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The Chief Executive or his representative will open the meeting and call for apologies.



**1 APOLOGIES**



**2 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

In accordance with Standing Order 2.1 and Section 114L of the Local Government Act 1974, the Committee Secretary will call for nominations for the office of Chairperson of the Subcommittee.

That election shall be on the basis of open voting with one vote by each members (and no person having a casting vote) unless the Subcommittee resolves to use the voting system described in Section 114K of the Local Government Act 1974.

Following the appointment, the Chairperson will preside over the rest of the proceedings.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the information be received.
2. That the Henderson Creek Reserves Management Subcommittee elects one member to be Chairperson of the Henderson Creek Reserves Management Subcommittee.



**3 DRAFT TE HURUHURU HENDERSON CREEK RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBMISSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

This report brings the submissions on the draft Te HuruHuru Henderson Creek Reserves Management Plan to the Henderson Creek Reserves Management Subcommittee and provides for the decisions on submissions and finalising of the Reserve Management Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

The process of preparing a Management Plan for the group of reserves referred to collectively as the Te HuruHuru Henderson Creek Reserves began in October 2000. The purpose of the Management Plan is to guide the future management of the fourteen reserves situated along the Henderson Creek Corridor, between Henderson township and the north western motorway. The reserves include Flanshaw Esplanade Reserve, Sherwood Park, Colletta Esplanade, Chilcott Brae, Swan Arch Reserve, Tui Glen Reserve, Tui Glen Esplanade, Cranwell Park, Falls Park, Cranwell Esplanade, Newey's Corner, Trading Esplanade, Epping Esplanade and Henderson Creek Esplanade Reserve.

The process of preparing the draft Plan has involved a comprehensive ecological survey, historical and landscape research and consultation with iwi representatives and the public, including an extensive separate consultation process for Tui Glen Reserve in 2002.

An Advisory Group was set up consisting of members of the Henderson and Massey Community Boards, Taumata Runanga and relevant members of staff. The Draft Reserve Management Plan was prepared with ongoing liaison, advice and amendments from this Advisory Group.

The intention to prepare a Management Plan for the Te HuruHuru Henderson Creek Corridor Reserves was publicly notified in September 2000. During the following months, two workshops were held, 3000 Flyers were distributed to the properties neighbouring the reserves, including the Central Park Drive commercial area bounding Henderson Creek Esplanade Reserve, and individual consultation was done with interested parties. By the closing date of December 2001, a total of 19 written submissions had been received. A further 38 written submissions were received at the Henderson Creek Celebration Day held on March 2001.

During the process of preparing this draft Plan, Tui Glen Reserve was singled out for a separate consultation process to decide its future, in particular, Council's role in providing accommodation in the Tui Glen Reserve camping ground. 6,000 Flyers were distributed and a total of 179 submissions were received by the closing date of February 2002. A report based on these submissions was taken to the City Development Committee meeting in July 2002 and the recommendations subsequently included in the draft Reserves Management Plan.

The Draft Reserve Management Plan was publicly notified on 3 October 2002 and submissions closed on 17 December 2002. A total of 15 submissions were received, including group submissions. The submission period was extended by request in order to gain input from the commercial properties adjoining Henderson Creek Esplanade Reserve. Letters were sent to individual properties and at the end of the extension in January 2003, an additional 4 submissions had been received.

The Draft Reserve Management Plan has been circulated separately to members.

## STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Plan is prepared under the Reserves Act 1977 Section 41(3) "The Management Plan shall provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance protection and preservation as the case may require, and, to the extent that the administering body's resources permit, the development, as appropriate, of the reserve for the purposes for which it is classified ....". All reserves, other than Local Purpose reserves, are required under the Reserves Act 1977, to have a current reserve Management Plan.

The reserves are located along the Henderson Creek Corridor that runs from the motorway south to Henderson township, just above the confluence of the 'Twin Streams', Opanuku and Oratia. Combined, the reserves create a corridor that has the following significant values:

- ecological values as part of the Eco-city Green Network,
- cultural values due to the high number and concentration of heritage sites, and
- recreational values, providing City-wide sports and recreational facilities.

Henderson Creek and its riparian margins have potentially high ecological values as habitat and movement corridors for native species, and include areas identified in the District Plan as Protected Natural Area (Epping Esplanade) and Restoration Natural Area (below Waitakere Sports Complex). The Parks Strategy identifies the Henderson Creek Corridor as a priority for the Green Network. The Green Network is a vital element of Council's Strategic Vision, linking the Ranges to the sea by vegetated corridors. The restoration of the corridor could provide valuable environmental educational opportunities. Due to its central location, visibility and continuous linear structure, its existing ecological values and the opportunities for ecological restoration, the Creek Corridor has the potential to be the flagship for the Green Network.

The reserves contain many sites of considerable historical and cultural significance. Many of these are associated to the founding of Henderson township and the early development of west Auckland itself. Of particular note are the remnants of Henderson's Mill, Swan's Arch, several brickwork sites, Tui Glen Motor Camp - (trees, cabins and wharf), Falls Park Hotel, and Henderson's Mill Cottage. Several trees, heritage items and archeological sites and structures are listed in the District Plan as items of heritage significance.

Under the Parks Strategy identification system, undertaken to reflect Council's strategic direction, the Henderson Creek Corridor is classified as a City-wide Multiple Use park. City-wide reserves are expected to fulfil a regional role by providing recreational opportunities for the wider Waitakere City and Auckland region. The Corridor reserves currently offer recreational facilities for the region through the Waitakere Sports Complex, which is currently being upgraded, and the West Wave Aquatic Centre. They host the Bowling Club, Croquet Club and Te Atatu and Edmonton Scout Clubs and the Auckland Conductive Education Centre. In addition, the western Cycleway links to the motorway and through the eastern bank reserves.

Individually, the Henderson Creek Reserves also function as Local or Neighbourhood reserves that serve the local community. The Creek is adjacent to the neighbourhoods of Te Atatu, Henderson and Lincoln Road. Submissions highlight the fact that the Creek reserves, where they are developed, are well used by locals for passive recreation, the most popular activities being walking (dogs) and running, often on a regular basis. The request for extensions to, or development of the existing walkway/cycleway was the biggest single request. Access to the Creek itself, especially for boating, was the second most popular request.

## **ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATION ARISING FROM SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED**

This report responds to the public submissions received on the Draft Management Plan for the Te Huruheru Henderson Creek Reserves. Altogether, a total of 19 submissions were received, from individuals, groups and businesses.

The issues raised in the public submissions to the Draft Plan are discussed below and recommendations made as to how and if the points raised should be addressed within the Management Plan.

During the period for public submissions to the draft, South Pacific Pictures approached Council with concerns that the commercial sector of Central Park Drive were directly affected by the walkway proposed in the Esplanade Reserve and had not engaged in the consultation process. As a result, a further letter was sent to all industries backing onto Henderson Creek Esplanade Reserve and the submission period was extended to allow for late submissions. At the close of this period, a further four submissions had been received, three of them related to South Pacific Pictures and one (21) from a neighbour.

These submissions are as following:

19. **South Pacific Pictures** - (occupier of 8 Tolich Place).
20. **Enterprise Waitakere** - (in support of SPP at 8 Tolich Place).
21. **Structurflex** - (occupier of 6 Tolich Place).
22. **Television Properties Fund Limited** (owners of 8 Tolich Place).

All four submissions object to the proposal to develop the public walkway in Henderson Creek Esplanade Reserve. Nos 6 and 8 Tolich Place are not fenced along their boundary with the Esplanade Reserve. Both freely access the reserve from their own properties and, in the case of South Pacific Pictures, part of the reserve has been fenced off and utilised for filming.

The concerns of No 8 (SPP) are complex and have been addressed as a special case due to the high profile nature of their enterprise and its significant contribution to the city's economy. Following the close of submissions, Parks staff met with representatives from South Pacific Pictures and Enterprise Waitakere to address the concerns raised in their submissions. As a result of these meetings a solution has been agreed which will satisfy the needs of South Pacific Pictures while meeting the objectives and policies of this Plan. This is included in this report.

In addition, Councils legal department have requested the addition of the following recommendation .... That it be recommended to the Henderson Community Board that the Chief Executive be given authority to renegotiate and execute a new lease under Section 54(1) (a) of the Reserves Act 1977 with the Conductive Education Foundation for a ten plus five years "footprint" lease of the old Tui Glen reception lounge and the adjacent concrete pad (part Lot 11, Deposited Plan 6760) and the lease be executed as negotiated.

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Attached at pages A1 to A21 are copies of all the submissions.

## **SUMMARY**

This report contains a summary of the submissions to the draft Henderson Creek Corridor Reserves Management Plan and comments on the issues raised and suggested changes to the draft plan.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the information be received.
2. That it be recommended to the Henderson Community Board that the Chief Executive be given authority to renegotiate and execute a new lease under Section 54(1) (a) of the Reserves Act 1977 with the Conductive Education Foundation for a ten plus five years “footprint” lease of the old Tui Glen reception lounge and the adjacent concrete pad (part Lot 11, Deposited Plan 6760).
3. That the Henderson Creek Reserves Management Plan incorporating the recommended amendments be adopted.
4. That a representative from the Henderson Creek Reserves Management Subcommittee be delegated authority to approve the final Reserve Management Plan based on the decisions made by the Special Hearings Committee.

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