

# Minutes

What: Blackpool Stormwater Improvement Project

Why: Site hui with Ngāti Pāoa

Where: 36 Tui Street, Blackpool | Te Huruhi

When: 09/10/2025 | 11:00am – 11:30am

Who attended: **Ngāti Pāoa:** Tipa Compain, Blair Anderson | **Auckland Council Healthy Waters:** Vicky Otene, Honey Olsen, Maisa Aldeen, Jesse Peeters

Summary	By whom	Due
<b><u>Karakia</u></b>	Tipa	-
<b><u>Overview</u></b>  Attendees introduced themselves.  <b>Jesse</b> provided an overview of the project summarising:  - Purpose of the project is to reduce flooding within the catchment due to undersized culverts and limited capacity in the waterway.  - The project also provides an opportunity for ecological enhancement.	Jesse	-
<b><u>Discussion about Urupā area and stream alignment</u></b>  <b>Tipa</b> noted that cultural monitoring will be required during the construction phase. Healthy Waters is happy to arrange this in collaboration with Ngāti Pāoa. Tipa also recommended that <b>Hans Bader</b> be engaged to undertake the archaeological monitoring during construction because he has a good understanding of cultural heritage in the area.  Tipa mentioned there are additional plans in the Maori Land Court maps which show the extent of the Urupā being potentially larger than shown in the Archaeological Report. Given the conflicting information, the agreed approach was for a surveyor to mark out the property boundaries of the Urupā shown in the Maori Land Court maps including the related properties Blocks 5F, 5D, and 5B. The archaeologist Hans Bader will be able to help the surveyor interpret the plans.  <b>Tipa</b> also requested that cultural monitoring will be required by a mana whenua representative nominated by Ngāti Pāoa and there needs to be an accidental discovery protocol implemented. A Purchase Order number will be supplied to Ngāti Pāoa for this.	Jesse/Tipa	
<b><u>Discussion about proposed Pōhutukawa tree removal</u></b>  Jesse provided an overview regarding the Pōhutukawa tree, including its current condition, relocation feasibility, and associated costs.	Jesse/Tipa	

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<p><b><u>Background</u></b></p> <p><b>At Site Hui - 2024-12-12;</b> Tipa was not supportive of the proposal to remove the Pōhutukawa tree on Nikau Road. Jesse advised that Healthy Waters had considered various options to protect the Pōhutukawa tree, however the alternative options were not feasible. Tipa requested Healthy Waters to reconsider alternative options. Jesse advised that removal of the Pōhutukawa may still end up as the most suitable option, but further consideration will be made and clear reasoning provided to Tipa if this is the case.</p> <p><b>Email to Tipa dated 15/05/2025;</b> Jesse advised that relocating the large pōhutukawa tree into Blackpool Park is possible, however, the cost is substantial—estimated at around \$50,000 to \$60,000—and the relocation would require a 120-tonne crane. This estimate assumes the tree can be lifted and moved nearby without the need for transport by truck. Cost could be up to \$100k if transportation is needed.</p> <p>As such, we need to agree on a new location for the tree in close proximity to its current position. ACHW proposal was to replant it on the opposite side of the road within Blackpool Park.</p> <p><u><i>NOTE: However, this proposal is still subject to agreement and will only proceed if tree removal is not approved (i.e., if the Tree Owner Approval [TOA] is not granted).</i></u></p> <p><b>Tipa</b> expressed concern about the estimated \$100k cost to relocate the pōhutukawa tree and is not supportive of adding this to the overall project cost. He is comfortable proceeding with the initial arborist's recommendation to remove the tree. If removal of the tree is not possible due to Tree Owner Approval process, then Tipa will work with ACHW to find a suitable location within Blackpool Park.</p> <p><b>ACHW</b> will need to consult with Arboriculture and Tree Specialist <b>Simon Cook</b> regarding the tree removal and obtain a Tree Owner Approval (TOA).</p> <p><b>Tipa</b> advised that the Fire Brigade remains interested in utilising some space within Blackpool Reserve.</p>		
<p><b>Tipa</b> clarified that a Cultural Values Assessment is not required, however he wants to review the resource consent conditions prior to approval and the recommendations stated above shall be incorporated such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark out of the historic property boundaries and Maori land blocks as per the Maori Land Court historic survey plans prior to construction.</li> <li>• Mana Whenua representative to be on site to monitor earthworks within proximity to the Urupā.</li> <li>• Use of Ngāti Pāoa's preferred and trusted archaeologist Hans Bader who has knowledge of the local area for archaeological monitoring.</li> </ul>	Tipa	
<p><b>Tipa</b> was generally supportive of the project and mentioned that the project would provide an improvement to the area. Healthy Waters will continue communications with Tipa / Ngāti Pāoa as the design is progressed to the next stage.</p>	All	On-going