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# Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee held in the Marion Barleyman Cottage, 2 Moana View Road, Okupu, Great Barrier Island on Wednesday, 25 September 2013 at 10.00am.

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### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Richard Somerville-Ryan	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Susan Daly	
<b>Members</b>	Paul Downie	[from 11:34 am]
	Izzy Fordham	

### IN ATTENDANCE

John Ogden	Great Barrier Island Charitable Trust
Judy Gilbert	
Loma Cleave	
Christina Spence	

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1 **Welcome**

2 **Apologies**

Resolution number GBESP/2013/52

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member SP Daly:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee accepts the apology from Member Paul Downie for lateness.**

**CARRIED**

3 **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolution number GBESP/2013/53

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member IM Fordham:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 28 August 2013, including the confidential section, as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

5 **Leave of Absence**

There were no leaves of absence.

6 **Acknowledgements**

There were no acknowledgements.

7 **Petitions**

There were no petitions.

8 **Deputations**

There were no deputations.

## 9 Public Forum

### 9.1 John Ogden, Great Barrier Island Charitable Trust

John Ogden from the Great Barrier Island Charitable Trust was in attendance to thank the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee for their work, and to discuss environmental issues.

Resolution number GBESP/2013/54

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member SP Daly:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee thanks John Ogden for his Public Forum presentation.**

**CARRIED**

### 9.2 Judy Gilbert

Judy Gilbert was in attendance to discuss environmental issues from the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee's September agenda.

Resolution number GBESP/2013/55

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member SP Daly:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee thanks Judy Gilbert for her Public Forum presentation.**

**CARRIED**

### 9.3 Loma Cleave

Loma Cleave was in attendance to discuss the nature and range of projects that the Environment Strategy Planning Committee has worked on.

Resolution number GBESP/2013/56

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member SP Daly:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee thanks Loma Cleave for her Public Forum presentation.**

**CARRIED**

### 9.4 Christina Spence

Christina Spence was in attendance to ask a range of questions relating to environmental issues.

Resolution number GBESP/2013/57

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member SP Daly:

Christina Spence was in attendance to discuss the nature and range of projects that the Environment Strategy Planning Committee has worked on.

**CARRIED**

10 Extraordinary Business

10.1 Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai Ki Aotea Trust Hapu Management Plan and Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai Ki Aotea Strategic Plan 2013-2018

Resolution number GBESP/2013/58

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member IM Fordham:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee consider the Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai Ki Aotea Trust's Hapu Management Plan and Strategic Plan 2013-2018 as an item of extraordinary business as:**

- a) the Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai Ki Aotea Trust's Hapu Management Plan and the Strategic Plan 2013-2018 were launched on 20 September 2013 and there was not time to include it on the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee's September agenda; and
- b) this is the last Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee meeting of the term and the only opportunity for the Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai Ki Aotea Trust's Hapu Management Plan and Strategic Plan 2013-2018 to be formally received by the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee.

**CARRIED**

11 Notices of Motion

11.1 Notice of Motion: Installation of Kakariki Nesting Boxes in Okiwi Park

Resolution number GBESP/2013/59

MOVED by Member IM Fordham, seconded by Member SP Daly:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee:**

- a) grants permission to the Department of Conservation Great Barrier Field Office to install three kakariki nesting boxes in Okiwi Park at a location(s) to agreed with the Parks Advisor and to be installed in such a way as to give maximum exclusion from rats;
- b) confirms that the kakariki nesting boxes are to be installed for a period of two years at the expiry of which time if no activity has been shown then they be removed;
- c) requests that the Department of Conservation Great Barrier Field Office work in with the Great Barrier Local Board and their Parks Advisor keeping them informed.

**CARRIED**

**12 Infrastructure and Environmental Services Department Update**

Resolution number GBESP/2013/60

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member SP Daly:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee receive the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Update report.**

**CARRIED**

**13 2013/2014 Draft Environment Work Programme**

Brett Butland, Team Leader Biosecurity, Monique Jansen van Rensburg, Biosecurity Advisor, Nicola Watson, Land Management Advisor and Emma Joyce, Relationship Advisor Infrastructure and Environmental Services, tele-conferenced into the meeting to speak to this item.

Resolution number GBESP/2013/61

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member IM Fordham:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee:**

- a) **Receives the 2013/2014 Draft Environment Work Programme report.**
- b) **Agrees to fund the following biodiversity and land management projects at a total cost of \$41,000 with funding from the 2013/2014 'environmental enhancement initiatives' budget line.**

Project	Cost
<b>Fencing and Riparian Planting Fund</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Threatened Plants - Immediate conservation management of <i>Leptinella squalida</i> subsp. <i>squalida</i> (button daisy) at Awana</b>	<b>\$11,400</b>
<b>Threatened plants - Further survey for <i>Leptinella</i> species</b>	<b>\$7,200</b>
<b>Threatened Plants - Weed management of <i>Centipeda minima</i> subsp. <i>minima</i> (sneezeweed) at Whangapoua and Okiwi</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,000</b>

- c) **Agrees to fund the following biosecurity projects at a total cost of \$58,660, with funding of \$52,412 [now that figures have changed is this still the correct amount] from the 2013/2014 budget line for biosecurity / pest management programmes, and the difference of \$6,248.00 to be funded from the Board's discretionary funding.**

Project	Cost
<b>Rainbow Skink surveillance</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Rabbit Control – Kaitoke</b>	<b>\$5180</b>
<b>Rabbit Control – Whangapoua Spit</b>	<b>\$21,480</b>
<b>Rabbit Control – Whangapoua South</b>	<b>\$8040</b>
<b>Rabbit Control – Awana</b>	<b>\$8960</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,660</b>

- d) **Agrees to fund rabbit control at Okiwi from its 2013/2014 budget line for 'dune**

- restoration / rabbit control'.
- e) Agrees to fund wattle control, re-planting of the grandstand area and rodent and wildlife monitoring at the Kaitoke fire site at a cost of \$7791 from its 2013/2014 discretionary funding.
  - f) Defers the Chevron Skink monitoring project for consideration by the new Great Barrier Board noting the importance of this work and requests that the project be funded from regional budgets if possible
  - g) Defers the Biosecurity 'Ambassador' programme to educate ferry passengers, and inspect vessels for consideration by the new Board noting the importance of this work and requests that the project be funded from regional budgets if possible.
  - h) Requests that the 2014/2016 long term plan budget refresh includes regional funding for the range of Biosecurity and biodiversity projects which have benefits beyond Great Barrier Island to be agreed in discussion with the new Great Barrier Local Board.

**CARRIED**

#### 14 Auckland City Natural Heritage Fund 2013/2014

Monique Jansen van Rensburg, Biosecurity Advisor tele-conferenced into the meeting to speak to this item.

Resolution number GBESP/2013/62

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member SP Daly:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee:**

- a) Receive the Auckland Natural Heritage Fund Allocation 2013/2014 report.
- b) Consider the following grant allocations:
  - i) Allocation of \$12,000 to application ACNH1314003 from Windy Hill – Rosalie Bay Catchment Trust as a contribution towards equipment, action triggered cameras, pest control and traps, and a monitoring contractor.
  - ii) Allocation of \$10,000 to application ACNH1314004 from Glenfern Sanctuary Charitable Trust as a contribution towards field labour, index cards, peanut butter, field equipment, and vehicle fuel and maintenance.
  - iii) Allocation of \$1,265 to application ACNH1314005 from Wairahi Bay Station Company as a contribution towards “snap-E” traps with “sidekick” covers.
  - iv) Allocation of \$5,070 to application ACNH1314010 from Chimney Bay Co Limited as a contribution towards feral cat trapping, equipment set up and training, and wages for a local trapper.
- c) Decline the following grant application:
  - i) Application ACNH1314008 from Great Barrier Island Charitable Trust for a contribution towards wooden boxes to cover rat traps as the Auckland Council Biosecurity team advise that there is no gain to be had by deviating from sidekick covers to wooden box covers for the traps distributed as part of the Council initiative.

**CARRIED**

**15 Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee Environment Statement**

Resolution number GBESP/2013/63

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member IM Fordham:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee:**

- a) **endorse the Great Barrier Local Board Environment Statement, September 2013;**
- b) **forwards the environment statement to the incoming Great Barrier Local Board for its consideration and as appropriate use in developing its new local board plan for consultation in 2014.**

**CARRIED**

**Secretarial note** Member Paul Downie arrived at this point

**16 Aotea/Great Barrier Local Marine Protection and Planning Initiative**

Two documents were tabled in support of this item. A copy of the tabled items has been placed on the file copy of the minutes and can be viewed on the Auckland Council's website.

Resolution number GBESP/2013/64

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member SP Daly:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee:**

- a) **Requests that the incoming Great Barrier Local Board adopt the resolutions of the 24 July Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee on the Aotea/Great Barrier local marine protection and planning initiative and in particular the following key agreed main principles:**
  - **Commercial fishing would be banned within an agreed coastal area**
  - **Locals would still be able to fish 'for the table' within some restrictions and able to supply local commercial outlets**
  - **Some marine reserve areas would be created, including revisiting the original Rakitu marine reserve proposal (not the later Department of Conservation led proposal)**
- b) **Reaffirms the importance of the marine protection proposal being pursued as part of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan and based on a "bottom up – locally led" approach.**

**CARRIED**

**Attachments**

- A Managing Fishing Interactions with Seabirds
- B Snapper 1 Management Review



**17 Black petrel update and recommendations**

Resolution number GBESP/2013/65

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member SP Daly:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee:**

- a) receive the report;
- b) delegate to Chairperson Richard Somerville-Ryan to write to the Hon Nathan Guy, Minister for Primary Industries, to express its support for black petrel protection;
- c) consider its options for supporting black petrel conservation
- d) Invite the Black Petrel Action Group to report to the next Great Barrier Local Board on this issue.

**CARRIED**

**18 Microdictyon research update**

Resolution number GBESP/2013/66

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member IM Fordham:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee:**

- a) receive the Microdictyon research update report;
- b) requests that the incoming Great Barrier Local Board consider additional funding subsequent to receiving officer updates on the planned October/November sampling work.

**CARRIED**

**19 Resolution from the Great Barrier Local Board's August business meeting**

Resolution number GBESP/2013/67

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member SP Daly:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee receives the report.**

**CARRIED**

**20 Correspondence**

Resolution number GBESP/2013/68

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member SP Daly:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee receives the correspondence for the month of September 2013.**

**CARRIED**

21 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

21.1 Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai Ki Aotea Hapu Management Plan

Resolution number GBESP/2013/69

MOVED by Member RB Somerville-Ryan, seconded by Member SP Daly:

**That the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee:**

- a) receive the Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai Ki Aotea Trust Hapu Management Plan and Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai Ki Aotea Strategic Plan 2013-2018; and
- b) refers the Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai Ki Aotea Trust Hapu Management Plan and Ngati Rehua Ngatiwai Ki Aotea Strategic Plan 2013-2018 to the incoming Great Barrier Local Board for consideration as part of its next Local Board Plan.

**CARRIED**

**Secretarial note**      The meeting closed at 11:48 am

***In accordance with Clause 3.19.2 of Standing Orders, we hereby confirm the correctness of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Great Barrier Environment Strategy Planning Committee held on 25 September 2013 prior to the next election of Auckland Council.***

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Chairman, Great Barrier Environment  
Strategy Planning Committee

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Relationship Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_