

**Date:** Thursday 27 March 2014  
**Time:** 6.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Waikowhai Meeting Room  
**Venue:** Fickling Convention Centre  
546 Mt Albert Road  
Three Kings

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## **Puketāpapa Local Board**

# **OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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## Promising initiative would not only unclog our roads, it would help to improve the health of our children



Twenty-five years ago, more than half of children cycled and walked to primary and intermediate schools, and a third were driven. Photo / Thinkstock

No Auckland motorist needs to be told how much parents taking their children to and from school contributes to traffic congestion. As much is underlined during school holidays when movement around the city becomes relatively easy.

Various schemes, such as the Travelwise and Bikes in Schools programmes, have sought to wean parents and pupils from their cars. None has made a substantial impact. All the more reason, therefore, to welcome the Green Party's policy to encourage pupils to walk or cycle to school.

As its starting point, this promising initiative acknowledges that parents are driving their children to school because they are worried that walking and cycling are not safe. This fear has sparked a dramatic change.

Twenty-five years ago, more than half of children cycled and walked to primary and intermediate schools, and a third were driven.

Today, these numbers are reversed. The outcome, according to Transport Agency data, is that one in three car trips in the morning rush is related to education.

The Greens' solution is to spend \$200 million over four years on building cycle lanes and walkways

around schools. Funding for this would be redirected from roading projects which they say, justifiably, enjoy too great a slice of transport infrastructure funding.

Safety would be much enhanced by ensuring cycle lanes were completely separated from busy or high-speed roads, and installing traffic-calming devices near schools.

Funding for such improvements would come from the Transport Agency, which would assess plans for walking and cycling developed by schools and their local authorities.

The Greens estimate that if walking and cycling returned to 1989 levels, 100,000 cars would be removed from the road each morning.

The biggest impact would, obviously, be felt in Auckland. It would also be the biggest beneficiary of reduced carbon emissions.

But all parts of the country stand to benefit from a drop in the rate of child obesity. A third of this country's children are said to be overweight. A daily walk or bike ride to and from school would supply exercise and help children stay healthy. The Greens are even able to cite Danish research that found walking or cycling to school boosted a child's ability to concentrate throughout the morning, to a level of a child half a year older.

Annual spending of \$50 million is, as the Greens suggest, a drop in the bucket - just 3 per cent - of the transport budget. That appeals as money very well spent, given the scale of traffic congestion in Auckland.

Indeed, even more could be done. During last year's mayoral campaign, John Minto suggested free and frequent public transport would go a long way towards solving the problem. That is impractical. But cheap school-bus fares would surely be a reason to leave the car in the garage.

The Greens envisage half of children walking or cycling to school by 2020. Achieving that target would depend in large measure on schools and local authorities recognising the proposal's potential.

Schools have plenty of reasons to act. The clogging of streets outside their gates is as much a nuisance to them as it is to motorists trying to run the gauntlet. And the health and wellbeing of their pupils is their primary concern. From any number of angles, the Greens' policy makes sense.

- NZ Herald



# Memo

25 March 2014

To: Brenda Railey  
From: John Duthie

Subject: **Pah Homestead Climate Control**

Hi Brenda

Thanks for your note on the climate control report to the Puketapapa Local Board, and their queries about other options that were investigated as part of the climate control upgrade.

Four options were evaluated.

1. Status Quo:

This would see the existing system operating with improved ongoing maintenance.

The difficulty with this system is it is under-designed for the premises. The reason for this is partly because of the much higher visitor numbers (100,000 pa instead of 35,000 pa anticipated) and partly other issues relating to the building itself around air leakage into and from the building.

The cumulative problem is that too much air from outside the building is leaking into the climate controlled downstairs, to enable the current system to consistently operate to the required standard. Consequently, this option effectively says that we will not offer appropriate climate control at the Pah Homestead. While this is probably not in breach of the Council's contractual obligations, it certainly does not meet the stated verbal commitments made to the James Wallace Arts Trust (JWAT) at the time.

2. Upgrade of the current system

This is the recommended option and the one outlined in the report to the Board. Essentially, it is a \$180,000 upgrade to the system. It involves a number of measures which cumulatively will make a difference.

Essentially, the existing subfloor units are upgraded to a higher specification, and double glazing is achieved throughout the windows of the downstairs gallery to reduce the amount of air leakage into the building.

As described in the report, this will not meet the full specification 100% of the time, but it will significantly improve the operation.

3. Complete new system

A third option was investigated, which is the replacement of the existing system with a complete new system. This would involve a major unit being located in an outdoor courtyard adjacent to the Homestead and ducting of air under the building to the ground

floor units. The size of the new unit is substantially bigger. This approach would still need the double glazing. The Council would also still be in the position of not being able to meet the full climate control standards for 100% of the time.

This option had a \$400,000 price and was therefore rejected.

4. Reduced scope:

We did consider reducing the scope of the project by upgrading the subfloor climate control units, but not proceeding with the double glazing. The difficulty with this is that to achieve the targeted specification for climate control, we need the double glazing to reduce air leakage and temperature loss through the extensive windows in the ground floor area. No one element, such as upgrading the units, will achieve the level of climate control we are targeting.

This had about a 25% reduction in the cost. However, the functionality required was not achieved. Consequently, this was felt to be of false economy.

Targeted Climate Control Level:

As outlined in the report to the Board in the report, Pah Homestead will not 100% of the time achieve 100% of the standard for climate control in galleries and museums. This is because of the nature of a wooden heritage building. Modern galleries are effectively sealed off from external air and 100% controlled through climate control. This is not an option at the Pah Homestead. However, the approach recommended in the report will ensure that for the majority of the time, the New Zealand standard will be met or very nearly met.

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**Report Name: Board member report –Ella Kumar**  
**Portfolio activities for the month 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Portfolio: Events, Sport and Recreation, Arts and Culture, Library,**

**Significant points from monthly Board workshops and briefings**

Start	Subject	Location	Brief Description
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Lovelock Track	Owairaka Athletic Club	Met with Sydney, Ofisa, Jill to discuss the opening of the track.  This track has a long history it is the "The legendary track used by Lydiard, Snell, Magee, Baillie, Halberg and others". For Puketapapa Local board it is one sporting asset we should be proud to have in our community that holds a legendary history for the sporting athletes.  I will put in a sport and recreation proposal to the local board to have an event for the re-opening of this track due to the significance and histories held and attach this event to other sporting needs that can be met. The Lovelock Track, in Mount Roskill. Opened on 15 April 1961, Five world records have been set on the track.
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Recreation Facilities	Local Board office	Met Susan Jones to plan the needs of facility workshop.
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Business Meeting	Fickling Centre	Monthly Business meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport and Recreation	Tri Star Gymnastics	Keith Hay Park User Group monthly meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Local board Workshop	Fickling Centre	Weekly
8th March	Festival of Colours event	May Road War Memorial Hall	Sport and Rec event with Holi. Connect2sport delivery.
10 March	Meet Chief executive	Local Board Office	
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Local board Workshop	Local Board Office	
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Events Portfolio Meeting	Local Board Office	Meeting with Jill to update portfolio actions to be completed.



13 March	Empowered Community and Wellbeing Forum Help shape tomorrow's Puketapapa	Community centre	Community drop in for feedback.
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Community facilities grants policy workshop	Fickling centre	
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Mika Foundation Arts and Culture	Mika Foundation May Road	Met Mika to discuss possibilities for Matariki and other arts and cultural activities.
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual Plan Hearings  Local Board Workshop  Tri Star Gymnastics and Council Officers	Local Board Office	Weekly  Scout Hall Demolition
20 <sup>th</sup> March	MRGS Hockey Turf	Mt Roskill Grammar School	Turf trust meeting.  Future of the turf and current operational matters discussed.  Trees on Sommerset Road, roots are an issue for premier games and games of any other nature due to health and safety.  Roots have damaged the surface of the turf.  This means less income for the turf. Options discussed all trustee's to investigate how where we can increase income to continue the great work Barry does in connecting, engaging youth and keeping activity within Puketapapa.
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Agenda run through	Local Board Office	



**Any other issues: Nil**

**Events/Arts and Culture Update**

Events in scoping and planning  
Anzac  
Disco for Disability  
Matariki end of June  
Try a Craft date

**Library**

Met with the library staff to have the “Try a Craft event within the library 2014.  
Library meeting with officers: a quarterly basis to coincide with the Quarterly Omnibus report which contains the Auckland Libraries report so we can discuss.

**Sport and Recreation Centre**

Tri Star Gymnastics  
Met with Tri Star board members and Helen and sport and rec team with regards to the demolition of scout hall. To see how this can proceed so the Keith Hay Park project can continue as planned.  
This is currently in the process of both groups taking away options that suit all and best outcome for Puketāpapa.  
Meeting many sports codes to seek our local community participation and barriers that may be affecting the sport participation. Working with the codes to help with sport structures, codes plans where possible to meet our community needs.

**Lovelock Track**

Postponed the opening to later in the year.  
Meeting with Council team is set for April to discuss the dates for the finish of the lovelock track. This is to avoid another athletic season disrupted.  
I will organise a meeting for Council team and club to help understand the reasons the dates have been set but not met for the completion.

**Recommendation/s**

That the report be received

**Signatories**

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