

Waiheke Local Board Community Forum

What: Community Forum Agenda

Where: Waiheke Local Board offices, 10 Belgium Street, Ostend; MS Teams

When: 21 February 2024 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Members:

Cath Handley (Chair)	Bianca Ranson (Deputy)	Kylee Matthews	Robin Tucker	Paul Walden
Present	Apologies	Present	Apologies	Present

Staff present:

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)	Proposed outcome(s)
5:30pm	Karakia and introductions	Chair Cath Handley	Formally open the meeting.
	Acknowledge the passing of Efeso Collins		
5:35pm	Wharf Road residents – Pūtiki cove clean-up Attachment Presentation	Dave Collins Marty Olson Kathy Downes	Residents are asking for support with efforts to clean-up the beachfront adjacent to the boat ramp at the end of Wharf Road
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Collins has been a resident of Wharf Road for over 70 years • Pūtiki Cove used to be a favourite swimming spot, Member Walden fondly remembers it from his youth • Currently in poor condition littered with rubbish and dinghies in various conditions • Community Facilities (CF) has done an initial inspection of the site and can support with the following actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Removal of rubbish as is illegal dumping in Council open space ○ Sticking of abandoned belongings to require removal • Members are supportive of identifying this beach for the vessel removal program • Staff will enquire with CF for installation of signage and track maintenance; and the prerequisites for renewal of the seawall 		
5:50pm	Ostend Medical Centre ultrasound room Attachment Presentation and business case	Jen Glover <i>CE Ostend Medical</i>	To request the Waiheke Local Board to support the set-up costs for the new service.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen presented on the many hurdles that the medical centre has been presented with to establish and fundraise • All efforts are being made to keep fees low or subsidised • Members gave direction to Community Broker to investigate funding opportunities 		

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6:05pm	Kai Waiheke update Attachment Food Charter	Emily King Livné Ore	Kai Waiheke presenting the mission of the group and their ongoing mahi.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congrats to Emily for being named one of “Aotearoa New Zealand’s TOP 50 most influential & inspiring women in food & drink 2024” by Cuisine Magazine • Livné gave a history of the group 2020-now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kai Waiheke emerged from a food resiliency hui in Nov 2020 ○ Redirected 20k MSD funding into smaller community projects 2021-2022 ○ Has used WLB funding for hui across the island engaging with different communities and aspects of food resilience ○ This year is hosting six hui to hopefully develop more food resiliency projects within community • Emily introduced their new sub-project: Food Brigade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Examining food resources for Waiheke during a disaster ○ Especially food access for the most vulnerable communities 		
6:20pm	Omiha rubbish bins	Dave Malan	30% of rubbish bins have been removed Auckland-wide. Omiha residents are requesting the reinstatement of a bin by the bus stop.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for special consideration to retain this bin. The council assets are maintained by community volunteers at no cost (at their own direction). The neighbourhood needs all three of our bins. • Possibility to acknowledge the undue cost on Waiheke to absorb the rubbish of the Aucklanders and visitors • Suggestion to move boaties bins closer to the bus stop so it is visible to both. Can Dave take that back to the group for consideration? • Could the bin be reinstated by Council but then community manages services? 		
6:35pm	Closing karakia	Member Kylee Matthews	Formally close the meeting.

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10 Belguim Street
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Waiheke Island

6 February 2024

Re: Revitalization Proposal for Putiki Cove - Restoring a Community Treasure

Dear Esteemed Council Members,

We are writing to draw your attention to the current state of Putiki Cove, a once-beloved community space that has fallen into a state of disrepair and neglect. With historical significance dating back to the 1950s and 60s, Putiki Cove holds memories of vibrant community gatherings, picnics, and leisure activities.



History of Putiki Cove

During its heyday, Putiki Cove boasted a thriving beach environment, offering a picturesque setting for various community events. The rocky outcrop on the eastern side was concreted to create more beach space, accommodating activities such as swimming and loading stock onto barges. Sadly, over time, the area has deteriorated, with significant losses, including a flat area above the high tide mark, due to the removal of retaining rocks by Jimmy Feather.



Current Conditions

Regrettably, Putiki Cove has devolved into a marine refuse dump, marred by the presence of abandoned boats, kayaks, and general litter. The once-inviting beach has lost its charm, and the need for intervention is evident.



Proposal

Recognising the historical and communal significance of Putiki Cove, we propose a community-led initiative to restore and revitalise this valuable asset. The primary objective is to thoroughly clean up, removing abandoned canoes, dinghies, and other refuse. Furthermore, we request the restoration of the beach's integrity by re-concreting the top of the rocky outcrop, reminiscent of its former state.



Future Protection

To safeguard Putiki Cove against future degradation, we propose that the council install strategically placed signage at the roadside and near the beach area. These signs would explicitly prohibit the dumping and beaching of small watercraft, fostering a sense of responsibility within the community and discouraging further environmental neglect.

We believe that by undertaking these measures, Putiki Cove can be transformed into a rejuvenated community space, fostering a renewed sense of pride and ownership among residents. I am eager to discuss this proposal further and welcome the opportunity to speak with the council to bring about positive change in our cherished community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Concerned Residents of Putiki Cove

WAIHEKE FOOD CHARTER

OUR VISION FOR A SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM:

Waiheke Island's food system is **thriving and alive**.

Our food system is supported by **good governance** and **collective action** across food initiatives on the island.

We grow **abundant, healthy, food** on our land that feeds **all of our community members**.

No one is hungry and everyone has access to **affordable, nutritious food**.

Our oceans are **abundant** with **marine** life, our waterways are **healthy**, and our surplus **rainwater** is stored and saved.

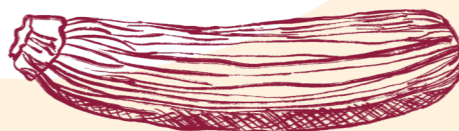
Our **soils** are **healthy and regenerating**.

We have **no food "waste"**.

We make **nutrient-dense** living **compost** that supports **food production**.

HUA PARAKORE

- The Hua Parakore framework refers to the six kaupapa of Hua Parakore, which are interrelated in their intention and how they are expressed in food systems: whaka-papa, wairua, mana, māramatanga, te ao tūroa, and mauri. Hua Parakore is a holistic approach that supports Te Ao Māori (Māori worldview) for food systems change. We recognise that it is not the only kaupapa Māori framework for food and support other frameworks as well.



FOOD ECONOMY

- We have a thriving food economy that employs people to do good jobs across the food system and initiatives.
- It is financially viable to run a food initiative on the island for farmers, growers, restaurants and stores. We are proud of our food workers earning a living this way.
- We are a connected network of home gardens, community gardens and market gardens that produces food at the scale and level given the land availability and people power. There is something for everyone.
- Our network of connected food initiatives grows and is interconnected, strengthening our food provenance and story.
- We have a thriving farmers' market and financially sustainable market gardens that people can buy locally grown food from.
 - Food is affordable for people.



FOOD SKILLS AND RESILIENCE

- We are a highly skilled island population with the know-how and the wisdom to have a thriving food system, from growing to making, cooking and eating food.
- Initiatives are supported to help educate people, particularly youth and new residents to the island, in how to garden the land on Waiheke.
- Cooking skills and programmes are offered to help people learn to cook and also to cook what's grown on Waiheke.
- We are connected and prepared in times of emergency, supporting and caring for those who are vulnerable and in need of food.



HEALTHY FOOD

- Food education and literacy is improved on the island to better understand healthy food.
- Our food produced on the island is healthy and nutrient dense.
- Healthy food is connected to healthy soils and also healthy minds.
 - Healthy food is affordable and an easy option for people.



ENVIRONMENT

- Our environment on land is interconnected with our ocean environment.
- The community goals for the environment on the island, such as increasing biodiversity on land, and abundance in the ocean, are also interwoven into our food system goals.
- We strive to regenerate the life supporting capacity of our island. This includes preservation of our aquifers and enhancing life in the water on land and in the sea.
- We are connected to nature and act accordingly through our actions in our food system. For example, we eliminate food waste and instead create compost as a resource on-island to enhance our soil and biodiversity.
- Water scarcity and droughts are a challenge to our food system. We are capturing and storing water in times of surplus in order to water crops and have food in times of drought.
 - Reforestation is recognised as key to maintenance of the local and broader water cycles.
 - We grow climate appropriate crops for Waiheke, crops that do well in times of drought and during heavy rainfall.



We,

support the principles of this charter to improve the food system of Waiheke.

This charter was prepared by the Waiheke community with support from the Waiheke Local Board

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