

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board will be held on:

**Date:** Thursday, 24 September 2015  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Meeting Room:** Waitakere Ranges Local Board Office  
**Venue:** 39 Glenmall Place  
Glen Eden

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## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board OPEN ADDENDUM AGENDA**

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Sandra Coney, QSO
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Denise Yates, JP
<b>Members</b>	Neil Henderson Greg Presland Steve Tollestrup Saffron Toms

(Quorum 3 members)

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## Portfolio update: Member Neil Henderson

File No.: CP2015/19629

### Purpose

1. This report provides an opportunity for Member Neil Henderson to give an update with regards to activity within his portfolio areas.
2. Portfolio holders are responsible for leading policy development in their portfolio area, proposing and developing project concepts, overseeing agreed projects within budgets, being active advocates, accessing and providing information and advice.
3. Member Henderson has lead for the portfolios of Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area including walkways, Greenways, as well as Sport and Recreation.

### Executive Summary

#### Sport and Recreation portfolio

4. The WRLB put \$15,000 towards a Waka Ama feasibility study for the Waitakere Ranges area of the Manukau Harbour. Council staff are presently working with the funding recipients to finalise the feasibility study contract, and we are looking forward to the study getting underway.
5. The Perris Road section of the Swanson walkway is advancing with some clearing work and fixing of fences underway. We are looking to run a working bee with volunteers in the spring, as part of a community day.

#### Sport Waitakere – Healthy Families launch

6. On August 29 I was fortunate to be able to attend the launch of the Government funded program, Healthy Families which will bring around four million dollars of funding out west for the next four years. The event was well attended and the Minister for Health and Sport, Dr Jonathan Coleman, presented a video that had been made to promote the program. Later he found the time to join me in kicking a football around and to play a traditional Maori game on the grass.
7. Healthy Families is an interesting new focus for Sport Waitakere, driving in as it does on choices people make, not only around physical activity, the traditional turf of Sports Waitakere, but also around how to sustain a healthy weight, being smoke-free and drinking only in moderation. The programme aims to be multi-faceted in that it hopes to improve people's health where they live, learn, work and play, with the hope that through this integration, the development of chronic disease might be prevented. I have been waiting in anticipation of the programs roll out and I will be making sure that the Waitakere Ranges Local Board area gets a piece of the pie.

#### Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area portfolio

8. At the last series of Portfolio catchups with staff, the following things were discussed:
  - Community forum update - Te Wao nui a Tiriwa: Standing Up for the Waitākere Ranges will be happening on Thursday 15 October 2015 at Titirangi War Memorial Hall, so I encourage people to come along and take part. We are working to finalise the programme and have been discussing the role of local board members in

presenting on themes for this forum. Te Warena from Te Kawerau a Maki will be the key note speaker .Topics for the forum will be available to the public shortly.

- Local Area Plans (LAPs) – the Te Henga (Bethells Beach) and Waitakere River Valley LAP is due to be reported back to the local board in October. We approved funding last month (13 August 2015) for Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Programme Area to continue implementing our existing local area plans. Some actions in the LAPs are best taken forward by the community, and we have been discussing how to better promote the local board’s community grants scheme to support community action of that kind.
- Just under \$20,000 of the current WRHA budget is still unallocated. Work is continuing to scope and provide cost estimates for the following projects shortlisted for consideration by the Local Board:
  - information about the Heritage Area: Heritage Area brochure for visitors
  - community education and engagement in the monitoring and protection of threatened coastal birds (penguins and grey faced petrels) in the ecosystems of Te Henga, Piha and Karekare
  - threatened species research: a study to assess the feasibility of re-introducing dactylanthus / pua o te reinga (also known as wood rose or Hades flower), and in the longer term the short-tailed bat, to the Waitākere Ranges. We have had an initial response from Rebecca Stanley at the Auckland Botanic gardens and she is certain that there may be some residual populations of dactylanthus still in the Waitakere Ranges and this would certainly need to be followed up on before moving ahead with any introductions from other areas. I want to take a good look at what else is happening to protect threatened species in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area to see if there are areas of advocacy we need to take up.



Dactylanthus taylorii(From Wikipedia)

- Rural land management practice: a capacity building project that identifies, documents and promotes existing practices of sustainable land management that protect valued landscapes, enhance the biodiversity of local areas and are economically sustainable.

## Recommendation

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) Receives the portfolio update from Member Neil Henderson.

## Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

## Signatories

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