

City for Peace Activity - Snapshot only

The below items represent only a snapshot of "existing" activity and also activity "in development" that can be linked to Waitakere as a "City for Peace". This snapshot has been drafted utilising the combined knowledge of the City for Peace Direct Action Plan Working Group. The working group recognises that through consultation across our community is still required and the intention of this snapshot is to assist the development of a truly inclusive community stock-take.

Activity Number	Description of City for Peace Activity (Snapshot only)	Status - Existing/In Development	Contact Point	Timeframe	Desired Outcome
18	Events: numerous well supported events that have clear links to the principle of "City for Peace" are held regularly across Waitakere, including: Toddler Day Out / Great Parenting Fair Pacific in the Park Whanau Day Out Massey Matters Tamariki Day	Existing	Numerous	Ongoing	Numerous related outcomes
19	Roots of Empathy schools programme	Existing	Manton Hancock NZ Peace Foundation	Ongoing	Reducing levels of aggression and violence among school children, while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy.
20	UN International Peace Day Annual International UN inter-faith peace event 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Existing	Laurie Ross UNANZ- Peace and Disarmament Spokesperson	Ongoing	Civic recognition of importance of Peace
21	ANZAC Day Commemorations -- need an action or some description of the link to City for Peace	Existing	Darryl Griffin Group Manager Democracy & Support Services	Ongoing	"Lest we forget"
22	Inter-faith Council: this local group produces a number of educational events creating bridges of intercultural interfaith understanding. The most significant national milestone is the NZ Statement on Religious Diversity	Existing	Laurie Ross UNANZ- Peace and Disarmament Spokesperson	Ongoing	Promote inter-cultural and inter-faith understanding
23	NZ Citizenship Ceremonies	Existing	Darryl Griffin Group Manager Democracy & Support Services	Ongoing	Recognising and celebrating new Citizens
24	Focus on Fathering in Waitakere, including: Photographic Display held on air-bridge 27 Aug 07 - 02 Sept 07	Existing	Elaine Dyer Violence Free Waitakere	Ongoing	Promoting the values of engaged fathering and raising awareness of the importance of this role
25	Proposed Community Resolution Centre -Complete consultation process and feasibility study	In development	Tony Rea Social and Cultural Strategy Mgr	Consultation ongoing	Early resolution of community issues
26	Designation of a "Public Space" (park, meeting area, infrastructure)	In development	Tony Rea Social and Cultural Strategy Mgr	October 31 2006	City space designated

## Possibilities for Development

- **Develop Pathway to Peace Summary:**  
Steps Waitakere has already completed on the Pathway to Peace
- **Plant Pohutukawa:**  
As done in 1983 in front of previous WCC building to honour the Nuclear Free Zone declaration.
- **Plant Camphor Tree from Hiroshima:**  
Sapling gift available from Christchurch City Council
- **Culture of Peace Displays:**  
There is a wealth of educational and cultural displays available that could be shown in prominent public spaces, including:  
The 'Culture of Peace' Exhibition from Soka  
And  
The Christchurch Peace City –Nuclear Free NZ Exhibition
- **Create Waitakere Peace Exhibition Mural:**  
This could be one of a series of exciting youth oriented community and school projects in public places. It could be a competition based citywide high profile process.  
In addition, there could also be another arts project inviting professional or famous artists to produce public works illustrating peace themes as shown in Auckland City by VANA mural in K' rd Newton.
- **Host City for Peace Conference:**  
Providing a high profile platform for the leading minds of NZ and the world who are working for Nuclear Disarmament and non-militaristic alternatives to global problems. This Forum could pursue United Nations Resolutions for Peace, Environmental and Social well-being through developing public understanding of the interdependence of the issues and civic responsibility to pursue positive solutions.
- **Produce End to Violence Educational Programmes:**  
1/ Inner Peace – multicultural models offering meditation, philosophical enquiry, religious and spiritual education to nurture personal and social wellbeing. A plethora of groups offer courses ie. Tai chi, yoga, chanting, etc  
2/ Community –interpersonal non-violence in relationships and conflict resolution as per programmes offered by VFW &AVP.  
3/ International –Disarmament education, de-institutionalisation of War, understanding the role of media conditioning in maintaining the status quo of a 'culture of war' and the vital importance of NZ's Nuclear Free Peacemaker role in the global community working to avert nuclear holocaust.
- **Celebrate the "Peace Movement" in Waitakere:**  
A significant example is the work of the West Auckland Peace group throughout the 1980s, many of those people are still resident in Waitakere.
- **Create messages for Peace:**  
Media promotion campaign.
- **Hold a Waitakere Peace Cultural Festival:**  
1/ This could be an 'added value' type of event in which an annual multicultural festival or other event could emphasise and reaffirm the ethos, purpose, meaning and value of being a "City for Peace".

2/ The main element of a 'Peace Festival' is that it highlights the organisations working for non-violence, social justice, disarmament, prevention of war etc. It would be an event providing educational workshops as well as a cultural feast.

- **Hold a series of Peace Concerts:**

This maintains the local focus and global momentum on the UNESCO International Decade for a Culture of Peace 2000-10

In Waitakere we have the successful prototype work by Free Spirit Peace Productions that has showcased a variety of performers and peace and justice issues in concert experiences.

## **Waitakere City for Peace Declaration**

### **City for Peace Declaration**

#### **The City of Waitakere**

- Acknowledges that peace is created through the actions of individuals, families and neighbourhoods and whānau, hapu and iwi;
- Is determined to protect and enhance the safety, security and well being of all people living in and visiting Waitakere;
- Affirms that the well being of all citizens is advanced by the peaceful resolution of conflict and the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence;
- Celebrates the diverse backgrounds of all citizens and encourages their participation regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnicity, culture, sexuality or religion;
- Actively supports the importance of education for the development of peace, inter-cultural awareness, tolerance, human rights and conflict resolution;
- Acknowledges the unique relationships between tangata whenua and tau iwi (those who have settled more recently in Waitakere) and the place of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in our City;
- Encourages all people to treat whenua (the land), with respect;
- Assists those who have settled in Waitakere due to conflict or human rights violations in communities overseas, and supports the promotion of human rights and the resolution of conflicts in those communities;
- Confirms the special role of Waitakere as an Eco City in fostering peace nationally and internationally;
- Honours the United Nations International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010) and will maintain this commitment for future generations;
- Continues to endorse the United Nations Resolutions on Nuclear Disarmament and Non Proliferation through public education to abolish war and nuclear weapons;
- Embraces the United Nations recommendation that 'municipal leaders, working with citizen groups, are encouraged to establish peace cities';
- Hereby declares itself to be a City for Peace dedicated to the promotion of, and respect for peace, tolerance and non-violence.

Adopted by Waitakere City Council  
21 September 2007 – The International Day of Peace

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### Purpose

The purpose of this Partnering Statement is to acknowledge the relationship between EcoMatters Environment Trust (EcoMatters) and Waitakere City Council (Council).

The Statement recognises that both organisations are committed to the creation of an environmentally sustainable city and that both organisations are committed to working together to achieve this objective.

### Background

EcoMatters plays a key role in engaging with the community of Waitakere on urban environmental issues. As a community organisation with significant community and strategic alliances, EcoMatters is able to assist Council in the conceptualisation and implementation of environmental programmes and projects that help to achieve a range of strategic objectives in the area of environmental sustainability.

As New Zealand's first 'ecocity', Waitakere adopted the principles of Agenda 21 in 1993. Since then Council has worked with the Waitakere community to improve the sustainability of the city, making a firm commitment to sustainable development. The Council's goals include significantly reducing waste, greenhouse gas emissions and water use in the city.

EcoMatters was established in 2002 and is recognised as a leader in the development of community based environmental initiatives that encourage our community to commit to act sustainably through behaviour change. Council is recognised as leader in sustainable development nationally and internationally. By working together the two organisations will be able to build on each other's strengths and work towards a more sustainable future for our community.

Over the past five years, EcoMatters and Council have worked jointly on many projects and have drawn on each other's expertise in furthering both organisations' objectives. The purpose of this Statement is to formalise this relationship to ensure its long term sustainability.

### Our Shared Vision and Objectives

EcoMatters and Council commit to working together towards a more sustainable future for the Waitakere community by

- Fostering community empowerment and engagement on key environmental issues facing our city and the globe;
- Facilitating and supporting practical action in the community to ensure environmental sustainability;
- Encouraging community leadership on environmental issues.

Each organisation agrees also to value and respect each other's individual vision and objectives (Annex 1).

### Working Together

The two organisations will work together in an open and honest way with particular emphasis on

- A constructive and cooperative approach to the achievement of the shared vision and objectives;
- Respect and acknowledgement of each other's independence, organisational cultures and policies, including Council's procurement policies;
- Acknowledgement that this Partnering Statement does not give "exclusive supplier" status from Council.
- Communicating joint initiatives in a co-ordinated fashion and respecting each other's communications and public relations needs;
- Acknowledging and celebrating success.

### Roles and Responsibilities

EcoMatters and Council both play roles in furthering our community's Eco City vision.

#### Eco Matters

- Undertakes practical, community education and engagement around environmental sustainability issues;
- Delivers practical projects aimed at increasing the sustainability of households, schools and businesses.

#### Council

- Works with its community in developing Community Outcomes and a strategic vision for the city;
- Develops strategies on how to best further the city's Community Outcomes and strategic vision;
- Sets budgets to support its vision through the LTCCP process.
- Delivers sustainability projects for its community.

Together Council and EcoMatters work to deliver practical projects that allow people to live more sustainably. While each project is different, Council generally plays a more "hands off" role, assisting with planning and funding, while EcoMatters delivers the practical components of the project and liaises with co-funders. Demised roles and responsibilities for various projects are described in Annex 2.

### Managing the Relationship

The relationship partners will

- Meet bi-monthly to update each other on relevant matters and to raise any concerns they may have;
- Frequently communicate informally to ensure that there are no surprises;
- Develop a joint work programme;
- Discuss resourcing in an open and honest way;
- Jointly report on the shared work programme to an appropriate Council committee at least yearly;
- Attempt to resolve any issues and conflicts at an officer level;
- Nominate one point of contact to manage the relationship.

### Dispute Resolution

The parties agree to attempt to resolve any conflict or relationship issues that cannot be resolved at officer level by dialogue at management level initially and by independent mediation, using a mutually acceptable independent mediator, if this fails.

### Resourcing

Both organisations contribute financial and non-financial resources to the achievement of their shared vision. Council provides some base funding for EcoMatters because it acknowledges that EcoMatters plays a key role in achieving Waitakere's Community Outcomes and Eco City vision. Details of this and other Council funding are outlined in Annex 2.

Because of its status as a charitable trust, EcoMatters is able to access third party funding, bringing additional resources to joint projects.

Both organisations also commit to share staff expertise and experiences to further each other's objectives as appropriate.

### Relationship Review

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## ANNEX 1

### Relevant background information about EcoMatters Environment Trust and Waitakere City Council

#### Waitakere City Council

##### *vision, strategic priorities, strategic platforms and community outcomes*

Waitakere City Council was the first council in New Zealand to adopt Agenda 21 and the Principles of the Rio Declaration on the Environment and Development, as guiding principles to build a city with a strong economy, healthy communities, cultural richness and environmental quality. In 1993, the Waitakere City Council declared Waitakere to be an eco city and produced the Greenprint as its local Agenda 21 action plan.

Since then council has confirmed its commitment to the eco city vision and has developed strategic priorities and platforms to help achieve this vision. Council has also helped its community to articulate Community Outcomes, which describe the vision of the community, independent of council's vision.

#### Strategic Priorities

Whilst the Council has adopted nine strategic platforms in specific areas of activity, such as transport, water and energy, it has also adopted five overarching priorities that must be evident in all council activities. Everything that the Council does takes into account these five priorities.

#### The Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi)

**The Vision:** People in the city are proud to uphold the Treaty of Waitangi

**Summary:** This priority requires that the Treaty of Waitangi is upheld in all Council activities and planning.

#### Sustainable Development

**The Vision:** Waitakere City development demonstrates ongoing progress towards a sustainable society.

**Summary:** This priority requires that all major programmes demonstrate ongoing social, economic environmental and cultural benefit for current and future communities.

#### First Call for Children

**The Vision:** A city where children and youth; participate in the development of the city; play and hang out safely; have good health care, education and housing; are free from violence; develop their own cultural identity and enjoy the city's diversity; access integrated transport systems; enjoy clean air water and green spaces; are free from poverty.

**Summary:** This priority requires that consideration is given to the needs and rights of children in all council activities and planning, and that the Council advocates for and supports the prioritization of the wellbeing of children.

## **Safe City**

**The Vision:** Waitakere City - a safe place to be.

**Summary:** This priority requires that in addition to formal occupational health and safety considerations, the general safety of the community is integral to all of the Council's activities and planning and that the Council advocates for and supports safety initiatives with its planning partners.

## **Lifelong learning**

**The Vision:** A city where everyone can access flexible, creative and inspirational affordable learning and can participate in city life.

**Summary:** This priority requires that consideration is given to how programmes support lifelong learning in the city.

## **Strategic Platforms**

The Council's core and discretionary services and activities have been grouped into nine strategic platforms. The vision beneath each of these headings describes what we would ideally like to achieve for the city. The platform coupled with the vision enables activities to be grouped in a way that is measurable for both the Council and the community. The Council links its work programme to the strategic platforms and these are in turn linked to the Community Outcomes. Although the headings in the Community Outcomes and the Council's strategic platforms in some cases share the same name, the vision informing them is not the same. The Community usually has its own vision described and this is distinct from the Council's stated ideal. Over the coming year, the council will be reviewing its platforms and priorities to ensure they continue to reflect our strategic direction. This review will focus on the way we emphasise key strategic areas such as efficient electronic communication, sustainable development, integrated transport and land use and others.

The Council's strategic platforms are:

### **URBAN AND RURAL VILLAGES**

*Nga kainga taone, tuawhenua*

**The Vision:** Town Centres are thriving places, providing exciting options for people to live, work and play. Public facilities, places and spaces teem with people; the streets are alive and busy.

**Summary:** This platform is about ensuring people have choices in housing, transport, employment and recreation in their neighbourhoods and town centres. The objective is to make the city a vibrant and enjoyable place to live, work and play by creating attractive urban places that encourage growth and economic development, with minimal environmental impacts.

### **INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION**

*Te Whakaurunga Waka Te Whakawhiti korero*

**The Vision:** Public transport and communication systems provide fast, effective services to the whole city. Transport systems are integrated, innovative and environmentally responsible.

**Summary:** This platform is about developing an efficient communication and transport system for information, goods, services and people that supports our growing population. Improvements to the infrastructure, the services and our town centres will provide accessible and attractive choices.

## **STRONG INNOVATIVE ECONOMY**

*He tupuranga kaha ihi wana*

**The vision:** Waitakere is a place of innovative economic activities, providing local, quality work and development options for its people. Environmentally responsible businesses are supported and flourishing.

**Summary:** This platform is about promoting local enterprise, jobs and economic growth in high quality town centres designed for the task. It includes promoting research and development; identification and development of business clusters (organics, film etc); working with businesses to improve the environment, being GE free in field and food; increasing the city's profile as a good place to do business; working with other councils to develop the regional economy; maintaining our environmental advantages; and providing the basis for sustainable economic growth.

## **ACTIVE DEMOCRACY**

*He tikanga pai ki ta te iwi e hiahia ana*

**The vision:** People feel that they can make a difference. There are high levels of community participation and respect for each other's views.

**Summary:** This platform supports the involvement of citizens in the Council's decision-making process, through education, removing barriers, developing partnerships, improving information flows and supporting communities' own ways of interacting with the Council.

## **STRONG COMMUNITIES**

*He iwi kaha*

**The vision:** People are active, informed, healthy and content. They feel safe and there is a strong sense of community. Our city is a great place for children. We enjoy our diversity of lifestyles and people.

**Summary:** This platform addresses how we support the health and wellbeing of the city's residents.

- Strong communities that "connect" with (mix and understand) each other
- A safe and supportive environment for children
- Community safety and accessible health and support services
- Leisure facilities and services that people enjoy
- Library, education and information services that meet residents' needs
- Access to appropriate housing.

## **GREEN NETWORK**

*He tuituitanga kakariki*

**The vision:** The Waitakere Ranges will be permanently protected. There will be a network of bush and trees, (the Green Network) from the Ranges, through town centres and suburbs, to the coasts, bringing the natural world into people's everyday lives and filling the streams and forests with life.

**Summary:** This platform is about caring for natural areas. The city's parks, bush and streams form a "Green Network" that provides homes and "highways" for wildlife and recreational areas for people. It also assists with managing and filtering stormwater. Protection and enhancement is sought on both public and private land, community involvement is encouraged, as is the protection of landscapes, native plants, wildlife and ecosystems, while providing appropriate recreational public access to waterways and friendly green areas throughout the city.

## **THREE WATERS**

### *Nga Wai e toru*

**The vision:** Waitakere takes an innovative approach to managing drinking water supply, wastewater and stormwater together, under the heading of the Three Waters.

**Summary:** This platform is designed to ensure that services in all three areas are efficient, reliable and high quality and minimise impacts on the environment over the long term. This will safeguard resources for future generations in line with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

## **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLEAN AIR**

### *He kaha motuhake. He hau ora pai*

**The vision:** Waitakere City's energy and emissions to air management demonstrates ongoing progress towards a sustainable society.

**Summary:** This strategic platform will support work on:

- Policy, planning and advocacy
- Education and incentives
- Energy conservation efficiency and sustainable supply
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Cleaner production in industry and schools.

## **ZERO WASTE**

### *He whakakore otaota*

**The vision:** Waitakere's Zero Waste strategy will produce a clean and attractive city that increasingly turns its waste into resources.

**Summary:** Zero Waste does not mean that no rubbish will be produced. It means that we will deal with it in such a way that to the greatest possible extent, it is turned back into useful resources and not simply dumped in landfills. It works on the principles of "reduce, re-use, recycle and recover" including combating litter and illegal dumping. The Council will continue to provide efficient, high quality, collection services for recyclables and waste, and to manage the environmental and safety impacts of waste disposal. The Council has a legal obligation to produce a Waste Management Plan based on the hierarchy of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover and Residual Disposal".

## **Community Outcomes**

### **Green Network**

#### *He tuituitanga kakariki*

- People are in harmony with and have a strong sense of stewardship, of kaitiaki of the natural environment
- We are all actively managing our growth and minimising ecological threats particularly through increased local participation in decisions and action

### **Mauri Ora**

#### *Access to Maori resources*

- Live as Maori
- Celebrate being Maori
- Celebrate ethnic cultural diversity
- Celebration of the city's unique and rich tribal and Maori history

- Cultural knowledge within a traditional and contemporary context is valid and relevant

### **Nga Manukura**

#### *Maori Leadership*

- Maori determination and integrity
- Sustained Iwi Maori leadership in Waitakere

### **Strong Communities**

#### *He Iwi Kaha*

- Waitakere has a strong sense of connection and networks of community and people feel safe and have a sense of belonging
- We are civil and respectful of each other and have a good work life balance and contribute to our city, community, friends and family

### **Strong Economy**

#### *He tupuranga kaha ihi wana*

- Our local economy is sustainably prosperous with abundant local jobs, strong businesses, high quality education and training opportunities and contributes to a sustainable regional economy
- Waitakere City is an attractive place to work and do business where people have choices
- People have a good work life balance, quality of life and participate in family and community life

### **Sustainable Integrated Transport**

#### *Kauneke Tauwhiro me te Whakaurunga Waka*

- Sustainable transport systems provide fast and effective movement of people, goods and services within and in and out of the city
- The transport network is integrated, innovative, safe and environmentally responsible and supports excellent lifestyles and quality urban and village design
- Public transport services are appealing, reduce car dependency and match local need

### **Sustainable environment**

#### *Kauneke Tauwhiro Taiao*

- We manage our growth in a way that increases our sustainability and enables a healthy living environment
- We are a leader in sustainable housing and building practices
- We have access to good quality water and air and we manage our energy, waste and water innovatively and responsibly

### **Te Mana Whakahaere**

#### *Autonomy*

- Active protection of Maori interests in accordance with the Treaty and recognition of Iwi Maori

### **Toiora**

#### *Healthy Lifestyles*

- Good health, education and increased participation in a healthy and positive lifestyle

### **Urban and rural villages**

#### *Nga kainga taone tuawhenua*

- Henderson is the key central town centre with Westgate and New Lynn as major centres and a network of smaller villages and neighbourhoods
- Thriving well connected town and neighbourhood centres where people want to live, play and work
- The centres reflect local character and foster pride
- People feel connected to their local place and to each other
- Villages have an identified centre, are safe and have accessible common areas
- Homes are healthy and environmentally responsible

### **Vibrant Arts and Culture**

#### *Toi me nga Tikanga Takekake*

- Waitakere City's arts and culture is reflected and appreciated in our everyday life and the city is itself a work of art
- We participate in creative pursuits and have a deep and wide perception of arts and cultures in our city

### **Waiora**

#### *Environmental Protection*

- Replenishment of nature's food chain of Tiriwa, ( the flora and fauna )
- Maori and non Maori respect and appreciate the city's natural taonga/wonders

### **Whaiora**

#### *Participation in society*

- Comprehensive participation of Iwi Maori in the affairs of Waitakere City, Aotearoa and the world
- Sustain positive growth of innovative Maori economic development

### **Working Together**

#### *Te Mahi Tahī*

- We have a culture of working together as a city, as neighbourhood and as a family, efficiently utilising our time, people and resources
- We mobilise local energy and empower people to participate though providing information people need and open transparent decision-making

## **Waitakere City Council Procurement Policy**

Like all local authorities Waitakere City Council has to ensure that its procurement processes are fair and transparent while securing values for money for its ratepayers. This means that where projects are delivered by outside organizations, be they commercial and community based, this needs to be done through a contestable process.

Waitakere City Council also recognizes that there are other community organizations in the city that are looking to become more engaged in environmental sustainability activity. It is therefore important that such organizations are also considered when future projects are scoped.

For projects aimed at improving community sustainability, such as those commonly delivered by EcoMatters, there are generally considerations, other than cost. However it is important that procurement occurs through a transparent and fair process, such as the weighted attributes method. In no way should EcoMatters be given preferential treatment in relation to procurement because of this Partnering Statement.

The current Draft Procurement Manual is available on the Council Intranet.

### **EcoMatters Environment Trust** *vision, mission and objectives*

#### **VISION**

Empowered people working together toward an environmentally sustainable future.

#### **MISSION**

EcoMatters delivers high quality services and education programmes to protect, restore and enhance the environment in partnership with the community.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To be the leader in environmental enhancement and educational services
- To foster co-operation between environmental and community groups
- To provide local employment opportunities for young people and the long-term unemployed
- To provide opportunities that encourage community participation in environmental projects and programmes
- To work co-operatively to develop enhanced environments through the promotion of community funding and volunteerism