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74	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Environmental Services	Bus subsidies for participation in education for sustainability - Waitākere Ranges	To provide bus subsidies for the 14 schools within the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area to attend education for sustainability programmes at Arataki, and other experience centres. The Sustainable Schools team operates six experience centres around Auckland which offer hands-on education for sustainability experiences, inspiring children to make a difference for their environment. Staff are aware, from direct teacher feedback, that the cost of buses is restricting students from being able to attend these experience centres. As a guide, \$1,500 would allow 10 schools to attend an experience centre.	Financial assistance in the form of bus subsidies would provide the following benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows all schools within the local board area to have the opportunity to attend experience centres • Engages students in developing an understanding of sustainability • Improves understanding of the impact of sustainability in action to receiving environments (our treasured awa, maunga and moana), including behavioural change impact on restoring waterways • Empowers students to take action at home and at school – including water testing skills and knowledge • Improves understanding and capability to engage in citizen science programmes designed to understand, protect, restore and enhance our local places of significance • Improves connectedness to local places, encouraging local communities to better utilise their natural spaces 		Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 2,000
635	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Environmental Services	Coastal and Marine Environment	To increase local knowledge and appreciation of the marine and coastal environment in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area; including threats, challenges and opportunities, and to improve the quality of the marine and coastal environment. This may involve events, further research, community workshops, improving coastal assets, restoration, or conservation management. This project will be informed by the coastal and marine environment report, to be delivered to the local board by the end of this financial year.	Increase local knowledge and appreciation of the marine and coastal environment in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area. Improve quality of marine and coastal environment in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area.	Activity scope will be defined following workshops with the board on the coastal and marine environment report released in the 2016/2017 financial year.	Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 50,000
134	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Environmental Services	Community Nurseries (EcoMatters) - Waitākere Ranges	To establish and support community nurseries, and to provide advice to the community on how best to establish and maintain these.	Waitākere Ranges conservation volunteers have the skills to grow their own locally eco-sourced plants for use in restoration initiatives.	Note that the board will be considering a separate report on the recommended option to form a three year funding agreement with EcoMatters Environment Trust at its 22 June 2017 meeting. This project will form part of the funding agreement with EcoMatters.	Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 10,000

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139	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Environmental Services	EcoMatters Environment Centre and Sustainability Hub (EcoMatters) - Waitākere Ranges	Funding will support the operation of EcoMatters Environment Centre and associated education programmes, as well as provide baseline funding for EcoMatters Trust. EcoMatters deliverables include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage the EcoMatters Environment Centre • Promote service to the diversity of Waitākere Ranges communities • Provide and promote free or affordable meeting space to other environmentally focused community groups • Deliver a minimum of 26 sustainability-related seminars and workshops within the funding period 	Waitākere Ranges communities have the skills, knowledge and resources to make positive choices for sustainable living and reduction of their ecological footprint.	Note that the board will be considering a separate report on the recommended option to form a three year funding agreement with EcoMatters Environment Trust at its 22 June 2017 meeting. This project will form part of the funding agreement with EcoMatters.	Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 35,000
141	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Environmental Services	EcoWest Festival (EcoMatters) - Waitākere Ranges	Funding to support the EcoWest festival which will run from March-April 2018. The project deliverables will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a community-based environmental festival with access to free public events • Design and deliver an event that provides information and practical ideas for making sustainable living easy • Market the festival to businesses, institutions and community groups acknowledging Waitākere Ranges Local Board's funding • Promote the festival in ways that target the diversity and distribution of the population To work collaboratively with other agencies who may be delivering similar events in the other sub-regions at the same time.	Waitākere Ranges communities have the skills, knowledge and resources to make positive choices for sustainable living and reduction of their ecological footprint.	Note that the board will be considering a separate report on the recommended option to form a three year funding agreement with EcoMatters Environment Trust at its 22 June 2017 meeting. This project will form part of the funding agreement with EcoMatters.	Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 10,000
144	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Environmental Services	Kauri dieback community coordinator	To co-ordinate a comprehensive community engagement project in the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Areas, and to support the Auckland Council kauri dieback programme.	The position will develop capacity within the community to protect kauri forest in the Waitākere Local Board area and across the region by preventing kauri dieback spread.	TBC	Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 48,000
137	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Environmental Services	Love Your Neighbourhood (EcoMatters) - Waitākere Ranges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide rapid response assistance up to a value of \$500 to support volunteer-driven practical environmental initiatives such as environmental clean ups and restoration, community planting and food growing. • Includes providing practical assistance to not-for-profit preschools to enable environmental education initiatives; in particular edible gardens and water saving and collection devices. • Promote the availability of the assistance through appropriate networks across the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area • Respond to requests from the Waitākere Ranges Local Board to support community action. 	Enables community volunteers and not-for-profit Waitākere Ranges early childhood centres to undertake practical environmental initiatives.	Note that the board will be considering a separate report on the recommended option to form a three year funding agreement with EcoMatters Environment Trust at its 22 June 2017 meeting. This project will form part of the funding agreement with EcoMatters.	Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 10,000

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135	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Environmental Services	Love Your Place Awards (EcoMatters) - Waitākere Ranges	To fund and support environmental champion recognition awards that will specifically be for Waitākere Ranges Local Board constituents. The awards will recognise volunteer work in the environment, and will be delivered every 2 years.	Recognise and celebrate the volunteers and champions who contribute to caring for the Waitākere Ranges environment.	Note that the board will be considering a separate report on the recommended option to form a three year funding agreement with EcoMatters Environment Trust at its 22 June 2017 meeting. This project will form part of the funding agreement with EcoMatters.	Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 5,000
136	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Environmental Services	Plastic Bag Campaign (EcoMatters) - Waitākere Ranges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To engage and support individuals, businesses, schools, and community groups to adopt alternatives to plastic bags. This project will work in conjunction with existing community initiatives. 	To encourage environmentally responsible lifestyles. Waitākere Ranges communities have the skills, knowledge and resources to make positive choices for sustainable living and reduction of their ecological footprint.	Note that the board will be considering a separate report on the recommended option to form a three year funding agreement with EcoMatters Environment Trust at its 22 June 2017 meeting. This project will form part of the funding agreement with EcoMatters.	Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 5,000
140	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Environmental Services	Project HomeWise (EcoMatters) - Waitākere Ranges	<p>A minimum of three workshops to be provided to communities on topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste minimisation (how to sort household rubbish, including home composting, options and demonstration) Water saving (how to reduce water consumption and bills) Energy efficiency (how to reduce power bills) Sustainable living 	Ethnic communities and vulnerable households within the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Area have the skills, knowledge and resources to make positive choices for sustainable living and reduction of their ecological footprint.	Note that the board will be considering a separate report on the recommended option to form a three year funding agreement with EcoMatters Environment Trust at its 22 June 2017 meeting. This project will form part of the funding agreement with EcoMatters.	Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 5,000
146	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Environmental Services	Waitākere weed action project	<p>Working with the communities at Piha, Karekare and Huia to reduce the density of the ecosystem transformational weed climbing asparagus on private property. The goal is to achieve zero density of this weed (within three seasons).</p> <p>Climbing asparagus is an ecosystem transforming pest plant - smothering desirable plants and preventing regeneration. It is becoming an increasing issue within the regional park with infestations associated with human settlement. Weed management was occurring on the park but not on private land. Birds can spread seed up to one kilometre from a mature fruiting plant, so without a whole of landscape approach this pest plant will continue to threaten the high biodiversity values of the Waitākere Ranges.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the volume and spread of the ecosystem transforming weed in ecologically significant areas of the Waitākere Ranges. This project directly supports the work being undertaken on regional parkland. Contributes to a behaviour change where all the community understands we have a shared responsibility to manage environmental weeds in the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area. 	TBC	Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 100,000

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138	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Environmental Services	War on weeds (EcoMatters) - Waitākere Ranges	A campaign to be run in March 2018, where jumbo bins are provided at key sites in the local board area for a four week period for community disposal of weeds.	Support removal of environmental weeds and pest plants from private property in Waitākere Ranges and raise awareness of weed issues.	Note that the board will be considering a separate report on the recommended option to form a three year funding agreement with EcoMatters Environment Trust at its 22 June 2017 meeting. This project will form part of the funding agreement with EcoMatters.	Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 23,000
525	The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area is protected	I&ES: Environmental Services	Community weed bins - Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act work programme	The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act work programme budget is a regional budget held by the north west planning team in the Chief Planning Office. The biodiversity team within Infrastructure and Environmental Services plan to continue to deliver a community weed bin project, which has been operating over several years, as part of the work programme for the north west planning team. A SharePoint entry has been created for the Infrastructure and Environmental Services work programme. As this project is proposed to be funded the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area fund, the final allocation amount is to be confirmed at a later date.	Enabling the removal and disposal of weeds from the Waitākere Ranges Increasing public education about high priority weeds	This project is delivered by Infrastructure and Environmental Services staff, but funded from asset based services opex funding for the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area, and will be the subject of a separate work programme allocation report that is expected to be presented to the board in July 2017.	Not scheduled	ABS: Opex	\$ -
649	The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area is protected	I&ES: Environmental Services	Long-tailed bat project - Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act work programme	The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act work programme budget is a regional budget held by the north west planning team in the Chief Planning Office. The biodiversity team within Infrastructure and Environmental Services plan to continue to deliver a long-tailed bat research, protection and recovery project, which has been operating over several years, as part of the work programme for the north west planning team. A SharePoint entry has been created for the Infrastructure and Environmental Services work programme quarterly update. As this project is proposed to be funded the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area fund, the final allocation amount is to be confirmed at a later date.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting of long-tailed bat roosts for the long-term survival of the species Increasing public awareness for citizen science monitoring of long-tailed bats using handheld bat detectors 	This project is delivered by Infrastructure and Environmental Services staff, but funded from asset based services opex funding for the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area, and will be the subject of a separate work programme allocation report that is expected to be presented to the board in July 2017.	Not scheduled	ABS: Opex	\$ -

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59	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Healthy Waters	Manukau Harbour Forum - Waitākere Ranges	To continue to support the Manukau Harbour Forum.	The Manukau Harbour Forum enables collective input from the nine local boards around the Manukau Harbour into activities impacting on the harbour. Direct funding from local boards supports a communications programme to increase awareness and engagement with the Manukau Harbour environment, including the streams and waterways entering into the harbour. In 2017/2018 (subject to reconstitution of the forum), the focus will be on developing a new three year work programme for the forum.		Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 8,000
109	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Healthy Waters	West Coast Lagoons Septic Tank Subsidy Scheme	To administer a third year of the \$50,000 West Coast Lagoons septic tank subsidy grant scheme, noting that the scheme operates as a complement to the two-year voluntary targeted rate pilot begun in February 2017. A regional review of the onsite wastewater management options is planned to commence in July 2017, through which other options to address septic tank management will be assessed. This funding will be reconsidered as part of the July 2017 review of the West Coast Lagoons Action Plan to determine further initiatives for improving water quality in the west coast lagoons. The purpose of the subsidy is to encourage septic tank owners in the west coast lagoons catchment to upgrade their systems from pump-out or secondary to tertiary level systems. Property owners can apply for a subsidy of 50 per cent of the cost of any significant upgrade of their septic system to a maximum of \$5,000. The subsidy scheme will be open until 30 December 2017, creating time pressure for applicants to take-up the offer and to encourage upgrades to be made over the summer swimming season. It will also allow time for funds to be reallocated if uptake is low.	Improving water quality in the west coast lagoons, by working with local communities.		Not scheduled	LDI: Opex	\$ 50,000
110	Our unique natural environments are healthy and restored	I&ES: Healthy Waters	Septic Tank Pumpout Programme - Waitākere Ranges Local Board	This programme manages the triennial pumpout of septic tanks in the former Waitākere City Council area.	The pumpout programme is based around improvements to the environment and public health and safety due to a reduction in the amount of emergency overflows through pumpouts. The community and environmental benefit is fewer failing septic tank systems and reduced contamination of streams, lagoons and beaches in the area.		Q1; Q2; Q3; Q4	ABS: Opex	\$ 614,925