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Time: 6.00pm
Meeting Room: Ōrākei Marae
Venue: 59b Kitemoana Street
Orakei
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Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Reserves Board

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Pourewa Creek Recreation Reserve Master Plan and Reserve Management Plan

Executive summary

1. This report provides an update on the Pourewa Creek Reserve management plan process and includes an updated overview of the methodology and indicative timeline for the remaining work.
2. Notification for the intention to prepare a reserve management plan has concluded. Feedback from this phase of consultation and from the whanau workshops will be used to inform the draft reserve management plan.
3. At the February 2014 Ngati Whatua Orakei Reserves Board meeting, the board resolved that submissions should be heard by a committee consisting of the board as a whole.
4. An officer recommendation on the committee structure is not provided. However, the indicative timeline may assist in determining the availability of board members and the role they have within the committee.

Recommendations

That the Ngati Whatua Orakei Reserves Board:

- a) approve expenditure of up to \$10,000 on a geotechnical survey for part of Pourewa Creek Recreation Reserve to help inform future management options.

Discussion

Background

5. At the February 2014 Ngati Whatua Orakei Reserves Board meeting, the board resolved to undertake consultation on the reserve management plan in two phases. The first phase being notifying the intention to prepare a reserve management plan. The second being notification of the draft management plan. The first phase is now complete.
6. The intention to prepare a reserve management plan was notified on 21 November 2014 and closed on 19 December 2014. A notice was placed in the East & Bays Courier on 21 November 2014. Key stakeholders identified for the first stage of consultation were Orakei Local Board, Vodafone and the Saint Heliers Bay Pony Club. Individual meetings were held with each group to obtain initial feedback and knowledge of the reserve.
7. Whanau workshops were held in May 2014 to obtain feedback on aspirations for the future of the reserve. The data collected from the workshops was presented at the September 2014 board meeting.

Summary of feedback from phase one consultation

8. Verbal feedback was received from the three key stakeholders and is summarised in the table below.

Stakeholder	Feedback
Orakei Local Board	<p>Overall supportive of reserve management plan development.</p> <p>Aspirations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A linkage between Orakei Basin walkway and the reserve. Long-term vision for a bridge crossing the creek. Pathways connecting to Orakei Road as a short-term achievement • Re-opening the bridle trails through Kepa Bush to provide grazing access to the reserve • Public access to water from the reserve.
Vodafone	<p>Overall supportive of use of reserve for recreation</p> <p>Technical implications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting south of utility cannot exceed 6m in height • Planting and build setback 3m either-side of the underground cable • Stakeholder likely to increase size of security fence if there is an increase in public use.
Saint Heliers Bay Pony Club	<p>Stakeholder would like to retain some relationship with the reserve.</p> <p>Aspirations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain grazing access should the club relocate nearby • If grazing is retained, the club could retain some features on site such as water tanks and troughs. These could also be utilised for reserve maintenance such as water irrigation • Open to transferring ownership of structures/buildings depending on what facilities will be provided at the future location • Enable use of the reserve by schools for physical education. <p>Observed constraints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The eastern riding area is filled land and appears subject to drainage issues. Fencing above and below are subsiding • Western riding area appears to be subject to stability issues and the retaining wall is subsiding • Run-off from Kepa Road on land west of the school.

9. A more detailed analysis of all feedback will follow this report. Initial analysis indicated there are correlating themes in the whanau and public feedback. In particular, linkages to Kēpa Bush Reserve, Orakei Road and Orakei Basin and the provision of walkways through the reserve.

Implementation

Further analysis following phase one consultation

10. Geotechnical advice will be sought to confirm stability of the land currently occupied by Saint Heliers Pony Club. These areas have been identified in background research and whanau workshops as a suitable location for future development.
11. Riley Consultants have provided estimated costs for a scoping report to ascertain land stability and liability issues. A site wide investigation is approximately \$12,000 - \$15,000. A localised investigation around the Pony Club is approximately \$6,000 - \$9,000. Historical information about the site was received from the crown prior to settlement. This provided a reasonable general overview of site geology and stability. However it is recommended that further site specific geotechnical survey work done is in the vicinity of the pony club developments as these areas are considered to be some of the more usable areas of the reserve this work will help inform potential future use and management options.

Updated methodology and indicative timeframes

12. The following outlines the next steps with an updated indicative timeframe. Some of the work and feedback will enable development of the management plan and concept plan to occur simultaneously.

Action	Indicative delivery date
Management Plan	
Draft management plan complete	Late April 2015
Report to the committee for approval for draft management plan	4 May – 8 May 2015 (meeting during that week)
Public consultation period (phase three)	27 May – 22 July 2015
Public open day	July 2015
Marae/Whanau day	July 2015
Hearings	August - September 2015
Finalisation of draft management plan	September – October 2015
Report to the committee for approval of final management plan	October 2015
Concept plan	
Draft concept plan complete	October - November 2015
Report to Reserves Board	February 2016 (based on 2015 schedule)
Consultation period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open day, Marae day and whanau workshops to occur here Note: a month lead-in time has been allowed to prepare for consultation	April - May 2016
Finalisation of draft concept plan	June 2016
Report to Reserves Board	Date depending on meeting roster

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13. Section 41(6) of the Reserves Act 1977 requires a consultation period of not less than two months. This is accounted for in the above indicative timeframes.
 14. It is acknowledged that Orakei Local Board offered to arrange a public open day as part of the consultation process, on behalf of Ngati Whatua Orakei. For the local board to be able to do this, the open day would have to occur late April/early May. This timeframe does not suit the consultants work programme. Accordingly, the open day will be arranged jointly with Ngati Whatua Orakei and Auckland Council staff.

Committee to hear submissions

15. At the February 2014 meeting, the board resolved to appoint a committee to hear submissions, and that committee would be made up of the board as a whole. This allows flexibility in the role board members are appointed to within the committee, while authorising the committee to approve the final plan without reporting back to the board.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

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