



**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD TO BE HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL, 6 HENDERSON VALLEY  
ROAD, HENDERSON, WAITAKERE, ON TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2009,  
COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

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**1 APOLOGIES**



**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, 2 December 2008

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

**Receive** the minutes of the meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, 2 December 2008, as circulated, and that they be taken as read and now be confirmed.



**3 URGENT BUSINESS**

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

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

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

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



**4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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



## 5 PRESENTATION - NEW ZEALAND POLICE

Provision has been made on this Agenda for a representative from the New Zealand Police to update the Community Board on matters in the Waitakere Ward.



## 6 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.



## 7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

**Receive** the Chairman's Report dated 3 February 2009.

### Report

1. Time to begin another year. It will be a vital one for the Waitakere Community Board. We are looking at the development of the first Local Area Plan (LAP) and of the new Long Term Council Community Plan that may have a profound effect on the next ten years. I say "may" because of course the other major decision that will be made this year will be the determination of the Commission on Local Government in Auckland and the government's response to it.
2. Before looking ahead however, I would like to look back and thank all those who supported us last year: Councillors, Council officers, Residents and Ratepayer Groups and all those who attended and submitted to our meetings and plans. December 2008 was busy mostly with social functions, highlighted by the dedication of the new Fatu Feu'u sculpture on the walkway. This is a very powerful expression of the importance of Pacific cultures in our City. I don't mind pointing out again that nearly all the City's Laureates, including Fatu, are based in the Waitakere Ward.

3. Along with our Councillors and Christine Shepherd, I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association on 25 January 2009. Piha is often at the forefront of meeting challenges that are likely to face the rest of the ward in the future. There is tension in the community over some issues so it was good to see a strong field of candidates standing for committee positions. It was a good reminder of the amount of work done by volunteers in our communities, not least by our Residents and Ratepayers groups. The meeting recognised the work of some stalwart volunteers. Yvonne Dufaur has led the library team for many years and they have created a fantastic library. The library now has its own website [www.pihacommunitylibrary.org.nz](http://www.pihacommunitylibrary.org.nz). Pat La Roche coordinates the Piha Coast Care Group with huge energy and the group has achieved some great results with practical projects in the area. Simon Brown, who has stood down from the committee, has worked tirelessly on water quality issues for Piha and the wider area and has supported me in my role as Chair of the Piha and Karekare Local Water Agenda Group. I would also like to thank Tony Dunn, who has been President of the Piha Residents and Ratepayers for three years who stood down at the Annual General Meeting. He has worked to try to resolve the challenges that have been faced and to keep people focused on issues not personalities.
4. In the year ahead the Council is facing difficult times. Council is planning to be fiscally prudent in the face of the pressures the people of the City are facing. With the rising costs the Council is facing it is going to make it a difficult year. The Council has a number of worthwhile projects underway and the danger for us is that the big projects will squeeze out the needs of our ward.
5. I do not ask for the big projects to be abandoned, just to be slowed down so that vital but less glamorous projects like footpaths to enable children to walk to school safely can be completed. When considering the Long Term Council Community Plan it is also time for Council to commit to a programme to complete the sealing of roads in the city. That a road like Te Ahuahu Road is unsealed is an indictment of a modern city. It is not just a matter of convenience. The road runs along a ridge line and as a consequence most of the houses are close to the road and the drinking water they collect from their roofs is significantly contaminated in summer. It is a no-exit road, but it is the access way to a major park entry point and receives a lot of traffic. It is not just difficult for children to walk safely to the end of the road to catch the school bus, but also to walk to visit friends. Is it appropriate in an eco city for parents to have to drive their children to play with neighbours a few doors down the road? This road is just one example. My own road has grass growing in the middle and is too narrow for two vehicles at most points, so that people frequently have to back into a driveway to let someone pass. It too provides access to the park but, risking the ire of my neighbours, I would be happy to see it at the bottom of the list for a programme of upgrading, but there must be a programme.
6. Above all else in 2009 I want to see an improvement in communication. Jack Burton continues to provide us with excellent service as a go-between with council officers and we are well looked after by the Democracy team. There are occasions however, when I am embarrassed to find out about significant activities or initiatives through calls from concerned or angry ratepayers. Often by the time Jack has dug out the real story, the problem is far less significant than it seemed and a good deal of time could have been saved if I had known what was going on in the first place. I know our staff are under pressure and work hard, but it is easy to send an email or make a quick call.
7. Finally to my fellow Board members, I would like to thank you for your commitment to serve the ratepayers of our ward last year and I look forward to working with you again this year.

KJP Witten-Hannah, JP  
**CHAIRMAN**



## 8 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

### WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS


OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Christine Shepherd
City Safety Action Group	Evan Taylor Linda Davies (alternate)
Huia/Cornwallis Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Linda Davies
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	Christine Shepherd Elizabeth Francke (alternate)
Piha/Karekare Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah
Waitakere Citizen Advice Bureau	Gayle Marshall Linda Davies
West Coast Plan Liaison Group	Elizabeth Francke
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Creative Communities Scheme Allocation Subcommittee	Linda Davies Kubi Witten-Hannah (alternate)
Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee	Christine Shepherd
Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee	Kubi Witten-Hannah Elizabeth Francke (alternate)
Street Events Subcommittee	Evan Taylor

## 9 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

**Receive** the Committee Secretary's Report for the Waitakere Community Board dated 3 February 2009.

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
1.	Swanson Cemetery Projects  Officer's Report	Swanson Gateway - a contract has now been awarded for the construction of the new gateway and will commence during late January to early February 2009.  Driveway upgrade - a contract has now been awarded for the driveway upgrade and work will commence in February 2009.	Helen Biffin  836 8000 Ext: 8758

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
	2. Titirangi War Memorial Car Park Upgrade  Officer's Report	<p>The northern part of the car park at the Titirangi War Memorial Reserve adjacent to the kindergarten is being upgraded in 2008/2009 as part of Council's ongoing car park renewal programme.</p> <p>The car park will be resealed, along with minor kerb and channel repairs and line marking.</p> <p>The project was publicly tendered as one contract with other reserve car park renewal projects in October 2008. Physical works for this site commenced in January 2009 and will be completed by February 2009.</p>	Andreas Lilley ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8553
A1-A2	3. Parking Stakeholder Consultation  Officer's Report	<p>Parking stakeholder consultation with developers, businesses and town centre residents was undertaken in November and December 2008. The Manager Transport Strategy's report to the Directors Group, summarising these discussions, is attached at pages A1 to A2.</p> <p>The closing time for submissions was extended from 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 10 December 2008 to noon on Wednesday, 24 December 2008.</p> <p>66 submissions were received by noon on Wednesday, 24 December 2008, including several from people not approached by Council officers during the consultation process. 19 submitters preferred to remain anonymous. A full report will be presented to the Policy and Strategy Committee at its meeting to be held on Thursday, 5 February 2009.</p>	Charlie Inggs ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8854

**COUNCIL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Report Name	Committee	Attachment Pages
Greater Auckland Regional Sporting Facilities Plan	Policy and Strategy Committee	Report and attachments will be circulated under separate cover as a Supplement.
Proposed Local Biodiversity Action Plan	Policy and Strategy Committee	Report and attachments will be circulated under separate cover as a Supplement.
Ark In The Park Land Lease 29 Falls Rd, Te Henga	Finance and Operational Performance	Report and attachments will be circulated under separate cover as a Supplement.

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

Report prepared by: Judith Moore, Committee Secretary.

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10 **PROPOSED LOCAL AREA PLANS - UPDATES**

The Strategic Advisor - Waitakere Ranges will give a 20-minute update on the Proposed Local Area Plans - Updates.

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11 **VICTORY ROAD / LOOKOUT DRIVE, LAINGHOLM - NEW NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek the Waitakere Community Board's approval for a new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction at the intersection of Victory Road and Lookout Drive, Laingholm.

Council officers consulted with adjacent residents during January 2009.

Two options have been identified; to install the No Stopping At All times parking restriction or to have the area remain unrestricted.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Victory Road / Lookout Drive, Laingholm - New No Stopping At All Times Parking Restrictions report.
2. **Approve** that in relation to **VICTORY ROAD, LAINGHOLM:**
  - (a) and 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 now be resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
    - (i) on the south kerb line of **VICTORY ROAD**, from the east kerb line of Lookout Drive and extending east for a distance of approximately 35 metres the **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** parking restriction be put in place.

- (ii) on the east kerb line of **LOOKOUT DRIVE**, from the south kerb line of Victory Road and extending south for a distance of approximately 18 metres the **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** parking restriction be put in place.
3. **Agree** that the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of the 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.

## BACKGROUND

1. A request for a No Stopping At All Times parking restriction was received from Laingholm Primary School, Co-ordinator of the Walking School Bus, who indicated that vehicles park at the intersection of Victory Road and Lookout Drive during school drop-off and pick-up times. These parked vehicles can restrict sight lines for school children wishing to cross Lookout Drive at its intersection with Victory Road.

## DECISION MAKING

### Issues

2. Victory Road and Lookout Drive are designated as collector and local roads respectively.
- A3 3. The location of the proposed change is indicated on the diagram attached at page A3.

### Options Identified

4. Two options have been identified; to put in a No Stopping At All Times parking restriction or to have the area remain unrestricted.

### Consideration of Community Views

5. Council officers consulted with adjacent residents during January 2009 and any adverse feedback will be reported at the Waitakere Community Board meeting.

### Preferred Option

6. The new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction is recommended to allow for unimpeded sightlines for pedestrians wishing to cross Lookout Drive.
7. The preferred option is to put in the No Stopping At All Times parking restriction to improve traffic safety.

## STRATEGIC CONTEXT

8. 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.
9. 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.

## CONSULTATION

10. Consultation with internal staff, external agencies and Maori, was not required for this report.

## RESOURCES

11. The new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction can be implemented under the Annual Plan 2008/2009 maintenance budgets.

## IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

12. There are no implementation issues.

**Report prepared by:** Jane Harris, Transport Technician.



## 12 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS UPDATE

### GLOSSARY

Auckland Regional Council	(ARC)
New Zealand Transport Agency	(NZTA)
Project Twin Streams	(PTS)
Waitakere City Council	(WCC)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Waitakere Community Board with an update of Project Twin Streams (PTS) outcomes from February 2008 to December 2008.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

**Receive** the Project Twin Streams Update report.

### BACKGROUND

1. PTS is an innovative multi-faceted project that focuses on achieving long-term sustainable integrated management of the Henderson Creek and Huruuru 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 PTS catchment has a population of 103,000 people and covers 10,000 hectares.
2. Infrastructure Auckland (now Auckland Regional Holdings) provided grant funding of \$40 million over a 10 year period from 2003-2012 for stream restoration work on the Opanuku, Oratia, Waikumete, Pixie, Swanson and Paremuka Streams, as well as the Henderson Creek. 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 10 kilometres of new cycle and walkways alongside 3 of the streams in the PTS catchment.
3. The purpose or kaupapa for PTS is: *Working together for healthy streams and strong communities: creating a sustainable future.*

4. The point of difference of PTS 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 are more knowledgeable for engaging local people.
  - Each community has its own diverse characteristics.
  - Creative learning methods that engage with people's hearts and minds are more effective in creating meaningful and long-term behaviour change.
  - 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.
5. Sustainable Communities programme has had a significant role in supporting and resourcing the quadruple bottom line aspects of PTS.

## DECISION MAKING

### Planting and Maintenance Programme

6. PTS is showing evidence of extensive planting of eco sourced native plants forming riparian corridors which form the backbone of the Green Network and links the Waitakere Ranges to the Waitemata Harbour.

#### Highlights and Progress from Last Update - February 2008 to December 2008

Description	2008	Cumulative Progress to Date
Number of plants planted:		382,421
Community	77,988	
Contractors	20,963	
Number of Community Groups	6	6
Number of Volunteers (individuals)	4,460	14,726
Number of Groups	65	154

Community Contract Organisation	Catchment/ Stream	Total Number of Community Groups
Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangitahi	Swanson	12
Community Waitakere	Henderson	11
Corban Estate Arts Centre	Opanuku	13
Ecomatters Environment Trust	Waikumete	9
McLaren Park Henderson South Community Initiative	Oratia	19
Rutherford College	Pixie	1

### Community Contracts and Community Engagement

7. A key goal of PTS 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 PTS in their communities. This means that local organisations with local knowledge are the driving force of the project.

8. 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 Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangitahi** in association with the Ranui Action Project and covers the Swanson Stream from Birdwood Road to Huruhuru Creek. This is the first PTS community contract and has now achieved 100 percent adoption of public areas along the stream banks by ten local groups including 3 schools – this includes taking responsibility for site preparation, planting and maintenance. A focus for Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangitahi has been successfully engaging a number of youth at risk groups in stream restoration activities. Te Piataata Trust, a group who work with at-risk youth recently won a Green Ribbon Award for their dedicated work on PTS. This achievement was recognised by a celebration mayoral tea held in the Council Chambers. Community groups planted 22,706 plants during 2008.
  - Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangitahi (the contract holder for PTS 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.
  - **Henderson - Community Waitakere** are actively engaging residents and groups in the Henderson area to restore Henderson Creek. Community Waitakere now have 11 community groups working regularly on the stream, including two schools. They play a leading role in facilitating and developing a partnership arrangement between community contract organisations and Council. Community groups planted 12,344 plants during 2008.
  - **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. The stream in this area is now a great showcase for what communities can achieve, engaging 13 groups to adopt areas on the Opanuku streamside, and the development of the Friends of Opanuku group. This is a volunteer group consisting of local residents who meet regularly for plantings, maintenance work, workshops and to support the coordinator and the project in various ways. Community groups planted 11,280 plants during 2008.
  - **Glen Eden** - covering Waikumete Stream. This community contract is being delivered by **EcoMatters Environment Trust** in partnership with Glen Eden Primary School. 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. 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. Community groups planted 16,081 plants during 2008.
  - **McLaren Park** - is being delivered by **McLaren Park Henderson South Community Initiative** and covers the lower Oratia Stream. The local community planted 14,702 plants in 2008. A community edible garden was 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 PTS community coordinators use to get people down to the streams, enjoying the environment and the company of their neighbours.
  - **Swanson** - In 2007, a local resident from Swanson was contracted to engage residents in the restoration of Swanson Stream. This approach realised a number of immediate benefits such as all the public areas being planted and the Redwood Park Golf Club. A good relationship has been established over 2007 with the Redwood Park Golf Club and Swanson School continues to participate in a regular planting and maintenance programme. Community groups planted 875 plants during 2008.

9. This community development model is proving extremely successful in facilitating diverse and significant community engagement in PTS. PTS has reached the point where local communities are committed to active participation and engagement in stream restoration activities and making streams the heart of their local neighbourhoods.

### Creative Processes

10. Using creative learning 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 PTS. 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.

Participants	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Primary Schools	3	7	8
After School Groups (Primary to Intermediate)	2		
Intermediate Schools		1	2
High Schools		3	4
Primary to High School			1
Adult Groups	2	4	4
Social Teen Group	1		2
Alternative Education Teen Groups	1		2
Scout Group	1		
Dance School Group		1	
Pre School		1	1
Social Teen Groups			2

11. The table above clearly indicates that the creative engagement programme is gaining momentum, for example there are now 8 primary schools in 2007/2008 compared to 3 in 2005/2006.
12. The Kids 4 Drama School of Performing Arts visited 30 primary and intermediate schools in the PTS area during April 2008 with their latest production "Kimi and Kane: The Stream Protectors". This production built on the storyline from the very successful previous year's tour and provided an opportunity to emphasise some of PTS's key messages around ensuring storm water drains only drain rain, and the importance of not littering. The script had input from the PTS team at council and community level.
13. Kids 4 Drama provided the teachers of each class attending the show with a teacher's resource sheet giving suggestions for questions and exercises using the New Zealand School Arts Curriculum that reinforced the learning from the production. They also held a competition for children to send a letter to Kimi and Kane telling them what they learned from the performance and how they were going to play their part in protecting our streams in the future. There was a great response to this with several hundred entries received. Prizes included individual drama lessons and a whole class drama workshop with the Kids 4 Drama team.
14. Capturing the imagination of children through drama productions of this kind is proving to be an effective way to raise awareness of environmental issues and educate children about how they can all play a part in helping to heal our streams now as well as protect them into the future.

### Walk and Cycleways

15. 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 \$3.4 million from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has also been approved.
16. Finding creative opportunities to connect people to their natural environment and the streams is key to PTS. 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 PTS including Te Kawarau a Maki, Ngāti Whatua and the local schools and communities.
17. One of the key projects for 2008 was significant progress on the construction of the PTS walk/cycleways. When completed, the 6 pathways, totalling 10 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.

### Update on Construction

18. Outlined below is progress on construction to date:
  - The Oratia segment from Parrs Cross Road to Millbrook Road is complete and a final completion certificate has been issued.
  - The Lower Opanuku segment extending from Great North Road through Corban Estate to Border Road is complete and a practical completion certificate has been issued.
  - The Lower Waikumete segment from Seymour Road through a purpose-built wetland to intersect with the Oratia segment is complete.
  - Construction of the 3 bridges over the Oratia and Opanuku streams is complete and a practical completion certificate has been issued.
  - The Millbrook Road segment extending from the Oratia segment to the Pioneer Street footbridge on Vitasovich Avenue is complete. This also includes the link from Great North Road to the cycleway behind Pak'n Save on Alderman Drive.
  - The design for the Upper Waikumete segment from Ceramco Park to Savoy Road is complete. Resource and building consents have been approved. The construction contract has been tendered and the tenders are being evaluated. Construction will commence in January 2009.
  - The design for the Upper Opanuku segment from Border Road to Henderson Valley Road is complete. Auckland Regional Council (ARC) resource consent and Waitakere City Council (WCC) building consent have been approved. The construction contract will be tendered once the WCC resource consent has been approved. Construction will commence in February 2009.
  - Applications for funding for lighting the walk/cycleways were made to NZTA and the Energy Commission. The application to the NZTA for an additional \$1.2 million was successful. If the application to the Energy Commission is successful, a contract for the design and construction of the lighting will be let in January 2009.

### Property Purchases and Covenants

19. To date, 78 properties have been purchased for stormwater management and riparian margin development.

20. Part property purchases and 95 covenants over private properties are progressing well for the extension of the riparian margins. It is anticipated that this process will be completed by the end of June 2009.

#### **Relationship with Manawhenua and Iwi**

21. There continues to be strong support from both Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua for PTS:
- There is ongoing consultation and relationship between PTS and local iwi.
  - Both iwi were involved in designing art works for the walk/cycleways representing their connection to the land.
  - A contract was concluded with Ngati Whatua for the riparian margin restoration on one of the PTS tributaries utilising traditional (cultural) restoration methods.
  - 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 PTS Opanuku in consultation with Te Kawerau a Maki, UNITEC, Manaaki Whenua and local weavers.

#### **Future Works for Project Twin Streams**

22. These milestones are as follows:
- There are two planting seasons left;
  - Extending the restoration work to other urban streams and upper reaches of Opanuku, Oratia and Swanson Streams; and
  - Discussion and consultation with community groups to undertake riparian restoration work beyond 2012.
23. The partnering relationship being developed between WCC, PTS team and PTS community contract organisations will be further developed through the planning of a PTS Sustainable Catchment Governance Structure for long term governance of all PTS programmes (including the stream restoration programme). This will include representation of WCC, ARC, PTS community contract organisations, community, iwi/māori, business and central government. As an interim step, the ARC-WCC PTS Steering Group is considering inviting iwi and community representatives to join the steering group whilst the longer term governance is being developed. The governance structure will be in place by the end of June 2009.

#### **STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

24. PTS has been identified as one of Council's catalytic projects and is contributing to the implementation of the vision of Waitakere as an eco city through all Council's strategic objectives and platforms and its contribution to Community Outcomes – Green Network, Strong Communities, Sustainable Environment, Strong Economies, Waiora (Environmental Projection, Whaiora (Participation in society). The Community Outcome priorities strongly identify PTS as a project for enabling the achievement of a number of community outcome priorities.
25. In particular PTS 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; and
  - Three Waters - stream restoration and resolving stormwater management issues.
26. PTS also demonstrates the integration of Council's Quadruple Bottom Line approach in programme development and implementation as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

### CONSULTATION

27. There is no consultation required for this report.

### RESOURCES

28. There are no resource implications arising from this report.

### IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

29. PTS 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.
30. 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, PTS has a wider support base to fulfil its potential.

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## 13 KEEP WAITAKERE BEAUTIFUL TRUST 2009 'TREES FOR BABIES' PLANTING PROGRAMME

### GLOSSARY

Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust	(KWBT)
Trees for Babies	(TFB)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to secure approval of a park for this year's annual Trees for Babies (TFB) community planting day in the Waitakere Ward, and to request the nomination of a representative from the Community Board to speak on the day.

The park option recommended for TFB for 2009 has been selected based on their suitability for a TFB event following consultation with the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust (KWBT) Board and Council staff.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust 2009 'Trees for Babies' Planting Programme report.
2. **Approve** that Huia Domain be accepted as the confirmed venue for the 2009 'Trees for Babies' event in the Waitakere Ward.
3. **Approve** that if Huia Domain raises significant issues with the local community, that Armour Bay Reserve be confirmed as the alternate site for the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust 2009 'Trees for Babies' Planting Programme.
4. **Approve** that a representative from the Waitakere Community Board be nominated to speak at the 2009 'Trees for Babies' event.

## **BACKGROUND**

1. TFB is an annual community event to celebrate babies born in Waitakere. Trees have been planted by the community in one reserve in each of the four wards as part of a KWBT, Plunket and Council project for the past 14 years. This is a popular community event with approximately 100 trees planted in each reserve each year.
2. Park sites for the TFB event are assessed according to the following range of issues:
  - The parks suitability to accommodate a large area of planting.
  - Proximity to a school, kindergarten or playground.
  - Good access to the park.
  - Amenity of the site, (ie. is it a nice park to be in)?
  - Level of use and visibility to the community.

## **DECISION MAKING**

### **Issues**

3. The TFB event for the Waitakere Ward will take place on Saturday, 16 May 2009 from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The event will be community focused with family orientated activities and guest speakers. A Community Board Member is requested to speak at the event.
4. A Community Board representative on the KWBT Board and/or the KWBT Programme Manager will be present at the Community Board meeting to answer any questions there may be regarding the event.

### **Options Identified**

5. Waitakere Community Board requested consideration of Huia Domain, Upland Glade, Owens Green and Armour Bay Reserve for the 2009 TFB.

### **Assessment of Options**

6. Following site visits to the parks, the following assessments of the shortlisted sites provides details which have determined the proposed preferred option.

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
Huia Domain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good road frontage</li> <li>• Toilets, shower and bbq facilities</li> <li>• Playground</li> <li>• Will create shelter and shade</li> <li>• City wide park</li> <li>• Well used</li> </ul>	NIL
Armour Bay Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well used area</li> <li>• Parking</li> <li>• Toilets, shower and bbq facilities</li> <li>• Tennis courts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remote</li> <li>• No road frontage</li> <li>• Will reduce open space area</li> </ul>
Upland Glade	NIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park is too small</li> <li>• No suitable site for TFB planting</li> </ul>
Owens Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindergarten</li> <li>• Good parking and access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very wet site</li> <li>• Previous TFB plantings did not survive well</li> <li>• Views need to be protected</li> <li>• Most land is leased to pony club</li> </ul>

7. Based on the above evaluation, Huia Domain is considered the preferred option with Armour Bay Reserve as the alternate.

### Consideration of Community Views

8. There has been continued community support for the TFB annual planting programme, as highlighted through the numbers of residents taking part in the event each year and taking an active ongoing interest in the progress of their trees. There continues to be a demand from the community for TFB opportunities with Waitakere.
9. TFB is now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, evidence of both the popularity of this event, and the ongoing long term partnership between the KWBT and Council. The following table summarises the popularity of the event over the past five years.

Year	No. of Trees Planted	No of Registered Attendees
2004	400	900
2005	400	930
2006	435	1335
2007	400	1310
2008	435	996

### Preferred Option

10. The preferred option for the Waitakere Ward 2009 TFB is Huia Domain.

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

11. TFB is an active reflection of the Strong Communities platform, as well as the Green Network platform, within the Long Term Council Community Plan. TFB exists because both parties recognise the long-term value in establishing community ownership, and participation in community-based environmental initiatives. TFB also adds to the Green Network, providing habitat and "highways" for wildlife and enhanced recreational areas for people.

## CONSULTATION

12. Community Boards were asked to submit possible sites for the 2009 TFB. From the list of sites gathered and from other options put forward by Council staff and the KWBT Board, a shortlist of suitable sites was selected.
13. Consultation with the local community adjacent to the proposed TFB sites has yet to occur. It is proposed that this consultation will occur after the preferred site is chosen.
14. Community Boards have previously commented that they would like more details on the proposed planting sites and the impact on the chosen reserve. As such, parks are assisting KWBT by now producing planting plans for all the preferred TFB sites for use in consultation with the Community Board and local residents and to ensure implementation of the planting in the best location within the reserve and with the most appropriate mix of tree species.
15. A detailed planting plan showing the TFB site within the nominated park will be presented at this meeting. This planting plan will provide the details to undertake consultation with the local community to ensure there are no issues with the proposed planting location from a community perspective.
16. Past community consultation on possible sites has only rarely resulted in objection from the community. The planting plan will allow for amendments to be made based on community consultation that should address most of the issues related to tree size, location, and shading that have in the past been the key issues with the proposed TFB planting sites.
17. If any objection to the proposed site becomes evident during this consultation process, then it is proposed that the second highest rated option is then progressed for the TFB planting programme for 2009 as an alternate.

## RESOURCES

18. Funding for TFB has been approved through the Annual Plan 2008/2009 (\$20,500) and is one of the key programmes funded by Council through the KWBT.

## IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

19. All the implementation of the TFB planting programme is undertaken by KWBT. Planting is carried out according to the Council's Code of Practice specifications and is supervised by suitably qualified experts.
20. As has been put in place in previous years, an underplanting of low shrubs will be put in place to minimise maintenance and weed invasion issues with the TFB site.
21. Once the TFB site has been planted and the asset information passed on to parks from KWBT, the maintenance of that planting is then carried out by Council's parks section through a landscape maintenance contract.

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