

**Date:** Tuesday 27 October 2015  
**Time:** 7.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Upper Harbour Local Board Office  
**Venue:** 30 Kell Drive  
Albany

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## Upper Harbour Local Board

# OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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- *Founded in 1998 as a restoration project looking after the 67ha Eskdale Reserve and the 7ha Witheford Reserve*
- *Now a successful business operation, connecting people and the community, with a focus on plants, native bush, sustainable living and waste minimisation*

### A Totally Sustainable Auckland

**Our Mission:** Inspire the community to live sustainably

**Our Purpose:** To really help people with their environmental challenges



### Four Key Organisational Pillars

- Connect**
  - ✓ Bringing people together via a common goal
  - ✓ Connecting people with the natural environment
  - ✓ Connecting people with their community
  - ✓ 2015: 811 volunteers, 10200 volunteer hours, 136 volunteering events
  - ✓ Ran EcoFest in 2013 – 2015
- Restore**
  - ✓ Restoring and protecting 13.75% of Kaipatiki District's bush reserves
  - ✓ Regionally one of the most active community groups
  - ✓ 2015: Grew 30,000 + native plants
- Educate**
  - ✓ A huge range of practical courses with schools, businesses and organisations throughout the Auckland region
  - ✓ Focused on providing the skills, confidence and inspiration for people to live sustainably and appreciate the natural environment
- Sustain**
  - ✓ Focus on sustainable living and waste minimisation
  - ✓ Aimed at empowering people to get connected with their communities and local environment

### Bush rescue

The bush rescue we do contributes to rescuing and protecting precious fragments of urban forest.

- Stopping the spread of invasive weeds – allowing native plants to regenerate and flourish
- Creating habitat for native birds and other creatures that may be threatened
- Building on the work of countless others
- Ensuring our children have access to play, explore and experience the wonders of our natural environment – as we did



### Volunteer Opportunities

- Monday from 9am – 12 noon at the Centre
- Tuesdays, from 1pm – 3.30pm, with a focus on restoration
- Wednesday morning from 9am – 12 noon at Hobsonville Point.
- Thursday from 9am – 12 noon at the Centre



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Attachment A



## EcoFest 2015

- Between 3000-3400 people participated
- The opening event brought in over 1000 people to Kaipatiki Project and Eskdale reserve
- The first Auckland-wide Sustainable Whanau Challenge was launched with 439 households
- 96 Events were listed in the Ecofest North programme.
- 40,000 Ecofest North programmes were printed and 35,000 were dropped in letter boxes.
- All far North events were listed in Mahurangi Matters which went into 12,000 letter boxes.
- Ray White North Shore signed on as major sponsor.
- 67 Community and Environmental groups were represented in the various events.



### Course opportunities

 <p><b>Biogest Maori herbal medicine</b> Learn to heal from the land</p>	 <p><b>Flax Academy: Harakoko Flax Weaving</b> Learn this fun, social Maori craft</p>	 <p><b>Rush Walk and Talk</b> Guided outdoor experience on the North...</p>
 <p><b>Nursery class</b> Free trial experience in plant propagation</p>	 <p><b>Restoration class</b> Learn about native forest restoration</p>	 <p><b>Restoring Your Home</b> Learn how to create a positive, safe, healthy...</p>
 <p><b>Gardening class</b> Short practical class on urban gardens</p>	 <p><b>Beekeeping for Beginners</b> A fascinating 4 part lecture course</p>	 <p><b>Free Composting Courses</b> New courses starting in April 2016</p>

### Funding


We receive funding from a wide range of sources:

- 25% - operating grant from Auckland Council, Ministry of the Environment and Foundation North
- 30% from general grants to help us buy things or deliver free services
- 45% from self generated sources such as delivering courses, delivering restoration services or selling goods such as trees and composting services
- Additional support from businesses, members and individual donors





### Vision For the Future



- To develop a first class environmental and sustainability centre that showcases our natural heritage, sustainable living and environmental restoration
- To be a community hub, utilising the natural environment to bring together cohesive communities of the future
- To utilise our four organisational pillars to engender further growth & community success





### Constraints and questions

- Need to use the existing building footprint (18 x 8m)
- Funding
  - significant funding supplied by HLC and AV Jennings
  - able to raise additional funds / in kind support
- Building owners– Auckland Council or Kaipatiki Project?
- Need permission from Auckland Council for land use

## Opportunity

- To build a environmental and community space in Hobsonville
- To engage with the wider community in it's design and usage
- To create employment opportunities in the area
- To be a driver of social, community and environmental change

**Kaipatiki**   
Connect • Restore • Educate **Project**

**Thank you**