
Local Board Plan 2023

Waiheke Local Board

EVENT FEEDBACK

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HYSE Event Summary

EVENT	DATE	LOCAL BOARD	Event Participants#
Youth Engagement Draft LBP 2023	08/08/2023	Waiheke	
Responses		Count	24
Q2 How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of Our People in this section?			
Q2 Tell us why			26
Good that we take care of Maori.			1
Love the advocacy for affordable ferry fares.			1
Working hard to advocate for better ferry prices is something very important.			1
Affordable ferry prices, connected community, valued youth.			1
Digitise HOP cards so we don't lose our cards.			1
Advocacy for cheaper ferries is very good and necessary.			1
Things of interest for Waiheke's nightlife.			1
Ferry fares should be a 'want to achieve' as opposed to an 'advocacy'.			1
Buses should be free for Under 21 and relatively inexpensive for adults.			1
Celebrating unique island identity.			1
Clean Rocky Bay walking track (by road).			1
Skate park developing (graveling muddy, gross/mud)and others.			1
School bus free.			1
A school pool.			1
Something like a shopping centre.			1
More inclusive people.			1
Lots of natural tracks, good beaches.			1
More opportunity for young adults to socialise, night life/extra curricular.			1
Gas prices.			1
More interest in sports for the community as after school activities are restricted by their spaces.			1
Need some pigs for hunters like myself.			1
A couple of fast food restaurants.			1
Dirt bike track.			1
School bus is free.			1
A petrol station/fill up petrol for boats.			1
Less friendly, less helpful, more offensive.			1
Q3 How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of Our Environment in this			
Q3 Tell us why			16
Focus on stormwater.			1
Clean storm drains/lots of clogged drains on side of road.			1
More beach clean ups? (Community)			1
Ideas on water ecosystem preservation are good.			1
A harbour master would be a good addition for safety.			1
Climate change response is important for future generations.			1
Clearance of vacant boats that are polluting the bays.			1
Very important to have a harbour master to be able to fix the sunken boats in the causeway.			1
Harbour master - YES.			1
Focus on climate change and water health.			1
Focus on current threats to environment.			1
Good that you're improving stormwater management.			1
Maybe more electric car charging stations to support transitions to electric sustainable cars.			1
More electric car chargers along Waiheke, as electric cars are major on Waiheke.			1
Reduce the waste stream.			1
Support for residents during droughts.			1
Q4 How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of Our facilities and open spaces			
Q4 Tell us why			20
Better drainage for the skatepark.			1
Another cinema and more movies.			1
Outdoor shower/wash off station on beaches (suggestion).			1
Covered basketball courts at skate park.			1
New paths is a great idea and maybe more coastal walking tracks.			1
More centralised public recreational facilities.			1
Don't change Artworks and library.			1
Spend money on getting rid of stoats.			1
Increase library workers wages - they deserve it.			1
Improving the open space network on the island.			1
Solar lights for the skatepark especially for winter when sun sets at like 5:30 giving a short period of			1
Little Oneroa reserve conservation plan - YES.			1
Quality arts and recreation community facilities.			1
Cycle ways.			1
More lighting on some of the unlit roads on Waiheke for morning/night runners/cyclists.			1
Night lighting for skate park and basketball court.			1
More public bathrooms throughout Waiheke. It is an essential facility.			1
Well inviting place for teenagers and young adults to socialise in a safe environment.			1
More community spaces to hang out and relax.			1
Lighting at the sports park is great and very important.			1

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Q5 How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of Our Places in this section?			
Q5 Tell us why			12
Effected by climate change, more pollution.			1
Less sea creatures in our oceans.			1
More tracks and trails over the years.			1
There's no bus on Sea View road.			1
Getting rid of explore double decker buses.			1
No focus on traffic management in summer.			1
Free public transport for Waiheke youth.			1
Waiheke track preservation, our tracks are beautiful.			1
Keeping island identity - YES.			1
Footpaths			1
Lime scooter rental on island.			1
Make it so the Rocky Bay bus doesn't go through Palm Beach all the time.			1
Q6 How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of Our Economy in this section?			
Q6 Tell us why			13
Visitor industry managed sustainably.			1
Arts destination (all arts).			1
Strengthening economy - YES.			1
Recognizing the island as an art destination - YES.			1
Creative influence in regard to developing infrastructure and all open spaces.			1
Lower housing prices/more houses to build our population and allow for a stable economy without			1
Make sure to take care of the tourism industry on Waiheke for small business.			1
We need footpaths on Onetangi Straight so people aren't so close to the traffic.			1
Paved pathway to skatepark.			1
General store in Rocky Bay.			1
More healthy restaurants and cheaper.			1
Increase hospitality wages.			1
Support library workers.			1
Q7 Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could			1
Other ethnicities:-			1

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Waiheke High School Assembly	17/07/2023	Waiheke	Participants#	
Responses			Count	400
Q7 Do you have any other feedback on our proposed Local Board Plan, including how we could				
better meet our climate change goals or Māori outcome aspirations?				1
Board member presented on the draft Local Board Plan at the full school assembly and local board services staff gave out printed collateral after the assembly.				1

EVENT	DATE	LOCAL BOARD	Event	
Bike Hub launch at WRT	21/08/2023	Waiheke	Participants#	
Responses			Count	20
No feedback received				

EVENT	DATE	LOCAL BOARD	Event	
Families LBP Engagement Event at WRT	25/07/2023	Waiheke	Participants#	
Responses			Count	5
No feedback received				

EVENT	DATE	LOCAL BOARD	Event	
REBUS LBP Engagement Event	04/08/2023	Waiheke	Participants#	
Responses			Count	70
No feedback received				

EVENT	DATE	LOCAL BOARD	Event	
Blackpool Residents Association LBP Engagement Event	11/08/2023	Waiheke	Participants#	
Responses			Count	12
No feedback received				

EVENT	DATE	LOCAL BOARD	Event Participants#
WEeCA meeting	05/08/2023	Waiheke	
Responses			Count 40
No feedback received			

EVENT	DATE	LOCAL BOARD	Event Participants#
Piritahi Marae LBP Engagement Event	04/08/2023	Waiheke	
Responses			Count 3
No feedback received			

EVENT	DATE	LOCAL BOARD	Event Participants#
HYS Community Forum	02/08/2023	Waiheke	4

Dark skies and the preservation - black petrols and the effect of light: Good to have that evident in the reading. More visibility of that being integral with environment.

It's a question I think touches both on waste and the environment. So the dreaded moth plant: so um one frequent question and frustration that my team experience is how to dispose of the many tons of moth plant each year that we collect. The moment the only recourse is to take them to the transfer station where they are literally unbagged and taken across to a landfill on the mainland. Is there any way we could develop an on-island disposal or dumping site? It could be as simple as a pit in the ground, or it could be an incinerator service.

I'm not sure where this sits, probably with people, but the volunteer effort on Waiheke Island is absolutely incredible. I don't think I've come across this anywhere in the world. I think it is a very special feature of our island, right across the board. Where there is a voice where there is a passion, there is a volunteer.

Let's take another slant. I think the slant really touches on economy bc there are a couple of aspects here. One is that volunteerism is a great way to get people into the workforce, such as myself. I think the other one is that attracting funding writing grants the rest of it is getting public money into volunteer groups that then get dispersed into local businesses. So, I think there is a good link with economy.

One of the things that we say is completing a feasibility study to year-round access to potable water to Waiheke Island residents.

I am replicating for you from residents in Omiha and their main concerns. One of our main concerns that we constantly raise is the power supplies. It's really, to have an assured power supply, is an absolute necessity for us, especially when we want to have sustainable living and healthy homes. Without a power supply we won't have water supplies or a sewage system. It is part of our basic network of energy and our infrastructure network which is essential to all the other objectives of the plan. We can't have a good economy or businesses without power supply on demand. It's really a major concern for us. We get a lot of unannounced power outages in Rocky Bay.

The other matter that is particularly pertinent to Rocky Bay is the road conditions. It's very difficult because we have no footpaths at all. There is nowhere to go. That situation could be rectified. It is a basic infrastructure difficulty. Without that we cannot be assured of basic needs. There used to be smaller buses that serviced Rocky Bay. With the bigger buses, as we all now know, they do immense damage to the road.

I think the objectives are very laudable. And I think it is a very nice optimistic view of Waiheke.

Ticking over nicely it is

The management of some of our public spaces here which is a convoluted mess in some cases. Historically doc for example may have management rights for a public park but Auckland council has been giving responsibly caring for it. Sometimes this works sometimes it doesn't. Please please please iron out who is responsible for what. That effects economy recreation and all of the others.

Public bodies need to demonstrate that they are good neighbours to encourage private land to be good stewards. Its environment and it's the people, it's the people, it's the people.

For me Rangihoua is the island most significant ecological cultural social and recreational site on the island. Certain elements of it are being overlooked which could be taken further. This is a really positive vision that you and the others board members have put forward. I would really love to see it be developed as a ecopark. That is working out how dog walkers, runners, mountain bikers can work together better.

Looking forward, my point of view is the maunga could become a real source of cooperation, education, greater understanding of Māori on the island the history the traditions, I think it could be a wonderful attraction for our visitors, specifically our international visitors, we could highlight the traditions and values of the site.

Thank you for producing this in spanish that is really amazing thank you.

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Waiheke Collective meeting	09/08/2023	Waiheke	13

Waiheke Collective 20230809

Wednesday, 9 August 2023

5:09 pm

- Desire for advocacy towards better communication from Council operatives around protection of trees
 - Education with homeowners that is clear around rules for pruning and caring for trees
 - Noting the island specific rules
- Advocacy for better cat ownership information - perhaps under people a focus on the owners
 - Under supporting a caring society
 - Ecological awareness to create the culture they/we envision
 - Is there anything about responsible dog ownership? Education?
 - Responsible PET owner education and awareness as a function of a responsible community members
- Lacking in land-based conservation (when compared to marine cover)
 - Perhaps one of the objectives could be prioritised with land/terrestrial stewardship
 - Perhaps weeds, tree protection, stuff on the land
- Noxious weed disposal is a major issue
 - Help with an outlet for disposal
- I think the plan is really good - could do with a bit more emphasis and specificity
 - Rat reductions results in seriously enhanced growth of weeds (native and invasive)
 - Birds are spreading the weeds as a side effect and rats aren't eating seedlings
- Envisioning harmony in the systems land/sea - animals/weeds (rats/weeds, kina/caulerpa)
- Education around weed control strategies - what is the most vital aspect to dispose?
- Windows/glass treatment to protect birdlife, predation, dogs
 - Other themes to protect birdlife
- Support for the ambassadors and the value they give to the community
 - Go beyond beach ambassadors maybe pets, weeds, facilities

Continue to support the work and public messaging of predator-free groups, including Te Korowai o Waiheke, and pest **eradication** programmes

Encourage the creation of wildlife corridors (including new and restored

VERY IMPORTANT: Jennie from TKOW noted that it should say pest CONTROL programmes because TKOW is the only eradication programme and the rest are control

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Piritahi Marae LBP Feedback Event	04/08/2023	Waiheke	3

Draft LBP 2023 feedback Hui with Piritahi Marae – 4 August 2023

Location:

Waiheke Local Board office

Pita Mahaki opened the hui with a karakia

- Chair Cath welcomed attendees and reflected on what the board heard during the previous hui on marae's aspirations and priorities – *Noting marae operated by volunteers:*
 - Komiti's wish to maintain marae at high standard=ongoing costs: Septic tank, fire monitoring system, insurances requires ongoing security of financing
 - Desire to serve community and wider region
 - Goals: restore awa (stream) and maintain the maara (gardens)
 - Succession planning - wish to upskill new generation in kawa and tikanga esp. whaikōrero and karanga, links to preventative measures for your people in community
 - Providing Tikanga for children (Māori and non-Māori children, how to grow most loving adults who make better decisions) Events catered to developing understanding)

Additional comments from hui:

 - Marae requested karanga training be included within the above. (Noted that training that marae is doing won't necessary cross over to the training Wiremu is involved with).
 - Need to learn what the kawa is for Piritahi Marae. The marae follows Ngāti Paoa in terms of kawa. Was set out during the turning of the sod of the marae. Both orally and written down. This is important – every iwi has a different kawa. pōwhiri process – needs to follow that tikanga. Kawa is the absolute protocols and rules that need to be followed. When people from other iwi visit they know what is expected. E.g. Kawa of the tangi - Ngāti Paoa has a slight variation. Passing on critical intergenerational knowledge. It can be quite different in other areas and visiting iwi need to follow this kawa. Want the younger generation to understand the rules of Piritahi.
 - Concern over mental health provisions on island especially for young people, Waiheke overrepresented in statistics, how to support young Māori men? (suggestions: mentoring, preventive care, intentional peer support)
 - Housing crisis on island too many unhoused and growing (disproportionately affects Māori and youth)

- Environment "Sacred spaces in public places" - Provide more knowledge to the public and community around wāhi tapu
- Our Facilities and Open Spaces - include not only the space but also learning
- Our Economy - Prioritise ecology over economy, income from tourists travelling here eg. Visitor levy, Ferry should be community owned.

2. Chair provided a brief summary of the draft plan and ran through powerpoint of strategy areas.

- Discussed prioritising of initiatives. Impact of regional policies. Drives direction for the board. High level commitment to climate change and major commitment to regeneration. May decide that funds are better aligned to urgent issues that arise.
- Central to the vision is Waiheke as an island sanctuary in the gulf. Supported by the community and is the ethos of the local board plan.
- Underpinning everything are Māori outcomes and climate change.
- Marae plays a significant part in connectiveness and also resilience.
- Discussed Caulerpa situation.

Feedback:

- Promote the use of Te Reo – support for LBP titles being translated.
- Page 5 - Clarified the marae isn't under the board's decision-making but council/local board can support marae development.
- Māori outcomes – Much about supporting Māori and the marae, reference to Māori community and marae. What concerns them is marae committee are an aging community, important hui but many aren't available. Problem engaging rangitahi, and how this will be achieved – how do we engage rangitahi when they are working?
- At Waiheke High School students are passionate about climate change. Don't have to follow a specific language to be on the same page. Need support to engage them. As a community we need to help facilitate this and make it happen. Otherwise making claims that we cannot achieve.
- Cath – need to think about how we support building succession for Piritahi Marae. Think of a way to address supporting meeting the challenge. This will be a series of commitments that we can't deliver directly as a local board. Something we can do to express the challenge and how we might meet it. Challenge is intergenerational succession and the board's commitment to support the marae. e.g. weekend hui to get other generations to address the issue in a structured way, meet to discuss options to find a way forward.
- Marae is run on the smell of an oily rag. Volunteer basis. Rangitahi – how do we capture their interest now. Encourage them to be involved now rather than waiting until they are older.

- Many komiti members are busy in other areas e.g. Treasurer runs Hauora, Chair a Head of Dept. Everyone is doing a lot of other things.
- Need for a person that is responsible for the whole marae – via a fund. Where and how that will be sustained. In house reflection – how to express local board support for Piritahi Marae in terms of long-term health and succession and commitment.
- Needs to be a commercially viable and sustainable role.
- Many want to put skills into their iwi marae
- Ngāti Paoa kawa, tangata whenua involvement in marae
- consider options for viability of Piritahi – e.g. cultural wayfinding, building richness, visitor industry
- Chathams – Morori marae – cultural visits, experiences, using marae for tourism, how to build a business. Somehow funding support for that?
- There are some tourism groups that use the marae but this isn't funded. Needs to be someone there for protocol.
- Noted the board co-funded a coordinator to seek funding and get it going. Worked mainly in the development of the maara.
- Students at the Waiheke High School talking about climate change. Students are passionate. How can we support each other. Talking to the principal. Remind him to get in touch with the chair of the board. Remind them to submit.
- Cath will be talking at the school. Board is keen to have that relationship.
- Board can assist or facilitate with climate related programmes. E.g focus group to introduce to the collective or the board – as an influencing group. So many organisations they could be involved with, e.g. HGCS, WRT, TKOW
- Draft LBP Mihi wording? Important to provide reference points given its prominence.

Post meeting note:

This mihi was developed specifically for Waiheke (not used within other local board's plans).

Waihoroi Shortland was the author of most of the Local Board mihi, but it is not known whether or not he specifically wrote the Waiheke mihi, as there have been others involved too. Waihoroi is Ngāti Hine. These mihi do predate the existence of Nga Mataarae (council's Maori liaison group) and personnel changes since then mean that the records of their development may have been lost, or at least hard to determine.

Richard Nahi (Ngā Mātanga – Tikanga me Te Reo Māori) recommended that the various mihi should continue to be used in Local Board Plans as they contain highly relevant local information from a Māori perspective, which has not changed, despite board terms changing.

In future board could look at developing a new mihi with support from mana whenua and the marae.

- More appropriate pronoun - include 'tātou' rather than 'mātou' ('mātou' excludes)
- **He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere - Our plan at a glance**

Post meeting note:

- The plan uses both 'mātou' and 'tātou' – 'mātou' is relation to the board's plan for the community itself (ie the board's plan), and 'tātou' (as in 'places that are our collectively') in the theme sections – further illustrating the distinction in Māori. However, if the marae would prefer 'tātou' this could also be used.
- The translator is Kounga Ltd which is run by Leon Te Heketū Blake, who is one of NZ's foremost experts in te reo Māori translation and teaching.

3. Closing karakia

Comment added after Marae members reviewed the above notes:-

Although it is briefly stated, perhaps the importance of succession planning for the marae, from within the wider Maori community could be emphasised?