

Waiheke Local Board Workshop proceedings

Workshop record of the Waiheke Local Board held via Skype for Business on Wednesday 16 September 2020, commencing at 10.00am

PRESENT

Chairperson: Cath Handley

Members: Bob Upchurch
Kylee Matthews
Robin Tucker

Absent: Paul Walden

Also present: Janine Geddes, Mark Inglis, Dileeka Senewiratne and Fiona Gregory

Workshop Item	Governance role	Summary of Discussions
<p>Community Facilities Update</p> <p>Oliver Kunzendorff – Manager Area Operations, David Stejskal - Regional Arborists & Ecological Manager, Sarah Gibbs – Senior Ecological Specialist, Paul Kviecinskas - Senior Ecological Specialist</p>	Informal dissemination	<p>Area Manager gave a quick general update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for services on tree maintenance and building maintenance were low this month due to lock down. Stormwater outlet on the Onetangi beach will be fixed soon. Three toilets were broken into during lockdown. Newton Reserve was vandalised. <p>The Regional Arborists & Ecological Manager gave an update on the Urban Forest team, Agricultural contracts team and Ecological restoration team which is a new team. Sarah and Paul have joined this team who have a wealth of knowledge on ecological restoration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to Covid-19, work on ecological restoration was stopped until June. Ecological contract works will be more of a focus going forward. Agricultural contract – Treescape staff on the island now. This team looks into powerlines around trees. Simon Cook oversees this work. <p>Action:</p>

		<p>David to re-establish the weed management programme online. Set up a further workshop for weed management.</p>
<p> Healthy Waters monthly update and Drought Planning Prasanthi Cottingham – Relationship Advisor, Elizabeth Johnson - Senior Healthy Waters Specialist, Andrew Chin - Head of Healthy Waters Strategy </p>	<p>Informal dissemination</p>	<p>Head of Healthy Waters updated the board on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worst drought in years. Dam levels not back to normal after winter. Forecast is going to have a dry spring. • Not enough water carriers for the demand last summer, on the mainland. • Encourage people that have rain tanks as their main supply who ran out last summer to get another tank. Unitary Plan changes on rain tank consent requirements, you can check using the 'do I need a consent' tool on council website. Auckland Council is encouraging people to install rain tanks and is waiving the consent fees leading into summer to help people to be more resilient. • Looking at clusters on the mainland to support communities who are dependent on rainwater tanks. • Looking at more bore sites to supply community facilities. Last summer some mainland residents couldn't get re-fills upto 6 to 8 weeks. • Emergency supplies in Onetangi and Matiatia will be open next summer. There are water carriers organised and investigating on more bore sites. Looking for private bores or private commercial or private residential, like horticulture plants that are not using their sites. • Feedback from the board of any private suppliers and private bores that board can recommend. • Important on communication and engagement. Key messages are to monitor your tanks closely, book you refills early and call your water carrier and manage your booking. • Plan changes consultations have been very positive to make the plan change happen. Communications will step up as we lead into the summer. Media releases to local news papers to pick up stories and make residents aware.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local carriers and the emergency supplies were sufficient on Waiheke during the last summer. Back of the Surfdale youth hub area there is a tank where you can shower. People came and overused and emptied quite quickly. Officers will investigate this site and the possibility for additional water storage.
<p>Transport Capital Fund allocation for this year Richard La Ville – Operations Manager, Jonathan Anyon - Elected Member Relationship Team Manager, John Strawbridge - Group Manager - Parking Services & Compliance Dylan Smith</p>	<p>Informal dissemination</p>	<p>Andrew Allen Executive Delivery Manager took the board through a presentation.</p> <p>Action: Richard to follow up Tairare Road dust management options</p> <p>Provide data on connectiveness at Ostend, numbers transferred at Ostend to Rock Bay or Palm Beach, and how many people are taking these routes during the day.</p> <p>Update required on the crossing at Te Huruhi School.</p>
<p>Waiheke Resources Trust discussion on green jobs Kristin Busher and Mike Maahs – Waiheke Resources Trust, Fiona Gregory – Strategic Broker</p>	<p>Informal dissemination</p>	<p>An update was given on the current project on green jobs, which is directly linked to creating jobs in Waiheke. Targeting people who are impacted due to Covid-19.</p> <p>Just finished an interview process. Had a mixture of skill sets and different areas of work has come to light. 20 people are being recruited this time round.</p> <p>Looking to plant 11,000 trees. Eco sourced on the island.</p> <p>Sites of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matiatia Owhanake Te Huruhi Bay Reserve Betty Parade Wetland Okahuiti Rangihoua extention Rangihoua Residential Wetland <p>Action:</p>

		<p>Mark to draft a letter of support from the board.</p> <p>Janine to raise with LPMP staff the need for growing plant stocks required for reserve improvements.</p> <p>Janine to request Oliver/David look at involving WRT within eco contracts.</p>
<p>Waste Solutions Update Prasanthi Cottingham – Relationship Advisor, Terry Coe - Waste Enterprises & Refuse Manager, Emma Cowie - Principal Advisor, Jenny Chilcott – Senior Waste Planning Specialist</p>	<p>Informal dissemination</p>	<p>The Senior Waste Planning Specialist took the board through a presentation.</p> <p>Action: Waste Solutions team to address the closure of transfer facility in the weekend.</p>

The workshop concluded at 3.30pm