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**1 APOLOGIES**



**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes - Monday, 3 December 2007

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Meeting of the New Lynn Community Board held on Monday, 3 December 2007, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



**3 URGENT BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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



**4 PRESENTATION - 'AUCKLAND GOVERNANCE: A WAITAKERE VIEW'**

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Hulse, delivered the above presentation to the Royal Commission at its meeting held on Wednesday, 23 January 2008. This meeting was attended by the Mayor, all Councillors, the Community Board Chairmen and the Chairman of Te Taumata Runanga and the Waitakere Ethnic Board. The Deputy Mayor will make the same presentation to the Community Board.



## 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; and
- (ii) the Chairman shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time;
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

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



## 6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome back to the start of not just a new but a very exciting year for all concerned.

### **By-Election**

7 March 2008 is election day and the Board needs to be aware and informed as much as possible as to the outcome of the election and wish all candidates the best.

### **Royal Commission**

On Wednesday, 23 January 2008 the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance were welcomed to our Council. Mayor Harvey spoke as to Waitakere the City and Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse addressed with a presentation as to key points within the terms of reference of the Commission.

There will be a public forum in March 2008 for all to attend so now is the time to work on a submission from the Board working in line with Council's advice but also with our Board's individual thoughts, etc. based on our community interest and feedback. We need to get this right. An informal meeting for the Board will happen at the earliest opportunity.

### **Trenching of New Lynn**

The site office Totara Avenue is open and is getting visitors and enquiries. Great to see interest building even if they are only complaints as even that is positive.

Tracy Tomlinson from Council will be presenting at the 3 March 2008 Board meeting as to businesses and generally the changing face of New Lynn.

Tammy Dickinson from OnTrack will be presenting on 31 March 2008 - this will be a regular update as to progression on the trenching. There will be a tour of the work site for all New Lynn Community Board Members as soon as a date is sorted out. This will be a great opportunity with time to ask all those questions over a cup of coffee back at the site office.

## Ross McLeod

Ross leaves the Council this month to take up his new position as CEO at Hastings District Council. It is with a certain amount of sadness he leaves but the anticipation as to the challenge does, I hope, bring to him a certain amount of joy. The New Lynn Community Board wishes you every success Ross and you will be missed.

## Committees

It will be interesting with the new committees structures. The Board need to be more vigilant till Members get used to them. Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan deliberations start in February. Just reminding Members to check times and dates of meetings regularly as it is a busy time for most involved in the process.

## Community

Board Members should try and touch base with as many of our communities as possible. The problems are out there that need to be kept in mind are that footpaths, crossings, parks, stormwater, etc are important and Members have been elected to listen and act where necessary - for life itself is a struggle for some and the community needs to know that the Board will listen to them.

A good old roundtable discussion on tagging, youth, violence and why we cannot seem to be able to address these issues needs to take place.

George Bernard Shaw said (or a small part of what he said): that the flame of passion for community not be extinguished when he died but burn brightly forever. What a great sentiment to live by.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Chairman's Report be received.

GPJ Marshall

**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.



## NEW LYNN COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Gayle Marshall Tony Hartnett (alternate)
City Safety Action Group	Sandy Taylor Pim van der Voort (alternate)
Glen Eden Community House Management Committee	Tony Hartnett



OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Green Bay Community House Management Committee	Pim van der Voort
Keep Waitakere Beautiful Committee	Sandy Taylor Pim van der Voort (alternate)
Waitakere Citizen Advice Bureau	Gayle Marshall Vacant (alternate)
Waitakere Road Safety Steering Group	Pim van der Voort Sandy Taylor (alternate)
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Creative Communities Scheme Allocation Subcommittee	Pim van der Voort Vacant (alternate)
Community Sports Fund Allocation Subcommittee	Vacant Tony Hartnett (alternate)
New Lynn Community Board Street Events Subcommittee	Sandy Taylor
Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee	Gayle Marshall Pim van der Voort (alternate)
Town Centres Subcommittee	GPJ Marshall





## 8 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
1.	New Lynn Township Streetscape Design - Great North Road, from Hugh Brown Drive/Todd Triangle to Rewarewa Walkway/Memorial Drive  Officer's Report	The pedestrian lights for the lighting upgrade are currently in storage. Installation of the lights is currently on hold until discussions are held with the Council officers who are planning footpath works in the New Lynn town centre area, and the effect of the New Lynn rail undergrounding and associated works is considered. A confirmed timeframe for installation will be provided in the March 2008 update.	Andreas Lilley  836 8000 Ext: 8553
2.	Rewarewa Walkway 30 April 2007  Resolution No. 762/2007	Following approval from the New Lynn Community Board at its meeting held on Monday, 30 April 2007, a detailed design was being developed for a culvert to be inserted into the stream and backfilled.  However, this design work is now on hold due to limiting factors encountered with the existing culvert under Great North Road, and also the expected difficulties in obtaining	Andreas Lilley  836 8000 Ext: 8553

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
		<p>resource consent from Waitakere City Council and Auckland Regional Council following a pre-application meeting.</p> <p>The geotechnical report on the slope stability of the Rewarewa Creek, prepared by Soil &amp; Rock Geotechnical Consultants dated April 2007, was peer reviewed by another consultancy in December 2007 to establish whether any other options exist for the future re-establishment of the walkway. The recommendations from this peer review will be presented to the New Lynn Community Board in March 2008 to enable any further options to be considered for the future of Rewarewa Walkway.</p>	
3.	<p>Safety of Pedestrians on the Walkway from Manuka Park to Miro Street</p> <p>Public Forum</p> <p>3 September 2007</p>	<p>Vegetation overhanging the existing walkway lights has been trimmed back. Repair work to the existing lights has been programmed and is expected to be carried out in late January 2008.</p>	<p>Katharine Slack</p> <p> 836 8000 Ext: 8779</p>
4.	<p>Ken Maunder Park Footbridge Replacement</p> <p>3 December 2007</p> <p>Resolution No. 3830/2007</p>	<p>The Infrastructure and Works Committee and the New Lynn Community Board approved the Truss Style Bridge design at their December 2007 meetings. Detailed design is now underway and consents applications are due to be lodged in the next few months. Construction is planned to commence in late 2008.</p> <p>A mail drop to update the community will be undertaken in January/February 2008.</p>	<p>Katharine Slack</p> <p> 836 8000 Ext: 8779</p>
5.	<p>Parrs Park No. 1 Field Upgrade</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>Works commenced in January 2008 on upgrading the no. 1 sports field at Parrs Park. The field has been performing poorly over the last two winters due to poor drainage. Works involve the installation of new sand slit drains, the removal of the top 40 mm of the playing surface, resurfacing with new sand, establishment of new turf, and the extension of existing irrigation lines. Works are expected to be completed by June 2008. Club games will be reallocated to other fields at</p>	<p>Andreas Lilley</p> <p> 836 8000 Ext: 8553</p>

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
		Parrs Park until the field reopens.	
6.	Olympic Park, Waikumete Cemetery, Manawa Wetland Reserve - Weed Control and planting  Officer's Report	Weed control will be carried out in Olympic Park, Waikumete Cemetery and Manawa Wetland Reserve during January and February 2008 in preparation for native revegetation planting to be carried out in Autumn.	Helen Bifin  836 8000 Ext: 8758
7.	Community Wellbeing Fund Allocation 2007/2008  3 September 2007  3344/2007	A workshop to review the Wellbeing Fund Policy is being arranged for February 2008. The workshop will address issues including reviewing the low number of applications to the New Lynn Community Board's Community Wellbeing Fund Allocation 2007/2008.  Depending on the outcome of the workshop, a report will be presented to the New Lynn Community Board at its 31 March 2008 meeting.	Greta Buchanan  836 8000 Ext: 8150
8.	Glen Eden Township Areas – Pedestrian Safety Issues and Lack of Disabled Parking and Access	At the New Lynn Community Board meeting held on 3 September 2007, Mr Ian Burkett from the Glen Eden Business Association spoke to his tabled submission outlining pedestrian safety issues and lack of disabled parking and access around the Glen Eden township area.  Following Mr Burkett's submission Council's Transport Asset Unit investigated his concerns and found that all of the suggestions raised had merit. The Urban Design Team of the Strategy Department at Council is to start an Urban Design Development Plan for Glen Eden, which will be taking these concerns into account.  In addition, the Strategy Department is about to undertake a city-wide parking study that will include an assessment of the number of disabled spaces in town centres, which was one issue mentioned. If it becomes apparent that some items will not be addressed for some time, then Transport Assets Unit will consider interim solutions if deemed to be appropriate and Mr Burkett will be consulted regarding this.	

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
9.	<p>Intersection of Oates Road and Glendale Road, Glen Eden</p> <p>31 October 2005</p> <p>Resolution No. 2076/2005</p> <p>4 December 2006</p> <p>Resolution No. 2312/2006</p> <p>3 December 2007</p> <p>3353/2007</p>	<p>Based on a search of the Land Transport New Zealand accident database, there have been no recorded accidents at the intersection of Oates Road / Glendale Road in 2007. The situation will be monitored in the first quarter of 2008 and if no accidents persist, only minor improvements will be carried out instead of the options proposed in September 2007. A report is expected to be presented to the New Lynn Community Board in May 2008.</p>	<p>Sue Liddell</p> <p> 836 8000</p> <p>Ext: 8736</p>
10.	<p>Acknowledgement of the Late Pinesong Owner, Mrs Thora Conlon, outside of the Complex</p> <p>26 April 2007 (Council)</p> <p>Resolution No. 699/2007</p>	<p>Council on 26 April 2007 passed a resolution as follows:</p> <p><i>“That the New Lynn Community Board explore possible ways of acknowledging the late owner, Mrs Thora Conlon, outside of the Pinesong complex itself, and report back on the best option.”</i></p> <p>(669/2007)</p> <p>The matter did not progress last year. However, the Manager: Public Affairs has revived the matter with the Manager of the Metlife Pinesong Village and will be meeting with her on Friday 25 January 2008.</p> <p>Details and the outcome of the meeting will be reported to the New Lynn Community Board at its 31 March 2008 Meeting.</p>	<p>Dai Bindoff</p> <p> 836 8000</p> <p>Ext: 8907</p>

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee Secretary’s Report for 4 February 2008 be received.

Report prepared by: Audrey Chan, Committee Secretary.



9 **THORNLOW STREET, GLENDENE - NEW MOBILITY PARKING SPACE AND NEW ANGLE PARKING**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek the New Lynn Community Board's approval for a new mobility parking space and to mark out new angle parking bays on Thornlow Street, Glendene.

**BACKGROUND**

A request has been received from a member of the public to mark out angle parking bays on Thornlow Street, Glendene. The location outside the four shops has an indented parking area, where currently some vehicles park parallel to the kerb while others park at an angle.

**STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

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

Angle parking can be applied to ensure efficient, safe movement on roads by keeping traffic lanes and visibility lines clear, and to ensure vehicles park correctly.

**ISSUES**

Outside number 1 Thornlow Street there are four shops and a large indented parking bay. Currently some vehicles park at an angle to the kerb while others park parallel, which is inefficient and confusing to drivers. Marking out angle parking bays will provide clear direction to drivers as well as increase the number of available spaces. The Waitakere City Council District Plan also requires that for this number of public parking spaces at least one mobility space be provided.

All affected properties have been verbally consulted and feedback was positive.

*A1* The location of the new parking restrictions is shown on the aerial photograph attached at page A1.

**Decision Making**

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

**RESOURCES**

The new parking layout can be implemented under the 2007/2008 Annual Plan maintenance budget.

**CONCLUSION**

The new mobility parking space and new angle parking bays is recommended to ensure that the vehicles are parked in a defined area without confusion.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Thornlow Street, Glendene – New Mobility Parking Space and New Angle Parking report be received.
2. That in relation to **THORNLOW STREET, GLENDENE:**
  - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following restrictions be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
    - (i) on the east kerb line of **THORNLOW STREET** approximately 42 metres from the intersection with **KIRBY STREET**, a **MOBILITY PARKING** space be marked out.
    - (ii) on the east kerb line of **THORNLOW STREET ANGLE PARKING** be marked out from a point 8 metres south of the southern kerb line of **KIRBY STREET** and extending south for a distance of 38 metres.
3. That the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 – Rule 54002 hereby be approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said parking limitations and restrictions.

Report prepared by: Jane Harris, Transport Technician.



## **10 SARONA AVENUE, NEW LYNN - NEW NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES PARKING RESTRICTION**

### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek the New Lynn Community Board's approval for a new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction on Sarona Avenue, New Lynn.

### **BACKGROUND**

A request has been received from a resident on Sarona Avenue to install a No Stopping At All Times parking restriction around the bend on Sarona Avenue outside property number 13.

### **STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

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

No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions can be applied to ensure efficient, safe movement on roads by keeping traffic lanes and visibility lines clear.

## ISSUES

Sarona Avenue is a local road. It is predominately residential and runs between Glenview Road and Meiland Place. It is 7.5 metres wide. In roads of this classification it is acceptable for vehicles to park on both sides of the road, provided that drivers of vehicles passing parked cars are able to see traffic approaching from the opposite direction and take evasive action before a conflict occurs.

The bend in Sarona Avenue is long and sweeping and driver sight lines to traffic approaching from the opposite direction are blocked. For safety reasons it is necessary to ensure that there is no obstructions on the carriageway around the bend to allow two vehicles to pass.

Affected properties have access to off street parking. Consultation was carried out with the properties that will be directly affected by the new No Stopping At All Times restriction. To date no responses have been received. As this is a safety issue, it is proposed to install the new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction.

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The location of the new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction is shown on the aerial photograph attached at page A2.

## Decision Making

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

## RESOURCES

The new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction can be implemented under the 2007/2008 Annual Plan maintenance budget.

## CONCLUSION

The new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction is recommended to ensure that the vehicles are parked in a defined area without obstructing traffic flows or sightlines of drivers.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Sarona Avenue, New Lynn – New No Stopping At All Times Parking Restriction report be received.
2. That in relation to **SARONA AVENUE, NEW LYNN:**
  - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following restriction be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
    - (i) on **SARONA AVENUE** starting from the northern boundary of property number 13 and extending south for a distance of approximately 50 metres, a **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** parking restriction be put in place.

3. That the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 – Rule 54002 hereby be approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said parking limitation and restriction.

Report prepared by: Jane Harris, Transport Technician.



## 11 **BEAUBANK ROAD, KELSTON - NEW BUS STOP RESTRICTION**

### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek the New Lynn Community Board's approval for a new bus stop on Beaubank Road, Kelston.

### **BACKGROUND**

Currently there is a bus stop on Beaubank Road, Kelston that has not previously been formalised. The signage for this bus stop has been removed and cars are now parking in this location. A request has been received to replace the bus stop signage and formalise the bus stop.

### **STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

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

Correctly marked and sign posted bus stops are desirable to both notify public transport users of the pick up and drop off locations for bus services and to keep these locations clear of other vehicles.

### **ISSUES**

Council officers visited the area and identified the location that is currently being used as an informal bus stop outside 8 Beaubank Road. This bus stop is not sign posted or marked on the road. Residents adjacent to the proposed bus stop have been consulted and have no objection to the proposed location.

A3 The location of the bus stop is indicated on attachment at page A3.

### **Decision Making**

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

### **RESOURCES**

The proposed new bus stop can be implemented under the 2007/2008 Annual Plan road maintenance budget.

## CONCLUSION

The new bus stop in Beaubank Road is recommended to allow continuity of public transport services and to maintain the Council and regional standard of an average of 400 metre spacing between bus stops.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Beaubank Road, Kelston - New Bus Stop Restriction report be received.
2. That in relation to **BEAUBANK ROAD, KELSTON**:
  - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No. 7, 1991 - Traffic, the following restriction be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
    - (i) on the north kerb line of **BEAUBANK ROAD** outside property number 8 the new **BUS STOP** restriction be put in place.
3. That the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of Land Transport Rule, Traffic Control Devices 2004 – Rule 54002 be hereby approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said bus stop restriction.

Report prepared by: Jane Harris, Transport Technician.



## 12 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS UPDATE

### GLOSSARY

Auckland Regional Council (ARC)

### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the New Lynn Community Board with an update of Project Twin Streams outcomes to January 2008.

### BACKGROUND

New approaches to dealing with waste and water are fundamental to Waitakere becoming an Eco City. In line with this, in 1997 Waitakere City Council commissioned studies to explore the effects of stormwater on the Oratia and Opanuku Streams. These stormwater studies led to the creation of Project Twin Streams, with successful funding applications to Infrastructure Auckland (now Auckland Regional Holdings) for \$38.2 million over a ten year period from 2003-2012. The project broadly aims to avoid, remedy and mitigate adverse stormwater effects in ways that also achieve social, cultural and economic outcomes. A further \$5.2 million was received to build 14 km of new cycle and walkways alongside three of the streams in the Project Twin Streams catchment.

Project Twin Streams is an innovative multi-faceted project that focuses on achieving long-term sustainable integrated management of the Henderson Creek and Huruhuru Creek catchments. This project weaves together the issues of integrated stormwater management and the restoration of stream banks along the Oratia, Waikumete, Opanuku, Pixie and Swanson Streams, with a sustainable community development approach. The Project Twin Streams catchment has a population of 103,000 people and covers 10,000 hectares.

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

The point of difference of Project Twin Streams from 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 communities know the most appropriate and effective methods to engage local people;
- Each community has its own diverse characteristics. Programmes need to be adapted to harness the diverse strengths of communities. A one sized solution is not effective;
- Creative learning methods that engage with people's hearts and minds are more effective than simply distributing written information in creating meaningful and long-term behaviour change;
- Local organisations can be more effective than Council in engaging their own communities in the sustainability journey but need to be adequately resourced and supported to do so;
- A partnership approach between communities; local, regional and central government, non-government organisations and local people will be a very effective way of achieving long-term change towards sustainability.

From 2004-2007 Project Twin Streams was a demonstration project for Sustainable Communities – a workstrand of Sustainable Auckland and part of government's Sustainable Development Programme of Action. Sustainable Communities has had a significant role in supporting and resourcing the quadruple bottom line aspects of Project Twin Streams. By June 2007 it had invested in excess of \$280,000, and aligned expertise and resources from the Auckland Regional Council (ARC) and Department of Internal Affairs to ensure consideration is given to the social, economic and cultural potential in the project. The environmental outcomes of the project are funded by Auckland Regional Holdings.

## **STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

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

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

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

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

## **OUTCOMES**

### **Planting & Maintenance Programme**

The Project Twin Streams – Swanson, Waimoko, Momutu, Opanuku, Oratia, Waikumete and Bishop Streams and Henderson Creek are showing evidence of extensive planting of eco sourced native plants forming a riparian margin of around 15 metres. There are now significant sections of the stream banks that form continuous new planting.

#### Highlights from 2007:

- A total of 113,364 plants have been planted of which 62 percent (68,545) have been planted by local communities. In total over 300,000 plants have been planted since the project began. Commercial contractors are brought in to plant the areas that are too dangerous for volunteers to do.
- Approximately 33 percent of the Project Twin Streams Area has been cleared of environmentally damaging weeds.
- 5,944 volunteers have been involved in planting, site preparation, weeding and maintenance activities. Since 2003 a total of 13,171 volunteers have participated in Project Twin Streams.
- Nine successful community planting days have occurred in Ranui, Opanuku, Oratia, Glen Eden and Henderson with events being well-attended by local residents.
- There are 29 groups now adopting sections of the stream banks. These groups range from schools, mental health and disability groups, youth and youth at risk groups, church groups, alternative education groups and whānau groups.
- Eleven local schools are actively engaged in Project Twin Streams – both in site preparation and planting and related educational and arts activities to raise awareness of the issues facing the streams.

### **Community Contracts & Community Engagement**

A key goal of Project Twin Streams is to build community ownership of the Project in ways that are inclusive and meaningful for local neighbourhood communities and communities of interest. This is being achieved through contracts with community-based organisations to deliver Project Twin Streams in their communities. This means that local organisations with local knowledge are the driving force of the project.

With five fully operative community contract organisations now on board increased community engagement is being facilitated across the six communities within the Project Twin Streams catchment. This is reflected in the statistics which show a significant rise in stream restoration activities being undertaken by communities. Community organisations are reporting that as a result of Project Twin Streams more and more people are becoming aware of the streams, using the streams and their surrounds for recreational purpose and becoming guardians of their area. However, along with this increased awareness is also an awareness that just undertaking stream side planting is only going part of the way to restore streams to a healthy state and more sustainable communities. A number of the community contract organisations have advocated for implementing programmes in their neighbourhoods that go beyond stream restoration. They have also been involved in visioning what is required for a sustainable catchment.

In November 2007 a 12-minute DVD on the community voices from Project Twin Streams was released. This DVD was funded and produced by Sustainable Communities. It captures the magic of Project Twin Streams in ways that are often difficult to articulate, including the great satisfaction that comes from making a difference.

The following is a brief update of some of the achievements from each of the contract areas.

- **Ranui-Massey** – This project is being delivered by **Te Ūkaipō Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi** in association with the Ranui Action Project and covers the Swanson, Waimoko and Momutu Streams from Birdwood Road to Huruhuru Creek. This is the longest running Project Twin Streams community contract and has now achieved 100 percent adoption of public areas along the stream banks by ten local groups including three schools – this includes taking responsibility for site preparation, planting and maintenance. A focus for Te Ukaipo has been successfully engaging a number of youth at risk groups in stream restoration activities. Their successful community engagement has stimulated interest from private property owners in the area who want to be involved in the revitalisation of their streamside areas.
- **Henderson – Community Waitakere** (formerly West Auckland District Council of Social Services) are actively engaging residents and groups in the Henderson area to restore Henderson Creek. Great progress was made last year in engaging with Pak'nSave to not only participate in planting the stream bank near their store, but also to develop a plan for managing the rubbish that is continually a problem in this area. Community Waitakere now have twelve community groups working regularly on the stream, as well as four schools.
- **Henderson Valley - Corban Estate Arts Centre** is delivering this contract in association with Waitakere Pacific Arts & Cultural Trust to restore the Lower Opanuku Stream as far as Border Road. An impressive amount of work has been undertaken by local groups, schools, Community Corrections along with artists and workers from the Corban Estate Art Centre to restore the streamside areas of the Corban Estate. The stream in this area is now a great showcase for what communities can achieve. As well as engaging twelve groups to adopt areas on the Opanuku streamside, 2007 has seen the development of the Friends of Opanuku group. This is a group of local residents, passionate about their stream, who meet regularly for plantings, workshops and to support the coordinator and the project in various ways.
- A very successful, although small in numbers, planting day was organised for Council staff on the Opanuku stream. It is hoped there will be on-going involvement in the adoption by Council of the section of the stream adjacent to the Opanuku Reserve opposite Waitakere Central.
- **Glen Eden** - covering Waikumete and Bishop Streams. This community contract is being delivered by **EcoMatters Environment Trust** in partnership with Glen Eden Primary School. In the first year of this contract the focus has been on involving the schools in this area, several of whom have now formally adopted sites and others have participated in other ways. Nine community groups and local businesses are actively engaged in the stream restoration work including a whanau group of parents, pre-schoolers and home-schoolers, and the Glen Eden Picnic Site Group. A local community reference group has been formed to support and advise the coordinator and to participate in planning the implementation of the project in Glen Eden. Glen Eden has also now developed their own logo with the vision "Our streams, our dreams".

- **McLaren Park** – is being delivered by **McLaren Park Henderson South Community Initiative** and covers the lower Oratia stream. Their coordinator known locally as Green Jon has really made his mark in the last year with two highly successful planting days attracting between one and two hundred people each time. The local community has planted almost 9,000 plants in the first year of their contract. A community edible garden is being established beside the stream off Millbrook Road as a novel way of engaging the local community while educating about healthy eating, composting, worm farming, and general organic gardening methods. This is one of the many innovative ways that Project Twin Streams community coordinators use to get people down to the streams, enjoying the environment and the company of their neighbours.
- **Swanson** – In Swanson a local resident is contracted to engage Swanson residents in the restoration of Swanson Stream. All the public areas have now been planted and the challenge is now to restore the stream banks running alongside the Redwood Park Golf Club. A good relationship has been established over 2007 with the Golf Club and Swanson School continues to participate in a regular planting and maintenance programme.

This community development model is proving extremely successful in facilitating diverse and significant community engagement in Project Twin Streams. Project Twin Streams has reached a 'tipping point' where local communities are now actively committed and engaged in stream restoration activities and claiming the streams as the heart of their neighbourhoods.

### **Creative Processes**

Using creative methods to engage people's hearts and minds in reconnecting with their natural environment and healing the planet is proving to be an essential tool in the success of the stream restoration programme of Project Twin Streams. It also provides a tangible and fun way for people, particularly children to engage in activities to strengthen their connection to sense of place and the special significance of the Waitakere waterways as they flow from the Ranges to the sea.

#### Creative Highlights from 2007:

- Pupils at Henderson South School completed a beautiful mural depicting the children taking care of the Opanuku Stream.
- A fabulous ten metre long eel sculpture was unveiled in the Pasifika area at Corban Estate. The concrete sculpture has been covered in over 300 Maori and Pacific tiles which were designed and made by local groups – Liston College, Henderson High School, Mother of Divine Mercy Community Group, Beautiful Daughters (an alternative education school group for teenage girls) and the Pacific Mamas.
- Six tiled posts, made by pupils from Henderson High School have been placed alongside the Opanuku Stream to mark the school's adopted area of the stream. Each student painted their own tile to identify the area and to mark their relationship to the stream.
- In Glen Eden a Project Twin Streams Celebration Arts Performance 'Our Streams Our Dreams' with over 120 young performers from Kaurilands, Glen Eden, Konini Primary Schools and Kelston Girls College was a great success.
- Flanshaw Road Primary School put on a magical and inspiring musical production on what it means to be guardians for Henderson Creek. Every child in the school took part in the production.

## Walk and Cycleways

One of the key projects for 2007 was significant progress on the construction of the Project Twin Streams walk/cycleways. When completed, the six pathways, totalling fourteen kilometres will connect people with each other and their natural environment and include art tiles depicting local flora, fauna, cultural and iwi stories together with educational signs and a demonstration area for permeable paving.

Finding creative opportunities to connect people to their natural environment and the streams is key to Project Twin Streams. Including art in the walk/cycleways also is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of Waitakere and provide a sense of community ownership and an incentive for people to use them. Many of the art initiatives involve collaborations with key stakeholders in Project Twin Streams including Te Kawarau a Maki, Ngāti Whatua and the local schools and communities.

In 2004 an application was approved by Auckland Regional Holdings for \$5.2 million to construct walk and cycleways along the Opanuku, Oratia and Waikumete Streams. An additional subsidy of \$3.1 million from Land Transport New Zealand has also been approved.

### Update on Construction

- The Oratia segment from Parrs Cross Road to Millbrook Road complete and practical completion has been issued.
- The Lower Opanuku segment extending from Alderman Drive over the Great North Road intersection and through Corban Estate up to Border Road is completed.
- The Lower Waikumete segment from Seymour Road, through a purpose-built wetland to intersect with the Oratia section is complete apart from signage. Wetland completion has been delayed due to wet weather and is expected at the end of January 2008.
- The design for the Upper Opanuku segment from Border Road onto Henderson Valley Road is nearing completion. Construction is planned for October 2008.
- The design for the Upper Waikumete segment from Ceramco Park to Savoy Road is complete and is awaiting resource and building consent approvals before tendering for construction in January 2008.
- Construction has begun on the three bridges over the Oratia stream and completion is expected by the end of May 2008.
- Applications for funding for lighting the walk/cycleways has been made to LTNZ and the Energy Commission. If the applications are successful, the design for lighting will be completed by the end of June 2008 and construction planned for October 2008.

## Property Buy Outs

Following approvals from the Finance and Operational Performance Committee, Project Twin Streams commenced buying properties in the Serwayne Place, Millbrook Road area (2003), in Henderson Valley (2004) and Glen Eden (2005) for stormwater management and riparian margin development. To date settlement has been reached on 77 out of 90 properties with the remainder under negotiation.

Part purchases and easements are also progressing well for the Cycle and Walkways and resolutions are expected on all properties.

This property purchase process has been highly successful. This has meant that it has not been necessary for Council to resort to using the Public Works Act to acquire properties and be engaged in negative publicity.

### **Working with Private Properties**

To date the majority of stream restoration work has taken place on public land. Planning is now underway to begin working with private property owners whose properties border streams in the Project Twin Streams area for riparian planting to provide continuous planting along the stream banks. In order to secure access for maintenance down all the streams, this process will involve, where possible, Council securing long-term access to the plantings through either part purchase of a small strip of land on individual properties or through covenants. The process being designed builds on the success of the property buy-out process.

### **Relationship with Manawhenua & Iwi**

- There continues to be strong support from both Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua for Project Twin Streams:
- Both iwi have been involved in designing art works for the walk/cycleways representing their connection to the land.
- Discussions are underway with Ngati Whatua who is interested in demonstrating their restoration practices on one of the Project Twin Streams tributaries.
- A Pa Harakeke (native flax garden) site along the Opanuku Stream is currently being designed. The initial funding for this project was from Sustainable Communities and is being lead by Project Twin Streams Opanuku in consultation with Te Kawarau a Maki, UNITEC, Manaaki Whenua and local weavers.
- A manawhenua workshop was organised by the Project Twin Streams Community Contract Organisations for their local communities. This workshop was an outstanding success and was attended by over 50 people. Te Warena Taua gave a superb presentation on the history of Manawhenua in the Waitakere. Riki Bennett, a ranger with the ARC, led a walk around the cascades talking about Maori traditional uses of the forest. This was followed by a shared barbecue and picnic lunch in the park area. Feedback from the workshop has been extremely positive and it is hoped that it will become an Project Twin Streams annual event.

Both Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua have expressed their interest in being part of the discussions and planning on the future governance of Project Twin Streams.

### **Progressing Project Twin Streams Economic Goals**

There are a number of exciting opportunities arising from Project Twin Streams for local community economic development and skills training. One of the challenges in progressing community economic development opportunities is that, to date, this aspect of work has not been incorporated into national, regional and local strategic frameworks and therefore there is limited resources and skills to support this. Project Twin Streams will continue working towards maximising these opportunities.

Te Ūkaipō Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi (the contract holder for Project Twin Streams Ranui-Massey) are working with Unitec to develop appropriate unit standards so that youth at risk groups working regularly on stream restoration have the opportunity to develop skill recognition for their work.

A Sustainable Products and Services Steering Group led by Sustainable Business Network and comprising Council, Beacon Pathways and EcoMatters Trust, was established in 2006 with the goal of making sustainable goods and services mainstream for households and businesses in the Project Twin Streams Catchment. A database has been compiled of local suppliers of sustainable goods and services and an action plan produced providing recommendations for future actions. This work will be developed through alignment of work programmes of council's economic development programme and those of other external partners such as Beacon and Sustainable Business Network.

### **Visit to Project Twin Streams by the Minister for Climate Change**

Minister for Climate Change, the Honourable David Parker, visited Project Twin Streams in November. The visit started with a powhiri at Birdwood Road School followed by a streambank walk through the schools adopted area and also met with rangatahi (youth) from Te Piataata Trust. He then visited a local resident's house to witness the fitting of a local flow showerhead and cylinder rap by EcoMatters Trust as part of their energy and water retrofitting programme. The visit ended with the launch of the Project Twin Streams Sustainable Household-Sustainable Living Demonstration Programme (see below) at Ranui Action Project House. The Minister was impressed with the integrated approach of Project Twin Streams and stated the importance of healthy streams and waterways as being central to healthy and strong communities.

### **NEW DIRECTIONS FOR PROJECT TWIN STREAMS**

#### Governance and Strategic Management of Project Twin Streams

From 2012 the funding for the stream restoration from the Auckland Regional Holdings grant will have finished. The Project Twin Streams Community Organisations and others are committed to seeing the work of Project Twin Streams continue to grow and develop over the long term. It has always been an objective of the project to develop a governance structure and funding mechanisms to ensure this can happen. Work has begun on identifying a governance structure to take the project beyond 2012. Two core key steps to progressing this have been:

1. Developing a partnership with the ARC for collaborative governance of Project Twin Streams
2. Establishing a Cross-Council Steering Group for the internal Council strategic management of Project Twin Streams.

Over 2008 there will be consultation with manawhenua, community and other key stakeholders to progress this.

#### Partnership with the ARC for Governance of Project Twin Streams

In November a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between ARC and Council for the Project Twin Streams Sustainable Catchment. This partnership builds on the Sustainable Communities relationship established three years ago. The purpose of the Memorandum is to:

- Develop a shared understanding of what a sustainable catchment is and identify opportunities to enable this to be pursued;
- Develop a long term strategic plan, business plan and governance structure for Project Twin Streams including responsibilities of all parties;
- To explore and align existing resource for Project Twin Streams.

This partnership aims to support the sustainable development and management of the Project Twin Streams catchment using a collaborative governance model.

#### Council Strategic Management of Project Twin Streams

A Cross-Council Steering Group has also been established to provide strategic management and internal alignment of Project Twin Streams with work programmes from other areas of the council. Work is underway to identify key priorities for incorporation in the next Long Term Council Community Plan.

#### **Project Twin Streams Sustainable Household-Sustainable Living Demonstration Programme**

Changing people's behaviour to live more sustainably over the long-term has always been an overarching goal of Project Twin Streams. A key focus of Council is ensuring households adopt more sustainable living practices. The purpose of the Sustainable Household-Sustainable Living Demonstration Project will be to trial the Project Twin Streams community development model to assist Council in meeting its key sustainability objectives through working with households to identify and implement actions to live more sustainably. In particular it will aim towards significant reduction of water and energy usage, waste production and encourage people to use their cars less. If it is successful, learnings from the model could be expanded across the Project Twin Streams catchment and other areas of Waitakere.

The vision for the Sustainable Living Sustainable Household Demonstration Programme is "*Sustainable households driven by local communities who influence others to create a sustainable catchment*".

The project is being delivered in three Project Twin Streams communities - Glen Eden, Ranui and Swanson via the currently contracted Project Twin Streams community organisations and working in partnership with EcoMatters Environment Trust. In total 200 households will take part in the project from January – June 2008. Participating households will receive a free water and energy check and a water audit. Forty five eligible houses will also receive an energy retrofit.

It is envisaged that by working with local communities to develop the programme from the grassroots, creative ideas will evolve that will support households and neighbourhoods to leave a lighter footprint on the earth in ways that strengthen communities and bring better health benefits for families.

The demonstration project also has the support of the ARC and will build links with other key stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive programme is developed.

#### **RESOURCES**

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Project Twin Streams now has systems and processes in place to ensure the project is well placed to successfully achieve its contractual obligations with Auckland Regional Holdings by 2012. The ways of delivering this project through a community development model using creative processes to engage local communities is proving overwhelmingly successful. This has created a strong base to extend the project to working with individual households through the Sustainable Household-Sustainable Living Demonstration Project.

The project has also acted as a catalyst for engaging communities in wider issues of how to create a sustainable catchment through learning how to live more sustainably and integrated catchment management planning. With the partnership with the ARC being confirmed through a Memorandum of Understanding and a Strategic Cross Council Steering Group in place, Project Twin Streams has a wider support base to fulfil its potential.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Project Twin Streams Update report be received.

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## **13 PLACEMENT OF A MEMORIAL PLAQUE ON OLYMPIC PARK**

### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek a recommendation to the Infrastructure and Works Committee from the New Lynn Community Board surrounding the placement of a memorial plaque on Olympic Park.

### **BACKGROUND**

Olympic Park is a city wide park therefore jurisdiction for development on this park resides with the Infrastructure and Works Committee.

At the New Lynn Community Board meeting of 30 April 2007, the Chairman's report acknowledged the passing of Bill Buchanan, former New Lynn Community Board Member, Portage Licensing Trust member and supporter of the development of Olympic Park, who passed away in April 2007.

The New Lynn Community Board resolved:

*“That some form of recognition be given by Council and the New Lynn Community Board in acknowledgement of WD Buchanan's contributions to the New Lynn community.”*

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Olympic Park has been developed as a result of collaboration between a numbers of different organisations, working through the Olympic Park Trust.

In recognition of the work that has been undertaken by these organisations, including Bill Buchanan, the Olympic Park Trust has proposed to place a memorial plaque on Olympic Park.

### **STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

Council has adopted a platform of 'Strong Communities', which addresses the Council's commitment to encouraging a strong sense of belonging by creating ways for people to contribute to their communities, creating and supporting places where people can gather and facilitating ways to bring people together around practical projects.

The Draft Memorial on Parks Policy outlines the requirements and considerations for the placement of plaques on parks. The policy provides the following guidelines for the approval of plaques on parks:

They shall be approved in the following cases:

- In recognition of an important historical figure or important person associated with the area;
- In recognition of an organisation or community group involved in the development of the area;
- In recognition of someone who has come to a misadventure on the park;
- In recognition of a significant event. These events may include visits by Royalty, Heads of State and other dignitaries, commemoration of international, national and local events, anniversaries of community organisations and other events of a civic nature may be considered appropriate for formal recognition;
- In recognition of the opening or unveiling of the park or major facility on the park.

## ISSUES

### Inscription

The inscription on the proposed plaque will recognise the organisations that have worked together to achieve the development of Olympic Park. The inscription will also remember Bill Buchanan and his support and work towards the development.

### Location

The location of the plaque is yet to be decided.

## RESOURCES

The memorial plaque will be fully funded by the Olympic Park Trust.

## CONCLUSION

It is considered that the placement of a memorial plaque on Olympic Park is consistent with Council's commitment to encouraging a strong sense of community and with the requirements and considerations of the Draft Memorial on Parks Policy.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Placement of a Memorial Plaque on Olympic Park report be received.
2. That the New Lynn Community Board recommend to the Infrastructure and Works Committee to approve the placement of a memorial plaque on Olympic Park recognising the organisations that have worked together to develop Olympic Park and in memory of Bill Buchanan.

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