners;
 - Relevant Council unit, for example Parks Assets and Parks Planning for works carried out on public lands;
 - Local iwi; and
 - PTS Steering Group, which includes representatives from Council, community groups, and ARC.

RESOURCES

26. Project budget of \$1,429,000 was spent during the January – April 2010 period.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

27. There are no implementation issues arising from this report.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

28. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

Report prepared by: Anil Karan, Project Twin Streams Evaluations Leader.

