

Date: Monday 15 February 2016
Time: 10.00am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber
Venue: Orewa Service Centre
50 Centreway Road
Orewa

Rodney Local Board
OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Memo

12 February 2016

To: Rodney Local Board Chairperson and Environmental Portfolio Holder

cc: Lesley Jenkins – Relationship Manager, Kathryn Martin – Senior Local Board Advisor, Jonathan Hope – Local Board Advisor, Tracy Tristram - Environmental Programmes Advisor

From: Guia Nonoy - Relationship Advisor

Subject: Update on the industrial pollution prevention project (IPPP) and re-allocation of anticipated underspend

Purpose

To provide the Rodney Local Board (the board) with an update on the progress of the industrial pollution prevention project (IPPP) in Wellsford, and to recommend that the board consider re-allocating the anticipated underspend of \$1,000.

Summary

The board resolved in July 2015 (RD/2015/1) to allocate \$10,000 from its 2015/2016 community led environmental projects budget to an IPPP in Wellsford.

Wilkinson Environmental was contracted to deliver this programme which commenced in November 2015 and is now almost completed. A total of 54 businesses were visited with approximately 40 per cent having recommendations for further action. Follow up visits will be carried out shortly. As there are less businesses in the Wellsford area than predicted, this project is expected to have an underspend of \$1,000.

Due to timings, and noting the anticipated underspend, it is recommended that the board consider re-allocating the \$1,000 to the following projects:

a) EnviroSchools signs - \$452

The local board received a memo dated 12 October 2015 (as attached) outlining the EnviroSchools programme which four Rodney schools participate in. These schools wish to install signs that will show their commitment to sustainability and highlight the growing network of EnviroSchools which are supported by Auckland Council. The development of these signs has been initiated in response to a growing demand from schools and early childhood centres across New Zealand to have some way of publicly highlighting their engagement in the EnviroSchools programme. The total cost of these signs is \$452 (\$113 per sign).

b) Takatu Landcare Group - climbing asparagus project - \$548

This project continues climbing asparagus and other weed work carried out in previous years. This year's programme involves follow up weed control on previously sprayed sites, along with a survey to ascertain new sites and carry out weed control on newly identified sites. Additional money allocated to this project will enable extra sites to be targeted for climbing asparagus control. It is recommended that the remaining balance of \$548 be allocated to the Takatu Landcare Group's climbing asparagus project. This would increase the project's allocated budget of \$10,000 to \$10,548.

c) No reallocation of the underspend

The board can choose not to reallocate the budget to a new project. The underspend will go up as savings. This is not the recommended option.

Recommendation

Below are the proposed recommendations for the local board to consider:

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a. *Note an underspend of \$1,000 in the industrial pollution prevention project funded from the local board's 'community led environmental programmes' budget line.*
- b. *Approve re-allocation of the underspend of \$1,000 from the industrial pollution prevention project to the following:*
 - i. *\$452 to the Infrastructure and Environmental Services department to provide the four Rodney Enviroschools with signs to acknowledge and showcase their commitment and involvement in the Enviroschools programme. The signs will display the Rodney Local Board logo.*
 - ii. *\$548 to the Infrastructure and Environmental Services department to increase the budget for the Takatu Landcare Group's climbing asparagus control work project from \$10,000 to \$10,548.*

Regards

Guia Nonoy
Relationship Advisor
Infrastructure and Environmental Services



Memo

12 October 2015

To: Rodney Local Board Chairperson and Environmental Portfolio Holder

Cc: Robert Sutherland, Manager Sustainability Initiatives, Hillary Chidlow, Manager Education for Sustainability, Sandy Bell-Jameson, Senior Education for Sustainability Advisor (Regional Coordinator EnviroSchools)

From: Gael Ogilvie, Manager Environmental Services

Subject: Supporting your local EnviroSchools

The purpose of this memo is to inform you about an exciting opportunity to support your local EnviroSchools.

The EnviroSchools Programme is a long standing whole-school and early childhood centre approach which has been active in the Auckland region since 2002. The programme encourages young people to actively participate to help create a sustainable future for the Auckland region.

The programme integrates sustainability into the whole of school and early childhood centre life and provides rich learning opportunities and a range of related environmental, educational, economic and social benefits. Students can take action to improve their surrounding natural environment and or implement sustainable living practises such as reducing waste, water and energy usage.

Request for support

Recently, the Toimata Foundation (formerly the EnviroSchools Foundation) has developed an inspiring new sign to be placed outside each EnviroSchool (example of the design attached). These signs will show the early childhood centres and schools' commitment to sustainability and highlight the growing network of EnviroSchools which are supported by Auckland Council.

The development of these signs has been initiated in response to a growing demand from schools and early childhood centres across New Zealand to have some way of publicly highlighting their engagement in the EnviroSchools programme.

It would be much appreciated if local boards can assist the EnviroSchools programme by purchasing signs for EnviroSchools in their area. Auckland Council supports approximately 197 schools and early childhood centres across the region, four of which are located in your local board area.

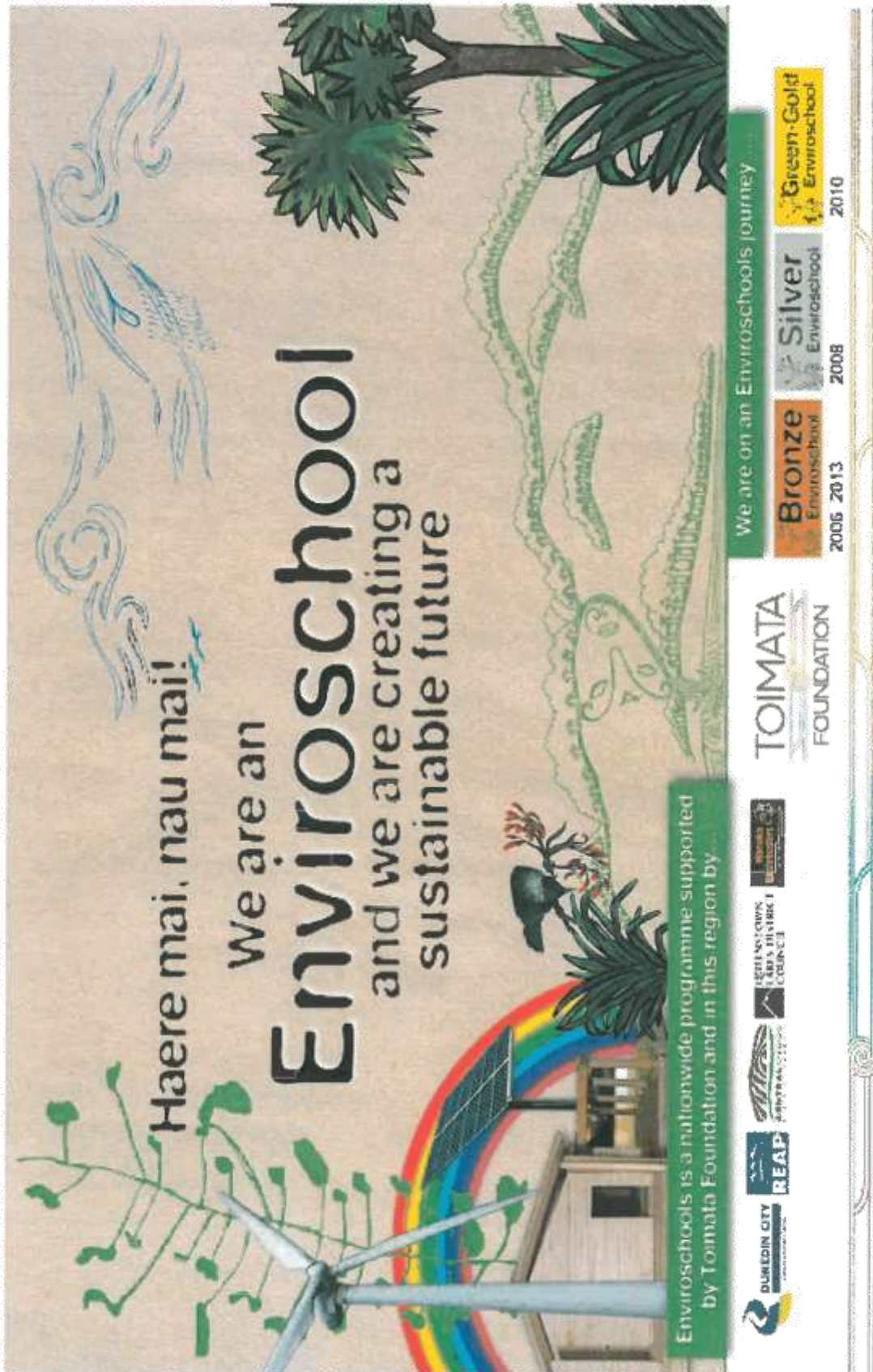
These schools are:
Dairy Flat School
Leigh School
Mahurangi College
Taupaki School

If your board is willing to support these EnviroSchools with the purchase of an EnviroSchools sign, this would cost approximately \$452 (\$113 per sign). If you are willing to allocate some funding towards these signs please advise your I&ES relationship advisor Guia Nonoy who will be able to progress this with the financial team.

Unfortunately there is insufficient regional funding available for the new signs so if the board is not able to support this request then each EnviroSchool will be asked to provide funding for their own sign.

Thank you for your support. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to education for sustainability and the EnviroSchools programme.

Gael Ogilvie
Manager Environmental Services
Infrastructure and Environmental Services



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Attachment A