

**Date:** Thursday 25 May 2017  
**Time:** 6.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Waitākere Ranges Local Board Office  
**Venue:** 39 Glenmall Place  
Glen Eden

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## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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## Vale Park picnic area – table and bench seats

Henderson Valley Residents Association would like to request a grant to purchase and install a picnic furniture at Vale Park in Henderson Valley.

**Proposal** Install a picnic table and two bench seats on the grassy area of the park, in a heavy durable wood design that will be in keeping with the wooded aspect of the park environment, on a concrete pad. The preference is for it to be sited in the middle rear of the grassed area.

**Environment** The park adjoins a bush reserve which includes a stand of kauri trees at the edge of the park and slopes down to the Parekura Stream. Vale Track runs from the park through the kauri grove down to the stream, a healthy running stream that supports wildlife including eels, native mussels, glow-worms, birds and insects, and the track continues up the opposite side to Napuka Road.

Vale Park has been used by the local community each year to host street picnics; the last was held two months ago.

The park is popular for families as a reserve for picnics, playing backyard games, and walking through the Vale Track.

**Neighbours** The park adjoins two neighbouring residences. We have spoken with both neighbours and they are in favour of the proposed furniture.

**Options** We have two possible options for sourcing suitable furniture:

(1) Purchase furniture from Street Furniture NZ, which supplies Auckland Council. They have a macrocarpa set pictured as follows. The web page for this is <http://www.streetfurniture.co.nz/furniture/picnic-sets/macrocarpa-picnic-set/>.

Cost: \$3,000 for the macrocarpa set.



Generous Solid Construction

### Features

- Solid Timber Construction
- Plant Mounted Only
- Underground Portion of Seat - Preservative Applied
- Option of Heavy Weight or Light Weight versions

### Product Specifications

- Galvanized Fasteners
- NZ Grown Macrocarpa Timber

(2) Auckland Council apparently has a store of street/park furniture and might already have something suitable; our contacts there are Huw Hill-Male and Dawn Bardsley. As yet, we do not know whether suitable furniture is available.

Cost: To be established.

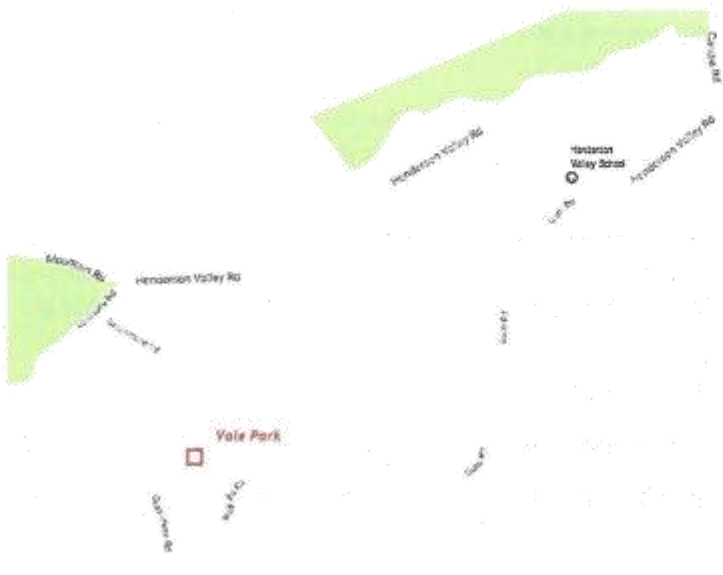
**Installation** Both of the above options will require installation, to embed the furniture into a concrete pad. We estimate the cost would be \$2,000 for a contractor to do this.

### Ongoing maintenance

Rubbish removal – we think a bin may not be necessary, but at least a small sign asking people to take their rubbish with them.

Annual maintenance – the Residents Association are happy to oversee sanding, re-oiling and touch ups as required.

Location Map: Vale Park on Grassmere Road, Henderson Valley



Satellite view – from Google Maps; note that Vale Track enters Vale Park halfway along the bush side.



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