

NOTICE OF MEETING

INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS COMMITTEE

I hereby give notice that a Meeting of the Infrastructure and Works Committee will be held on:-

DATE: **Wednesday, 30 January 2008** **TIME:** **9.30 am**

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

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



23 January 2008

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TO BE HELD AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL, 6 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD,
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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, 4 December 2007

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Infrastructure and Works Committee held on Tuesday, 4 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 Committee 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 Committee 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 **CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE - CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION**

GLOSSARY

Civil Defence Emergency Operations Centre (CDEOC)
Skyward Construction Ltd (SCL)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary report to the Infrastructure and Works Committee on the completion of the Civil Defence Emergency Operations Centre (CDEOC) Upgrade project.

BACKGROUND

The CDEOC was last reported to Projects Special Committee on 5 September 2007.

CONSTRUCTION STATUS

All specified works have now been completed satisfactorily and the new facility is fully operational.

Since the completion of the construction phase, three design issues were identified. In summary these are:

- Bird-proofing measures are required to the first floor sliding shutters;
- Surface cracks in garage floor slab (the slab was laid to specification and this is not considered to be a construction defect);
- High Ph levels in the potable water supply from the underground storage tank.

In addition to these issues a desire has been expressed to revisit the installation of an automated gate closer mechanism. The automated gate closer mechanism was omitted from the construction contract due to budgetary constraints.

Apart from the high Ph levels in the potable water supply, the above mentioned additional works are deemed not essential to the operation of the facility but are desirable in terms of its long term future. The reasons for this are discussed in the project risks section of this report.

TIMELINE STATUS

Practical completion was achieved on 30 August 2007 and a code compliance certificate was issued on 6 September 2007.

The original contract completion date of 3 August 2007 was extended by nineteen working days due to two design issues that required a variation to items of work on the critical path of the construction programme.

Despite the extension of time, the official opening ceremony was still held on the original scheduled date of 25 September 2007.

A summary of the project timeline is given in Table 1 below.

TIMELINE STATUS			
Key contract dates / times	As at contract award October 2006	Change	As at December 2007
Acceptance of Tender	20 October 2006	-	20 October 2006
Contract Commencement	2 November 2006	-	2 November 2006
Contract Period	190 working days	19	209 working days
Due Date for Completion (Practical Completion)	3 August 2007	19	30 August 2007
Fit Out and Commissioning (15 working days)	24 August 2007	15	14 September 2007
Blessing Ceremony			17 September 2007
Official Opening Ceremony			25 September 2007

Table 1 - Timeline Status

FINANCIAL STATUS

A final total contract sum has been agreed with the main contractor and the latest cost report shows that the project is forecast to complete within the overall project budget. Minor professional fees were the only outstanding commitments at the time of writing this report and therefore this forecast is not expected to change.

A summarised financial status for the construction project is provided in Table 2 below.

FINANCIAL STATUS			
Project Costs	As at contract award October 2006	Change	As at December 2007
Tender Award Value (excl. contingency)	\$1,708,325		\$1,708,325
Contract Variations	-	\$190,925	\$190,925
Contingency Sum	\$140,000		
Furniture, Fit Out and Equipment	\$300,000	(-\$13,021)	\$286,979
Professional Fees and Consents Costs	\$349,570	(-\$19,667)	\$329,903
Project Contingency	\$13,237		
Official Opening Ceremony	-	\$4,786	\$4,786
Additional funding from Ecowater for specialist Fit Out	-	(-\$4,960)	(-\$4,960)
Additional funding from Civil Defence EOC Capital Purchase Budget for Furniture Purchase	-	(-\$4,826)	(-\$4,826)
Total Construction Cost (incl. contingency)	\$2,511,132		\$ 2,511,132

Table 2 - Financial Status

The overall approved budget allocation for this project is \$2,561,000. Based on the final cost report figures a sum of \$49,868 is therefore available as a contingency outside the construction costs to address the identified design issues and gate closer mechanism.

A summary of the estimated costs of these additional works is provided in Table 3 below.

Item Description	Estimated Cost (excluding GST)
Installation of liner to the potable water storage tank	\$9,000
Installation of bird-proofing measures to the first floor sliding shutters	\$2,900
Remedy surface cracks in garage floor slab	\$1,248
Installation of an automatic closer mechanism to the vehicular access gate	\$14,656
Total	\$27,804

Table 3 - Estimated Cost of Additional Works

PROJECT RISKS

Risks to the project concern the implementation of the additional work items. These are discussed individually below.

Installation of Liner to the Potable Water Storage Tank

The brief called for the installation of a potable water storage tank capable of holding three days water supply in the event of a disruption to the mains supply. The system designed for the CDEOC involves the mains supply feeding the storage tank and then the supply is pumped into the building. The design specified a concrete storage tank due to the underground installation. Since the completion of the project it has been discovered that the mains water supply has a high Ph level and this is being raised even further when the water comes into contact with the inner surface of the concrete tank. The proposed solution is to line the inside of the tank with a suitable material so that the water does not come into contact with the surface of the concrete tank. This issue does pose a risk to the operation of the CDEOC in an emergency situation as it involves a disruption to the mains supply and therefore is it desirable to carry out this work as soon as possible.

Installation of Bird Proofing Measures to the First Floor Sliding Shutters

Since the handover of the CDEOC it has been noted that a number of sparrows have taken to nesting behind the vertical shutters of the first floor windows. This was an unexpected event and staff have made efforts to remove the nests but the birds are being persistent in their nest building activities. Measures to close up the gaps in the shutters have been costed and it would appear that this is the most suitable solution to the problem of the mess created by the nesting birds. This situation does not pose a risk to the operation of the CDEOC but does impact upon the external appearance of the building which is undesirable.

Remedy Surface Cracks in Garage Floor Slab

During a defects inspection prior to practical completion it was noted that there were a number of cracks in the surface of the garage floor slab. The matter was investigated by the Structural Engineer who advised that the cracks were cosmetic and did not pose any structural issues. Further investigation revealed that the slab had been laid in accordance with the contract specification. As a result of this the Engineer to Contract has advised that the rectification of the cracks is not a defect that can be claimed against the Contractor. Based on the advice from the Structural Engineer the cracks do not pose a risk to the project but are an undesirable blemish to the finish of the garage floor.

Installation of an Automatic Closer Mechanism to the Vehicular Access Gate

The provision of an automatic closer mechanism to the front vehicular access gate was not part of the original design brief but was later identified as a desirable item by the CDEOC staff. A price was obtained from the Contractor for installing the automatic gate and intercom extension as well as a price for installing the ducting to install the mechanism at a later date. It was decided by the Project Control Group to proceed with the installation of the duct only and wait until a final account had been agreed with the Contractor so that it could be determined what funds were available to carry out the work. The lack of an automatic gate closing mechanism at the CDEOC does not pose a significant risk however its inclusion would enhance the operation and security of the premises by discouraging members of the public entering the site without invitation.

QUALITY

Quality audits were undertaken at regular intervals during the course of construction and it was found that Skyward Construction Ltd (SCL) maintained a high standard of workmanship throughout the course of construction. SCL were proactive in their approach to identifying issues and quick to remedy any defective work during construction. Defects at practical completion were numerous but of a relatively minor nature and with the exception of the water storage tank did not impact upon the operation of the CDEOC.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

SCL demonstrated a strong commitment to health and safety during construction. A fortnightly report was produced by SCL throughout the construction period and all recorded incidents were of a minor nature.

CONCLUSION

The project has been completed to the required specification and within the approved budget allocation and timeframe and the CDEOC is now fully operational. Based on the figures provided in the final cost report a sum of \$49,868 remains within the overall approved budget allocation.

The overall performance of the Contractor has been good and the building has been finished to a high standard.

A number of additional items of work have been identified prior and since the completion of the project. One of these items of work potentially impacts on the potable water supply in the event of an emergency situation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Civil Defence Emergency Operations Centre - Construction Completion report be received.
2. That a portion of funds remaining within the approved Civil Defence Emergency Operations Centre budget allocation be used to undertake the additional work items identified since the completion of the project as follows:

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Total	\$27,804

Report prepared by: Steve Burris, Senior Engineer, Special Projects.



6 THE WAITAKERE STADIUM GRANDSTAND - CONSTRUCTION STATUS DECEMBER 2007 - JANUARY 2008

GLOSSARY

Waitakere City Stadium Trust	(The Trust)
Canam Construction Limited	(CCL)
Certificate of Public Use	(CPU)
Code Compliance Certificate	(CCC)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update to the Infrastructure and Works Committee on the status of the Waitakere Stadium Grandstand construction project.

BACKGROUND

The status of the Waitakere Stadium Grandstand project was last reported to the Infrastructure and Works Committee on Wednesday, 4 December 2007. The period for this report covers December 2007 to January 2008.

DESIGN

The design of the floodlighting system has been completed and construction of this part of the project has been put on hold until sufficient funds have been secured by the Waitakere City Stadium Trust (the Trust).

During the preliminary building consent inspection it was noted that ventilation to the basement changing rooms had been omitted from the grandstand design. This design omission will affect the granting of a Code Compliance Certificate (CCC). A design solution has been produced and an instruction has been issued to Canam Construction Limited (CCL) to undertake the work as soon as possible.

CONSENT ISSUES

A resource consent application for the construction of the floodlighting system was submitted to Council on 21 December 2007. The application is to be processed on a publicly notified basis and a final decision is expected in March/April 2008.

At the time of writing this report a building consent amendment application that was submitted to Council in August 2007 had not yet been processed. A CCC cannot be issued until the application has been approved. In light of this and the omitted changing room ventilation it has been decided by CCL to apply for a Certificate of Public Use (CPU) at the scheduled final inspection on 15 January 2008.

CCL have confirmed that the design issues affecting the granting of a CCC that were reported to Committee on 4 December 2007 will be dealt with by 15 January 2008.

CONSTRUCTION STATUS

In the period since the last report to this Committee, CCL were granted a four day extension of time in order to deal with the completion of works to the plaza area and toilets which had been delayed by a combination of design changes and adverse weather. Practical completion was granted to CCL on 20 December 2007 subject to the rectification of minor defects and the completion of minor items of work.

At the time of writing this report the following items of work were being dealt with:

- Installation of emergency lighting in three locations;
- Installation of fire proofing between basement and upper floor;
- Installation of basement changing room ventilation;
- Installation of wheel stops to access road retaining walls;
- Re-grading and grassing of spoil heap;
- Completion of southern plaza security gate and fence;
- Installation of handrail to northern plaza fence;
- Completion of security camera installation;
- Making good minor defects to plaza concrete;
- Application of anti-graffiti coating to plaza seats;
- Formation of planting bed at southern end of plaza;
- Making good minor painting defects;
- Making good minor roofing defects.

CCL recommenced site operations on Monday, 7 January 2008 and have committed all their available resources to completing the outstanding works and rectification of defects. Priority has been given to works affecting building code compliance and CCL are confident that, with the exception of the changing room ventilation all outstanding compliance works will be completed before Tuesday, 15 January 2008.

FIT OUT/SOFT LANDSCAPE STATUS

Spectator Seating

The installation of the seating is complete but a number of minor defects have been noted. Delivery of the spare parts was made prior to Christmas 2007 but due to the holiday period it was not possible to give the seating contractor access to make good the outstanding defects. At the time of writing this report a new date for the completion of the defects is yet to be agreed.

Loose furniture and equipment

A summary schedule of loose furniture and equipment has been produced and divided into essential and desirable items (see table 2, Financial Status). The purchase of all essential items has been arranged.

Soft Landscape Works

With the exception of an area of flax planting at the southern end of the plaza all scheduled soft landscaping has been completed. The completion of the flax planting at the southern end of the plaza will be undertaken when CCL complete the formation of the planting beds.

Public Address System

The installation of the public address system has been completed and commissioned.

Security System

With the exception of one security camera in the plaza area the security system installation has been completed and the system is operational.

Mechanical Services

The mechanical services installation is complete and the system has been commissioned.

Kitchen Equipment Fit Out

The contract for the supply and installation of loose equipment is progressing to programme and at the time of writing this report is expected to be completed by 15 January 2008.

Telephone/Data System Fit Out

The contract to install the grandstand telephone and data system has been completed and a certificate of completion was issued on Friday, 18 December 2007.

Signage

The contract to supply and fit the grandstand signage has been completed and a certificate of practical completion was issued on Friday, 18 December 2007.

TIMELINE STATUS

In the period since the last report to committee a four day extension of time and a certificate of practical completion have been issued to CCL. At the time of writing this report a number of outstanding items of work affecting the issuing of CPU were yet to be completed. CCL have undertaken to deal with these issues and obtain a CPU in time for the first scheduled event at the grandstand on Sunday, 20 January 2008. A summarised timeline status for the project is provided in Table 1 below.

TIMELINE STATUS			
Key contract dates / times	As at Contract Award January 2007	Change	As at December 2007/ January 2008
Contract Commencement	19 January 2007	-	19 January 2007
Contract Period	225 working days	4	229 working days
Extension of Time (at tendered daily rate cost)	-		
Extension of Time (at no cost)	-	4	
Due Date for Completion (Practical Completion)	14 December 2007	4	20 December 2007
Fit Out and Commissioning	11 January 2008	4	15 January 2008
Building Code Compliance Final Inspection	-		15 January 2008
SCHEDULED EVENTS			
Trans Tasmin Athletics Event	-		20 January 2008
International Association of Athletics Federations Event	-		19 February 2008

Table1 - Timeline Status

FINANCIAL STATUS

According to the latest financial report dated 30 November 2007 the projected final cost of CCL's contract shows a saving on the original contract award sum. Construction contract variations to CCL's contract show a saving of \$50,623 as a result of ongoing value engineering.

A summarised financial status for the project is provided in Table 2 below.

FINANCIAL STATUS				
Project Costs	Approved Budget January 2007	Change	As at December 2007- January 2008	Estimated Costs Yet To Be Funded
Construction Contract Award Value (excl. contingency)	\$7,104,087		\$7,104,087	
Construction Contract Variations (incl. value engineered savings)	-	(\$50,623)	(\$50,623)	
Soft Landscape Contract Award Value (excl. contingency)	\$115,000	(\$41,366)	\$73,634	
Stadium Seating Contract Award Value (excl. contingency)	\$270,000	(\$10,481)	\$259,519	
Loose Kitchen Equipment Contract (excl. contingency)		\$53,076	\$53,076	
Data and Telecom Installation Contract (excl. contingency)		\$11,528	\$11,528	
Stadium Signage (excl. contingency)		\$14,445	\$14,445	
Professional Fees and Disbursements	\$1,305,000	\$6,547	\$1,311,547	
Contingency Sum	\$535,864	⁽⁻ \$335,864	\$200,000	
Sub Total	\$9,329,951	\$352,738 ⁽⁻	\$8,977,213	
Floodlights (contract yet to be awarded)	\$700,000	\$155,098	\$855,098	\$155,098
Sub Total (estimated)	\$10,029,951		\$9,832,311	
FURNITURE FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT (estimated)				
Function Room Loose Furniture (<i>Desirable</i>)	-			\$137,350
Vertical Blinds (<i>Desirable</i>)	-			\$31,000
Fitted Shelves, Lockers and Cash Boxes (<i>Desirable</i>)	-			\$27,100
Total				\$350,548

Table 2 - Financial Status

The reduction of CCL's contingency budget from \$535,864 to \$200,000 was approved by the Waitakere City Stadium Trust Board of Trustees in October 2007. The funding that has been released by this reduction will be re-allocated to cover essential items and floodlight construction.

PROJECT RISKS

The following risks are currently being managed in order to mitigate unfavourable impacts on the project outcomes:

- At the time of writing this report the estimated cost of the floodlighting system is \$855,098 plus GST against a budget allowance of \$700,000. In order to address the apparent lack of budget the Trust has resolved not commit to any construction costs until sufficient funding has been secured and resource consent has been granted;
- Currently, there is no identified budget source for desirable loose furniture. This issue will be mitigated by the use of hired furniture for large events and the use of furniture from the Stadium in other instances. In the long term the Trust aim to raise funding to purchase desirable loose furniture for the grandstand;
- The issuing of the CPU will dictate the date on which the lease agreement between Council and the Trust can be enacted and the building used for public events. At the time of writing this report CCL scheduled a final building code compliance inspection for 15 January 2008 and have undertaken to complete all items of work required for a CPU in time for the inspection. The proximity of this date to the International Association of Athletics Federations event on 19 February 2008 is a potential risk and regular checks on CCL's progress will be made to monitor any potential delays to the issuing of a CPU.

QUALITY

Quality audits undertaken to date confirm that the Contractor's general attitude to maintenance of quality construction practice on site is good.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No incidents were recorded by CCL during this reporting period. Quality audits to date confirm that CCL's general attitude to maintenance of health and safety on site is good.

CONCLUSION

Practical completion was issued to CCL on 20 December 2007 and a CPU is expected to be obtained before 20 January 2008 in time for the first scheduled event at the grandstand.

According to the latest financial report CCL are expected to complete the grandstand construction contract for less than the original contract sum.

With the exception of the loose kitchen equipment, some minor spectator seating defects and one security camera all essential fit out contracts have been completed.

The soft landscaping contract is largely complete and the final area of planting will be undertaken when CCL have completed the formation of the planting beds.

The construction of the floodlighting system remains on hold until the Trust has secured sufficient funds and resource consent has been granted.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Waitakere Stadium Grandstand - Construction Status December 2007 - January 2008 report be received.

Report prepared by: Steve Burris, Senior Engineer, Special Projects.



7 HENDERSON VALLEY PARK RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

GLOSSARY

Henderson Valley Park (the Park)
The Reserves Act, 1977 (the Act)
Henderson Valley Park Reserve Management Plan (HVPRMP)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to outline to the Infrastructure and Works Committee the proposal to prepare a Reserve Management Plan for Henderson Valley Park (the Park), to seek approval to publicly notify the intention to prepare the Reserve Management Plan, to approve the establishment of an internal Advisory Group and appoint two Members to the Advisory Group.

BACKGROUND

The management of all reserves is governed by the Reserves Act, 1977 (the Act). Under the Act, Council is required to prepare Reserve Management Plans for all reserves under its jurisdiction. The process for preparing a Reserve Management Plan, including consultation requirements, is clearly outlined in the Act.

The purpose of a Reserve Management Plan is to guide the use and development of reserves. Reserve Management Plans are expected to be reviewed after a period of ten years. However, a Reserve Management Plan can be amended to reflect any changing circumstances, within this ten year period.

The Parks Planning section of Council is responsible for the preparation of Reserve Management Plans. The Reserve Management Plan Programme for 2007/2008 includes one collective Local and one individual Citywide plan. Reserve Management Plans for local reserves are governed by the appropriate Community Board. Citywide reserves are governed by the Infrastructure and Works Committee.

The 2007/2008 Annual Budget allows for the preparation of the Henderson Valley Park Reserve Management Plan (HVPRMP), a Citywide park situated in the Henderson Ward.

The Park does not have an operative Reserve Management Plan. However, a draft Reserve Management Plan was prepared in December 1981. Any relevant objectives and policies outlined in this draft Reserve Management Plan will be considered in the current HVPRMP.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Reserve Management Plans are prepared within the context of Waitakere City Council's Strategic Priorities and Platforms. The Strategic Platforms particularly relevant to Reserve Management Plans are the Green Network, Urban and Rural Villages, and Strong Communities.

Reserve Management Plans are prepared within the context of the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy (update of the 1999 Parks Strategy), which provides guidelines on the management of parks in Waitakere. The objectives and policies outlined in Reserve Management Plans are guided by the objectives of the Parks and Open Space Strategy.

Reserve Management Plans are also prepared in the context of the draft Waitakere City Council Leisure Strategy.

ISSUES

The Park is a Citywide, multiuse park and is classified as a recreation reserve under the Act. The Park serves a Citywide function as the centre for The Henderson Valley Pony Club, that lease the majority of the open space. The Opanuku Stream flows along the north - western boundary of the Park. The Opanuku Stream forms a vegetated backdrop to the Park. Tributaries of the Opanuku Stream flow through the Park, dotted with patches of vegetation.

The Park also contains an area of green open space for passive and active use, with a playground, parking and toilet facilities. This open space area is framed by an attractive row of oak trees that front Henderson Valley Road.

The process for preparing Reserve Management Plans allows for the creation of an Advisory Group to oversee the development of the Reserve Management Plan. An Advisory Group consists of Members from the Council, Community Board, Council officers and community representatives. It is recommended that such an Advisory Group is formed to guide the development of the HVPRMP. It is recommended that two Members of the Infrastructure and Works Committee be appointed to the Advisory Group. The proposed Members of the Advisory Group are as follows:

- Infrastructure and Works Committee x 2 representatives
- Henderson Community Board x 1 representative
- Te Taumata Runanga x 1 representative
- Leisure Services x 1 representative
- Strategy and Development x 1 representative
- Ecowater x 1 representative

Reserve Management issues will be identified during the process of preparing the HVPRMP, through research into the reserve values and consultation with reserve users. These issues may include, upgrade of equestrian and other park facilities, ecological restoration, improvement of park amenity, parking and lighting.

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The map attached at A1 shows the location of the Park.

The preliminary programme for the development of the HVPRMP is outlined in the following chart.

January 2008

Reports approving the public notification of the Reserve Management Plan, and selection of Members for an Advisory Group.

February 2008

Public Notification of intention to prepare draft Reserve Management Plan submission period opens.

February - March 2008

Background research and initial contact with interest groups. Issues identified and included in draft Reserve Management Plan.

March - April 2008

Open days on Reserve Management Plan issues and suggestions for the draft Reserve Management Plan. Meetings with interest and user groups. Issues and suggestions evaluated for inclusion into the Reserve Management Plan. Submission period closes.

May 2008

Preliminary draft Reserve Management Plan prepared and presented to Advisory Group.

June 2008

Draft Reserve Management Plan presented to Infrastructure and Works Committee for approval to publicly notify.

June - August 2008

Draft Reserve Management Plan publicly notified for submissions.

September 2008

Submission period for draft Reserve Management Plan closes.

October 2008

Hearing of submission to draft Reserve Management Plan by the Infrastructure and Works Committee, and decisions on recommended changes to the HVPRMP based on submissions. Adoption of Reserve Management Plan on behalf of Council, pending signoff by Chairman of amendments to Reserve Management Plan.

Modification of Reserve Management Plan based on resolutions.

Reserve Management Plan kept under continual review by Waitakere City Council.

RESOURCES

The HVPRMP will be undertaken by the Parks Planning Section of Council.

Funding of \$134,000 for 2007/2008 has been allocated through the Annual Plan process to prepare the HVPRMP, and a collective Reserve Management Plan for the Henderson Ward Local Reserves.

CONCLUSION

This report outlines the proposal to prepare the HVPRMP, and requests that public notification of the intention to prepare the HVPRMP occurs in February 2008. The HVPRMP will ensure community involvement in the development of management objectives and policies, and concept plans for this Citywide park. The HVPRMP will also enable identification of any capital works projects required for the Park, and facilitate their implementation through the Annual Plan process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Henderson Valley Park Reserve Management Plan report be received.
2. That public notification of the intention to prepare a draft Henderson Valley Park Reserve Management Plan is undertaken in February 2008.
3. That the Infrastructure and Works Committee approve the establishment of an Advisory Group to oversee the development of the Henderson Valley Park Reserve Management Plan.
4. That the Infrastructure and Works Committee appoint two Members to an internal Advisory Group to oversee the development of the Henderson Valley Park Reserve Management Plan.

Report prepared by: Carol Drinnan, Reserve Management Planner.



8 HENDERSON WARD LOCAL RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN

GLOSSARY

Henderson Ward Local Reserves Management Plan	(HWLRMP)
The Reserves Act, 1977	(the Act)
Lloyd Morgan Lions Club Park	(Lloyd Morgan Park)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to outline to the Infrastructure and Works Committee the intention to prepare a Reserve Management Plan for the Henderson Ward Local Reserves, and to request that two Members are elected to an informal Advisory Group, to oversee the consultation and development of the Henderson Ward Local Reserves Management Plan (HWLRMP).

BACKGROUND

The management of all reserves is governed by the Reserves Act, 1977 (the Act). Under the Act, Council is required to prepare Reserve Management Plans for all reserves under its jurisdiction. The process for preparing a Reserve Management Plan, including consultation requirements, is clearly outlined in the Act.

The purpose of a Reserves Management Plan is to guide the use and development of reserves. Reserve Management Plans are expected to be reviewed after a period of ten years. However, a Reserve Management Plan can be amended to reflect any changing circumstances, within this ten year period.

The Parks Planning section of Council is responsible for the preparation of Reserve Management Plans. The Reserve Management Plan Programme for 2007/2008 includes one collective Local and one individual Citywide plan. Reserve Management Plans for local reserves are governed by the appropriate Community Board. Citywide reserves are governed by the Infrastructure and Works Committee.

The 2007/2008 Annual Plan allows for the preparation of a collective Reserve Management Plan for the 70 Local Reserves within the Henderson Ward. This includes Lloyd Morgan Lions Club Park (Lloyd Morgan Park), in Te Atatu South.

At the February 2007 Community Board Meeting, the following resolution was passed in regard to Lloyd Morgan Park.

- “4. *That the preparation of a Reserve Management Plan for Lloyd Morgan Reserve be prioritised as a matter of urgency and that no further community buildings be erected on the reserve until this is prepared.*”

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A report was presented to the City Development Committee on 5 July, 2007. This report was to propose a reordering of the Reserve Management Plan Programme for the 2007/2008 year, to bring forward the HWLRMP. This was in order to address current issues and pressures facing Lloyd Morgan Park. The proposed reordering of the Reserve Management Plan programme was approved at that meeting.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

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Reserve Management Plans are also prepared in the context of the draft Waitakere City Council Leisure Strategy.

ISSUES

A collective Reserve Management Plan for the Local reserves within the Henderson Ward is proposed. This collective approach ensures that the management and the development of those reserves will be holistic and integrated. The Henderson Ward Local Reserves are located within a densely populated and urban environment.

Therefore, there are numerous pressures and demands facing these reserves. Lloyd Morgan Park is an example of this. The Reserve Management Plan enables such pressure and demands to be addressed, and consulted with the community. The HWLRMP will also be in line with current town centre redevelopments.

Specific Lloyd Morgan Park Consultation

The Lions Club on Lloyd Morgan Park have a current project that proposes an extension to their building. This project is therefore affected by the aforementioned Community Board resolution that states, no further buildings are to be erected on the park, until the HWLRMP is prepared. For this reason, a slight change to the Reserve Management Plan process is proposed. Details of the Lions Club proposal will be included as part of the preliminary submission period, where the community will be provided with an opportunity to comment on this proposal. Submissions received on this will be presented to the Community Board, who will make a decision on that proposal in May - June 2008 if considered appropriate, prior to the final adoption of the HWRMP.

Establishment of an Advisory Group

The process for preparing Reserve Management Plans allows for the creation of an Advisory Group to oversee the development of the Reserve Management Plan. An Advisory Group consists of Members from the Community Board, Council officers and community representatives. It is recommended that such an Advisory Group is formed to guide the development of the HWLRMP. It is recommended that two Members of the Infrastructure and Works Committee be appointed to the Advisory Group. The proposed Members of the Advisory Group are as follows,

- Infrastructure and Works Committee x 2 representatives
- Henderson Community Board x 2 representatives
- Te Taumata Runanga x 1 representative
- Leisure Services x 1 representative
- Strategy and Development x 1 representative
- Ecowater x 1 representative

Scope of the Reserve Management Plan

Currently, this Reserve Management Plan includes four reserves that are classified as Citywide in the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy. This strategy is being reviewed, where the Citywide status of these particular parks may change. These parks do not have individual Reserve Management Plans currently allocated for them within the Reserve Management Plan Programme, which is why it is considered appropriate to include these reserves within the HWLRMP. These reserves are indicated in the list attached. The HWLRMP does not include the other large Citywide parks in the Henderson Ward. These reserves have individual Reserve Management Plans allocated for them in the Reserve Management Plan Programme.

The HWLRMP will include reserves that have been transferred from the Massey Ward to the Henderson Ward, as a result of the recent ward boundary changes. These reserves are included in the operative Massey Ward Local Reserves Management Plan. These reserves are also indicated in the list attached.

The reserves included in the operative Te Atatu Town Centre Reserves Management Plan and Paremuka Reserve Management Plan, will be included as part of the HWLRMP, for consistency.

The operative Lower Oratia Stream Reserve Management Plan will not be included as part of the HWLRMP, but will be in the Oratia/Opanuku Stream Corridor Reserves Management Plan, due 2009. The HWLRMP will therefore not include the remaining esplanade reserves that lie adjacent to the Oratia and Opanuku Streams that are also within the Henderson Ward.

The proposed 70 reserves to be covered by the HWLRMP include the following.

A2 (Attached at page A2 is a map showing all the reserves to be included in the HWLRMP):

Henderson

- Astelia Grandis Reserve
- Awaroa Park
- Blueridge Reserve
- Bruce McLaren Memorial Park
- Catherine Mall
- Corban Green
- Dalmatia Green
- Espalier Reserve
- Featherstone Park
- Forest Hill Park
- Gus Nola Park
- Harvest Reserve
- Hindmarsh Green
- Kaikoura Reserve
- Kingdale Reserve
- Landlow Reserve
- Lockington Green
- McKinley Park
- Murillo Reserve
- Pioneer Park
- Rhinevale Close
- Rotary Park
- San Bernadino Reserve
- Semillon Reserve
- Starforth Reserve
- Sturges West Community House
- Waitakere Central
- Lavelle Reserve

Te Atatu South

- Cron Reserve
- Divich Reserve
- Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Park
- Marlene Glade
- McCormick Green
- Roberts Green
- Vodanovich Reserve
- Wakeling Park

Te Atatu Peninsula

- Bosun Reserve
- Bosun Walk
- Cellarmans Corner
- Danica Reserve
- Durham Green
- Edgelea Park
- Halyard Common
- Harbourview Corner
- Kervil Park
- Lone Tree Park
- Matipo Reserve
- Provence Green
- Tuscany Green

Current Citywide Classification

- Jack Colvin Park
- Ramlea Park
- Gloria Park
- Corban Reserve

Included in operative Massey Ward Local Reserves Management Plan

- Alan Reserve
- Daytona Reserve
- Epping Plantation Reserve
- Fairdene Reserve
- Glen Norman Reserve
- Lincoln Road Plantation Reserve
- Woodford Reserve
- Penfold Park
- Corban Reserve

Included in Te Atatu Peninsula Town Centre Reserve Management Plan

- Kaumatua Reserve
- Jack Pringle Park
- Roby Reserve
- Te Atatu Community Corner

Included in Paremuka Reserves Management Plan

- Lake Xena
- Paremuka Wetland
- Paremuka Esplanade
- Paremuka Lakeside

Preliminary HWLRMP Programme

January 2008

Reports approving the public notification for the Reserve Management Plan, and selection of Members for an Advisory Group.

February 2008

Public Notification of intention to prepare draft Reserve Management Plan, including details of the Lions Club extensions, submission period opens.

February - March 2008

Background research and initial contact with interest groups. Issues identified and included in draft Reserve Management Plan.

March - April 2008

Open days on Reserve Management Plan issues and suggestions for the draft Reserve Management Plan. Meetings with interest and user groups. Issues and suggestions evaluated for inclusion into the draft Reserve Management Plan. Submission period closes.

May 2008

Preliminary draft Reserve Management Plan prepared and presented to Advisory Group.

June 2008

Draft Reserve Management Plan presented to Henderson Community Board for approval to publicly notify.

June – August 2008

Draft Reserve Management Plan publicly notified for submissions.

September 2008

Submission period for draft Reserve Management Plan closes.

October 2008

Hearing of submission to draft Reserve Management Plan by Community Board, and decisions on recommended changes to the Reserve Management Plan based on submissions. Adoption of HWLRMP on behalf of Council, pending signoff by Chairman of amendments to the HWLRMP.

Modification of Reserve Management Plan based on resolutions.

Reserve Management Plan kept under continual review by Waitakere City Council.

RESOURCES

The HWLRMP will be undertaken by the Parks Planning Section of Council.

Funding of \$134,000 for 2007/2008 has been allocated through the Annual Plan process to prepare the HWLRMP, and an individual Reserve Management Plan for Henderson Valley Park.

CONCLUSION

The 2007/2008 financial year allows for a collective Reserve Management Plan to be undertaken, for the Henderson Ward Local Reserves. This report presents the intention to prepare the HWLRMP and requests that the Infrastructure Works Committee appoints two Members to the Advisory Group. The HWLRMP for the 70 local reserves in the Henderson Ward will ensure community involvement in the development of concept plans and management policies for these reserves.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Henderson Ward Local Reserves Management Plan report be received.
2. That the Infrastructure and Works Committee appoint two Members to an internal Advisory Group to oversee the development of the Henderson Ward Local Reserves Management Plan.

Report prepared by: Carol Drinnan, Reserve Management Planner.



9 HOUSING FOR OLDER ADULTS - REVITALISATION PROJECT UPDATE

GLOSSARY

Housing for Older Adults (HFOA)
Housing New Zealand Corporation (HNZC)
Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Infrastructure and Works Committee on the progress of the Revitalisation Project for Council's Housing for Older Adults (HFOA) villages and the application for Housing Innovation Fund administered by Housing New Zealand Corporation (HNZC).

BACKGROUND

Council has accepted the offer from HNZC for \$1.5 million from its Housing Innovation Fund. Approval to accept was granted at the Council meeting of 27 June 2007. This funding together with Council funding will be used to upgrade 4 of the 12 HFOA villages owned by Council, with improvements planned to enhance safety, security, design and healthy living in the villages. The remaining villages will be upgraded in subsequent years. The 4 villages being upgraded are:

- Flagstaff Village;
- Jack Smyth Village;
- Kaurilands Court;
- Kaumatua Village (23-44).

Originally North Karaka Court, 19 Karaka Street, New Lynn was to be included in the upgrades for this year. However the tenders received for the contract were in excess of the funds available and therefore North Karaka was postponed until the 2008/2009 refurbishments in order to award the tender. This was duly done at the Tenders Subcommittee on Friday, 14 September 2007 where it was resolved:

“That the tender from Edgocity Builders Ltd for Contract No. PY06055B - Housing for Older Adults Refurbishment - Kaurilands in the sum of \$563,798.00 plus \$70,474.75 GST, totalling \$634,272.75 be accepted.”
3533/2007

“That the tender from Edgocity Builders Ltd for Contact No. PY06055C - Housing for Older Adults Refurbishment - Flagstaff in the sum of \$672,906.00 plus \$84,113.25 GST, totalling \$757,019.25 be accepted.”
3534/2007

“That the tender from Edgocity Builders Ltd for Contract No. PY06055D - Housing for Older Adults Refurbishment - Jack Smyth in the sum of \$359,803.00 plus \$44,975.38 GST, totalling \$404,778.38 be accepted.”
3535/2007

“That the tender from Edgocity Builders Ltd for Contract No. PY06055E - Housing for Older Adults Refurbishment - Kaumatua in the sum of \$589,659.00 plus \$73,707.38 GST, totalling \$663,366.38 be accepted.”
3536/2007

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The following platforms are important considerations for the provision of housing in the City.

Urban and rural villages and integrated transport and communications

By ensuring people have choices in their housing and have accessibility to transport and communication links.

Strong communities

By supporting the health and wellbeing of the community.

ISSUES

Progress with the Main Upgrade Project

The main upgrade project consists of the 4 villages mentioned in the background to this report. All pilot units consisting of 1 refurbished unit in each village as a demonstration project have been completed. The remaining units are being completed in stages:

- Stage One construction consisting of 17 units has been completed;
- Stage Two construction consisting of 19 units has been completed;

- Stage Three construction consisting of 18 units is currently underway and will be completed by March 2008;
- Stage Four construction consisting of 15 units will be completed 15 February 2008 (Jack Smyth), 11 April 2008 (Flagstaff) and 28 April 2008 (Kaurilands);
- Stage Five construction consisting of 9 units will be completed by 30 May 2008 (Flagstaff) and 25 March 2008 (Jack Smyth).

No significant construction issues have been encountered. However, there has been a number of contract variations issued for electrical and plumbing upgrades which were not envisaged in the original scope but deficiencies have come to light since the construction commenced.

During specification of the refurbishment works, insulation of the timber-framed external walls in each unit was considered but rejected on grounds of cost (wall insulation requires removal of gib-board, installation of insulation, then re-gibbing, stopping and finishing). However, the contractor's experience in refurbishing the pilot units was that removal and replacement of existing gib was far quicker and more cost-effective than breaking into and then patching existing gib. Accordingly the contractor chose to replace affected gib-board at no additional cost to Council. We therefore seized the opportunity to simultaneously insulate timber-framed external walls at an additional cost of only insulation materials and their installation. As a result, the refurbished units offer levels of insulation better than originally planned.

Wilshire Village

Interim refurbishment for Wiltshire Village was to be undertaken in November 2007, however technical difficulties with the plans submitted for building consent has postponed this to February 2008.

Insulation work has already been carried out which involved the replacement of the louver windows and the remaining upgrades will not be as comprehensive as the other villages as this is an interim measure until Wilshire Village redevelopment options are decided. Furthermore, the upgrades are only going to be carried out on those units that are currently occupied.

Building consent for two pilot units has been approved and these are being done first. A building consent for the remaining 18 units is about to be submitted, these are based on the pilots design. Work commenced on the pilots on 7 January 2008, and is expected to be completed by 4 February 2008.

The work consists of:

- Extending the kitchen space outwards, and reconfiguring the kitchen layout;
- Repainting the existing cabinetry and all the walls and ceilings;
- New floor coverings throughout;
- New electrical switchboard;
- Making good anything that needs repair work.

Once the pilots are complete Council officers will confirm that the price and work completed is appropriate, before commencing work on the other 18 units.

Tenant Welfare

Currently 19 tenants have been temporarily relocated and moved back into the refurbished units and 2 tenants moved permanently to other units. Fifteen more tenants are currently in temporary units, half of these tenants have opted to stay in these units rather than move back. Feedback is generally very positive and Property Asset staff and Tenancy Management staff have put in significant effort into co-ordinating the builders, the utilities and the moving company to ensure the tenants are relocated with minimal inconvenience.

Exemptions and Extensions

The Project's Special Committee (5 September 2007) resolved as follows:

“That requests for modifications to approve plans or exclusion from upgrade be considered and that decisions to grant these requests which will be only under exceptional circumstances, be delegated to Project Advisory Group”.

3365/2007

At this stage 9 tenants have been granted exemptions or extensions mainly due to specific health reasons which have been backed up by doctor's certificates. Two exemptions were granted allowing the tenants to remain in their units without an upgrade. Seven extensions have been granted at Kaumatua (23-44) in order to provide an option for those tenants to move to a refurbished bed-sit at Kaumatua (1-22) in the next round of upgrades.

Initially HNZN were not in favour of bed sits but there are some units in Kaumatua (1-22) where there is no other practical option due to the obsolescence of the existing unit layouts. Therefore, it is Council officer's preference to retain the configuration of these units as bed sits. Indications from HNZN are that this will be acceptable. At present the exact layout has not been finalised.

Funding from the Innovation Fund

The first claim for reimbursement was submitted in November 2007. This has not been paid at the time of writing this report due to legal difficulties in finalising the loan agreement. However these difficulties were resolved just before Christmas and a verbal update will be provided at this meeting regarding the timing of the first payment.

RESOURCES

Capital funding has been provided for in the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) totalling \$2 million. In addition Council has had approval for \$1.5 million from HNZN for 2006/2007 and is currently putting together an application for another \$1.5 million for this current year.

Current costings have escalated and it is expected that extra funding will be sought from HNZN and other sources and will also be taken back to the LTCCP. This has been discussed with HNZN representatives who have asked for detailed updated cost estimates in order to put a proposal through to tag any further available funding from the Innovation Fund. The total sought by Council is still under the upper limits as set by HNZN.

The costs have moved from that originally envisaged when the LTCCP was adopted due to the following reasons:

Scope Change

Items such as walk-in showers were not included in the original scope and have been subsequently included in order to increase the time that the tenants are able to stay within the villages as they age and require assistance for movement such as walkers, etc.

Price Increases

Costings for materials have been fairly accurate but labour costs as obtained through the tender process were well in excess of what was envisaged, as reported to the Tender Subcommittee. As a result North Karaka was postponed in order to be able to deliver the other four villages.

Requirements for Electricity and Wastewater Upgrades

These costs were not easily identifiable at the design stage and only became apparent as the construction was carried out.

CONCLUSION

The construction programme is being delivered in accordance with the project timeframes. No significant issues have arisen. Tenants have been relocated with minimal inconvenience. Earlier issues regarding tenants who did not want their units renovated have been isolated and a few exemptions have been provided for.

Funding from HNZA is underway having been delayed through legal issues which have now been resolved. Additional money will be sought for this project through the LTCCP and Annual Plan process. It is envisaged that Council officers will make additional claims to cover this from HNZA, however, at this stage there is no guarantee that any further funding will be available.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Housing for Older Adults Revitalisation Project Update report be received.

Report prepared by: Tina Hemsworth, Manager Property Services and Karen Shepherd, Manager Operations Support (Tenancy Management).



10 LIMEBURNERS BAY UPDATE REPORT

GLOSSARY

Hobsonville Heritage Trust (HHT)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise the Infrastructure and Works Committee of progress towards establishment of the Hobsonville Heritage Trust (HHT) and the employment of a consultant archaeologist to map the full extent of the archaeological remains on publicly owned esplanade reserve.

BACKGROUND

Limeburners Bay is one of the most significant cultural heritage sites in Waitakere and the Auckland region. It was selected by Auckland Regional Council for a feature poster of historic heritage. Within Limeburners Bay are the remains of Carder's heavy clay pottery works (Item 330 in the District Plan), RO Clark Ltd works (CHI#181) and the unmarked Holland site between. Limeburners Bay is regarded as the birthplace of ceramics in Waitakere before manufacturing shifted to New Lynn. The archaeological sites are of regional significance.

From 1863 to 1929, Limeburners Bay was the site of various brickworks. It is one of the country's most important industrial archaeological sites, as well as a valuable part of the City's colonial history.

The recent section 18 report by Clough & Associates sets out the background to the current situation:

"Options for the preservation of the industrial remains in Limeburners Bay were first considered by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust in 1987 because the landowner at the time, Mr Reg Banning, intended to subdivide and develop the area. The bay was inspected by Drs Rod Clough and Simon Best (advisors to the HPT) and Dave Reynolds of the HPT. It was agreed that preservation efforts should be focussed on the remains of Carder's brickworks, which were still partially intact. The Clark pottery remains had been largely levelled and were considered to have little potential for preservation and presentation to the public.

The Clarks brickworks site had been partially bulldozed prior to 1966, when Jack Diamond recorded the visible remains. It had again been bulldozed successfully by 1978 when Diamond made a return visit. Further extensive bulldozing was carried out by Mr Banning between 1987 and 1989, when a second visit was made by Rod Clough. This visit was undertaken by request of the Department of Conservation acting on behalf of HPT, and the brief was to determine which areas merited preservation and which could be developed by Mr Banning. Mr Banning was subsequently advised that provided the Carder site was preserved, the remainder of the property...could be developed."

Hobsonville Residential Developments purchased the property in 2006 and later carried out weed removal and some clearance works in October of that year resulting in damage to the remains of a kiln and other features. Council's Legal Services team prosecuted the company for breach of the District Plan. Since October 2006, Hobsonville Residential Developments have been working with consent authorities (Council and Historic Places Trust) to progress consents for site investigation, fencing and earthworks. Hobsonville Residential Developments are likely to lodge a combined land use and subdivision consent with Council in the near future.

HHT will be working with Council staff to develop a heritage trail, boardwalks and signage. This is considered the best way to preserve archaeological features on public land and make them accessible with interpretive material. The Limeburners Bay area has long been considered to be of heritage significance, and the trust model for developing resources on private land has worked well at Olympic Park in New Lynn. A report on this matter was presented to the December 2007 meeting of this Committee and resolved:

1. *That the Limeburners Bay Update report be received.*
2. *That a Hobsonville Heritage Trust be established as a working and development Trust and that the composition of this Trust be brought back to the appropriate Committee.*
3. *That the Hobsonville Heritage Trust be transferred the balance of the compensation paid to Council for the Sinton House demolition.*

4. *That the Council's Principal Advisor: Heritage, keep the following interested parties informed of progress on this issue: New Zealand Historic Places Trust, Auckland Regional Council and the University of Auckland's Archaeology Department.*
5. *That Council commence a comprehensive archaeological assessment and survey of Limeburners Bay in February 2008.*
6. *That the Hobsonville Heritage Trust be given the task of developing the proposed heritage trail and further heritage projects focussed in Hobsonville with the assistance of Council staff."*

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STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Strong Community platform in the Long Term Council Community Plan places emphasis on a strong sense of connection and belonging. Cultural heritage icons such as Limeburners Bay are focal points where people can gather and appreciate their connection to the City's past and present.

ISSUES

A3 Council staff placed an advertisement in the public notices section of the NZ Herald shortly before Christmas calling for expressions of interest for trustees. A copy of the advertisement is attached at page A3. Several phone calls were received, and three written applications. The HHT is independent from Council therefore any decisions on the proposed membership rest with that body.

The confirmed membership of the HHT is: Ross Dallow, Malcolm Hahn and Bryan Heron. Ross Dallow and Bryan Heron have an extensive background in development projects and Malcolm Hahn is a well-known local historian. Bryan Heron is also a trustee of the Henderson Heritage Trust that has recently restored the St Michael's Chapel on the Corban Estate.

The HHT documentation is being drawn up by solicitors and is due to be finalised by the end of March 2008. When the legal documents are in place, the newly formed Trust can commence its work. The aims and objectives of the Trust will include:

- the preservation of heritage and archaeological sites in the Hobsonville area; and
- the development of interpretive trails, signage and boardwalks along Council owned esplanade reserve and road reserve where archaeological remains and heritage items are present.

Council staff have contracted a consultant archaeologist for a three month period starting in late February this year to map the extent of the archaeological remains on publicly owned esplanade reserve and to provide Council with advice on fencing options and appropriate design of the proposed boardwalk.

Although there are broad plans for the heritage trail, detailed design drawings, resource and building consents will need to be applied for as well as interpretive signage. The HHT should pay for the resource and building consents to be prepared and then apply for further funding from other trusts for the physical works. Signage will be incorporated on the road reserve and in Council owned parks and esplanade reserve.

RESOURCES

There is sufficient existing budget and staff time to achieve the work programme outlined in this report.

CONCLUSION

Limeburners Bay has a rich history. The HHT will facilitate the appropriate development of the esplanade reserve with boardwalks, fencing and interpretive signage where appropriate. The HHT documents are being prepared by independent lawyers. The consultant archaeologist employed by Council this month will commence a thorough assessment of the archaeological sites on publicly owned land in Limeburners Bay.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Limeburners Bay Update Report be received.

Report prepared by: Alina Wimmer, Principal Advisor, Heritage.

