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Devonport-Takapuna Local Board specific issues

Issue	Current approach	Proposed approach relevant to local board area	Rationale
Wallabies	Current Regional Pest Management Strategy provides for eradication of wallabies as stand-alone operation, not encompassing other mammals such as rats and possums. Eradication has not been actioned over the course of the strategy.	Region-wide eradication programme, comprised of two components: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) multi-species eradication of wallabies, rats and possums on Kawau. 2) incursion response programme for the remainder of the region to protect current wallaby-free status. 	To protect the ecological and economic values of Kawau Island, and the wallaby-free status of other islands and the mainland. Multi-species approach for eradication on Kawau offers better mitigation of interactions among pests, to prevent adverse outcomes such as an increase in rats following removal of wallabies.
Pigeons and seagulls	Education and advice.	Education and advice. Note that all gulls are native species, and red-billed gulls are nationally threatened, with threat status "At-risk (declining)". Staff can provide education and advice on managing human/wildlife conflict.	Continue current management approach.
Rats	Control of rodents in areas of high conservation value. Support for community pest control initiatives. Pathway management to prevent incursions on islands.	Site-led programmes for parks with significant ecological areas and the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area, to manage rodents to an extent that protects the values of these places. Enhanced pathway management to protect islands. Sustained control programme for the remainder of the region focusing on support for community pest control initiatives.	Similar to current management approach but with enhanced investment in pathway management and control in significant ecological areas.
Kauri dieback disease	Kauri dieback disease currently managed as an unwanted organism under the Biosecurity Act, the Unitary Plan and national best practice guidelines.	Exclusion programme with pathway management rules to prevent the establishment of kauri dieback in high priority kauri dieback-free zones, including the Hunua Ranges and Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area.	Inclusion in the proposed plan will provide better statutory backing to manage kauri dieback disease and enable implementation of regionally specific pathway management rules.
Priority sites – Lake Pupuke, coastal	Support for community pest control initiatives.	Site-led programmes for priority parks with significant ecological areas, including coastal	Site-focused approach will enable more intensive management of pest

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beaches and coastal shellbanks.		areas, to manage pest species to an extent that protects the values of these places. Pathway management for freshwater pest species to protect freshwater ecosystems. Support for community pest control initiatives.	plants to better protect priority ecosystems and threatened species.
A desire for more education around pests	Provision of information and advice on pest identification, impacts and control, and communications around pathway management for a suite of species.	Provision of information and advice on pest identification, impacts and control, and increased communications around pathway management for a suite of species.	To encourage community, landowner and householder action and behaviour change to control pests, create natural habitats and prevent environmental degradation.
The importance of community pest control	Provision of advice and support to community groups undertaking pest control, with priority given to activity in or around biodiversity focus areas and taking advantage of defendable landscape features such as islands and peninsulas.	Provision of advice and support to community groups undertaking pest control, with priority given to activity in or around biodiversity focus areas and taking advantage of defendable landscape features such as islands and peninsulas. The plan will support the Pest Free Auckland initiative, which focuses on community empowerment.	To amplify, recognise and support community activity around biodiversity focus areas and provide community empowerment, upskilling and networking opportunities through the Pest Free Auckland initiative.