

Date: Tuesday 15 August 2017
Time: 1.00pm
Meeting Room: Claris Conference Centre
Venue: 19 Whangaparapara Road
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Great Barrier Island

Great Barrier Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Item 9.1

We would like to address the board about the destruction of glow worms and their habitat. Fulton Hogan have workers mowing the road sides. Often when the vegetation doesn't need any attention over the years we have watched as the glow worm population has decreased. An example is between 250 Rosalie Bay road and Genthorn mail box. Because the grader went there they mowed as well. This was the first time. We hope the last time as this is one of the few decent patches of glow worms left in Tryphena.

Also the use of the mower to trim tea tree. This leaves a jagged ugly appearance which can only be bad for the trees. As we want to present that sight to the tourist. The cutting back of vegetation also may expose penguin nests. They are known to nest as far up Tryphena hill as 132. Just because we don't see them doesn't mean they aren't there.

How about we take some control and get Fulton Hogan to think of our environment. Please ask yourselves are we here to attract visitors. If so lets think about the environment rather than Fulton Hogan spending their allocation of money destroying it.

Rosemary Harland

Labelled at the Great Barrier Local Board meeting on Tuesday, 15 August.

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Message from the chairperson

I am pleased to present the Great Barrier Local Board section of the Auckland Council Annual Report 2016/2017.

We had another busy year and I am pleased with our budget and support from Auckland Council. I want to thank my local board members for their efforts and congratulate them for a great first year as a new local board.

This report shows that the local board has fully met eight of its 11 key performance indicators, with parks satisfaction and visitation falling slightly short. I'm sure the Harataonga track completion and new Station Rock Road track will provide a lift in this area. Events satisfaction was unable to be measured this year, but there were many great events on island including the opening of the Harataonga Track, Off the Grid, and Wharf to Wharf, to name but a few.

We have had some great achievements this year, with Glenfern Sanctuary becoming a new regional park, the delivery of our community Ecology Vision and the creation of the Aotea Learning Hub. I'm also thrilled to announce that our island has recently been accredited as an international Dark Sky Sanctuary. We are the only island sanctuary in the world and this status will protect our night sky for residents, visitors and future generations.

One of the main themes for our local board plan is for the island to be sustainable and resilient. We have many projects that support this theme, including the local reuse 'Tip Stop' shop, and investigating a secure community water supply. We will be continuing to advocate for funding and support to become a community that lives sustainably, and that embraces, showcases and celebrates living off the grid.

The Annual Report shows that we have continued to progress infrastructure such as walkways, interpretive signage and cemetery investigations. Our grants programme continues to make a significant contribution to our community groups for events and other activities, as do our very popular capital grants for improving our community-owned assets.

We have a very full environmental work programme with perennial topics such as rats, rabbits and water quality. For the first time we have a new local board-funded, part-time, island-based biodiversity officer to lead on community environmental projects – and this is how it should be as our environment is our future.

Izzy Fordham
Chairperson, Great Barrier Local Board

The year in review

Financial performance

Great Barrier Local Board spent \$408,000 in capital expenditure and \$2.2 million in operating expenditure in 2016/2017.

Highlights and achievements

- The walkway network has been expanded and improved with the completion of the Harataonga Track renewal and the new Station Rock Road to Rosalie Bay Road track connection, which includes relevant signage and plantings.
- Great Barrier Local Board continues to provide significant financial support to community facilities and events through its grants budget.
- A skills survey of businesses is underway to better understand what is available on the island and to provide a database to connect people to services.
- The local board funded the publication of a pest booklet to educate locals and visitors about conservation risks to the island and what to do about them.
- The local board's application to the International Dark Sky Association for a Dark Sky Sanctuary on Great Barrier was approved in June. The Aotea / Great Barrier Dark Sky Sanctuary will showcase the beauty of the island's natural environment and provide a boost to its visitor industry and employment opportunities.
- Arts funding from the local board is enabling the art gallery to commission public art and highlight local talent.
- The local board has funded a three-year part-time local biodiversity adviser to work with the community and the Department of Conservation to protect and enhance the island's high biodiversity values and promote recognition of their importance to the Auckland region.
- A Learning Hub pilot was established for the first term of 2017 to support the education needs of local high-school-aged students. Distance education provider Te Kura will support this in future if the pilot proves successful.

Challenges

- Great Barrier Local Board's focus this term is on advancing the ecology of the island and providing employment, education and visitor industry opportunities, while retaining the fundamental character of the island. There are different views on how to advance, fund and support these aspirations, and community views have been sought as part of the development of the 2017-2019 local board plan.
- Following the huge two-year effort to create the community-led vision for the island's ecology, the local board needs to define the next steps and its role in these.
- The local board is advocating that Aotea / Great Barrier be a showcase for a community that lives sustainably and off the grid with a focus on alternative energy, and is seeking funding support to progress this.
- With the public purchase of Glenfern Sanctuary and the establishment of a management trust to run it, a significant opportunity for the island to lead on ecology, and associated research and education, has been realised. The local board's role in supporting these objectives still needs to be defined.


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How we performed

Local parks, sport and recreation

Performance was below target for local parks, reserves and beaches. Investment in these open spaces continues, including improvements to tracks, reserves and signage.

Provide a range of recreational opportunities catering for community needs on local parks, reserves and beaches

Percentage of residents satisfied with the provision (quality, location and distribution) of local parks and reserves 

2017 target:	2017 actual:	2016 actual:	2015 actual:
75%	70% ⁽¹⁾	74%	New

Percentage of residents who visited a local park or reserve in the last 12 months 

2017 target:	2017 actual:	2016 actual:	2015 actual:
90%	81% ⁽²⁾	85%	88%

Note

- Resident satisfaction with local parks and reserves decreased slightly from the previous year. Key projects that may contribute to lifting future satisfaction include:
 - completion of the five-year upgrade of Harataonga Track to walking and mountain biking standard
 - opening of the 3.5km Station Rock Road walking track
 - Mulberry Grove reserve improvements
 - new interpretive signage at historic sites around the island
 - a new path at Okupu Reserve
 - refurbishment of the wharf shed at Whangaparapara.
- Promoting our parks and facilities will be one strategy used to help increase the proportion of the population who visit local parks.

Local community services


We met our level of service for library facilities. The Wi-Fi service contributed to high numbers of customers using libraries as digital hubs, and a high percentage of customers are satisfied with both the quality of service delivery and the library environment.

We exceeded our levels of service for funding support, events and programmes, and social infrastructure.


Provide safe, accessible, welcoming library facilities that support the delivery of quality learning programmes and services relevant to local communities

Use of libraries as digital community hubs: 
Number of internet sessions per capita (PC & Wi-Fi)


2017 target:	2017 actual:	2016 actual:	2015 actual:
2.0	5.8 ⁽¹⁾	6.8	New

Number of visits to library facilities per capita 

2017 target:	2017 actual:	2016 actual:	2015 actual:
9.0	15.1 ⁽²⁾	13.6	14.1


Percentage of customers satisfied with the quality of library service delivery 

2017 target:	2017 actual:	2016 actual:	2015 actual:
85%	98% ⁽³⁾	94%	91%

Percentage of visitors satisfied with the library environment 


2017 target:	2017 actual:	2016 actual:	2015 actual:
85%	89%	82%	New

Enable Aucklanders and communities to express themselves and improve their wellbeing through customer-centric advice, funding, facilitation and permitting

Percentage of funding/grant applicants satisfied with information, assistance and advice provided 

2017 target:	2017 actual:	2016 actual:	2015 actual:
76%	88% ⁽⁴⁾	87%	New

Deliver a variety of events, programmes and projects that improve safety, connect Aucklanders and engage them in their city and communities


Percentage of Aucklanders that feel connected to their neighbourhood and local community 

2017 target:	2017 actual:	2016 actual:	2015 actual:
82%	90%	80%	New


Percentage of attendees satisfied with council-delivered and funded local events

2017 target:	2017 actual:	2016 actual:	2015 actual:
85%	No result ⁽⁵⁾	No result	New

Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities

Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe – day time 

2017 target:	2017 actual:	2016 actual:	2015 actual:
90%	92%	89%	New

Percentage of Aucklanders that feel their local town centre is safe – night time 

2017 target:	2017 actual:	2016 actual:	2015 actual:
77%	90% ⁽⁶⁾	86%	New

Note

- Customer internet usage exceeded expectations. The ease of access, speed and reliability of the Wi-Fi service has been enhanced since the target was set and the number of customers with their own devices has increased.
- The target was set to reflect the decline in traditional library business and the shift to customers accessing library services digitally. However, increased use of libraries as social and digital hubs has resulted in higher-than-expected library visits.
- While this is a very good result, it is based on a small sample size (due to population size) and therefore subject to a high margin of error.
- The result has improved from last year, but is based on only 10 survey responses and is subject to a ±24.1 per cent margin of error. The combined result for all local boards is a seven per cent increase in satisfaction. Customers reported difficulties with completing the online form and navigating the council website. Improvements to these have been made for the 2017/2018 year.
- This measure aims to survey two events annually for each local board to assess attendees' views on a sample of events provided or funded by the council. No suitable events were identified for surveying this year.
- A number of elements such as crime rates,

the built environment, and socioeconomic and other similar factors influence people's perceptions of safety. The local board has funded tourism development, as well as many youth and family support services, community wellbeing services and related events. The council is exploring possible methamphetamine education and prevention activities for young people, working with Aotea Family Support Group and the Community Action Youth and Drug team.

Local planning and development

There are no performance measures for this group of activities for Great Barrier.

Local environmental management

Great Barrier Local Board continues to invest significantly in projects to manage and improve the environment. This included completing community engagement to agree an ecological vision for the island.

Biosecurity projects such as coastal weed surveys, surveillance for Argentine ants and plague skinks, and weed control at the Kaitoke fire site were a particular focus of the environmental work programme.

The local board funded the development of a community pest control plan for Okiwi to enable local residents to lead pest-control initiatives, similar to the work being undertaken in Mulberry Grove.

Recognising the need for specialist biodiversity advice on the island, the local board is funding an on-island biodiversity officer for the next three years.

Some budget was reprioritised in the final quarter to support a large plague skink eradication programme, and the tip shop trial at the Claris landfill. The budget for marine protection was carried forward to enable further assessment of the implications of recent Tiriti o Waitangi settlements and the Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan. Due to the late recruitment of the biodiversity role, a portion of funding was carried forward to 2017/2018.

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Provide leadership & support to protect and conserve the region's natural environment, historic heritage and Māori cultural heritage

Proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes



2017 target:	2017 actual:	2016 actual:	2015 actual:
85%	86% ⁽¹⁾	86%	New

Note

1 We successfully delivered 12 of the 14 environmental projects approved for the 2016/2017 financial year. These projects have contributed towards local board environmental outcomes as described in the Aotea-Great Barrier Local Board Plan.

Two projects were not able to be delivered. The Great Barrier marine project was not scoped and the budget has been carried forward for delivery in 2017/2018. The Treasure Islands ambassador programme budget was transferred to support a tip shop trial, as no students were available to support the programme.

Local governance

There are no performance measures for this group of activities.



Financial information

Summary of revenue and expenditure by local activity – Great Barrier Local Board

For the year ended 30 June 2017

\$000	Note	Actual 2017	Annual Plan 2017	Actual 2016
Operating revenue				
Local community services		3	2	2
Local environmental services		-	-	5
Local parks sport and recreation		-	-	-
Local planning and development		-	-	-
Local governance		-	-	-
Total operating revenue		3	2	7
Operating expenditure				
Local community services		729	770	757
Local environmental services		210	267	153
Local parks sport and recreation		367	637	543
Local planning and development		53	25	218
Local governance		842	842	842
Total operating expenditure		2,201	2,541	2,513
Net expenditure		2,198	2,539	2,506
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure				
Local community services		-	-	-
Local environmental services		-	-	-
Local parks sport and recreation		-	-	-
Local planning and development		-	-	-
Local governance		-	-	-
Total subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		-	-	-
Capital expenditure				
Local community services		9	6	-
Local environmental management		-	-	-
Local parks sport and recreation		399	281	377
Local planning and development		-	-	-
Local governance		-	-	-
Total capital expenditure		408	287	377

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Funding impact statement – Great Barrier Local Board
For the year ended 30 June 2017

\$000	Note	Actual 2017	Annual Plan 2017	Long-term Plan 2016
Sources of operating funding:				
General rates, UAGC, rates penalties		2,986	2,950	2,793
Targeted rates		-	-	-
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes		-	-	-
Fees and charges		1	-	-
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts		2	2	2
Total operating funding		2,989	2,952	2,795
Applications of operating funding:				
Payment to staff and suppliers		2,113	2,453	2,276
Finance costs		87	87	79
Internal charges and overheads applied		412	412	407
Other operating funding applications		-	-	-
Total applications of operating funding		2,612	2,952	2,762
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding		377	-	33
Sources of capital funding:				
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure		-	-	-
Development and financial contributions		-	-	-
Increase (decrease) in debt		32	286	598
Gross proceeds from sale of assets		-	-	-
Lump sum contributions		-	-	-
Other dedicated capital funding		-	-	-
Total sources of capital funding		32	286	598
Applications of capital funding:				
Capital expenditure:				
- to meet additional demand		266	191	582
- to improve the level of service		-	-	-
- to replace existing assets		143	95	49
Increase (decrease) in reserves		-	-	-
Increase (decrease) in investments		-	-	-
Total applications of capital funding		409	286	631
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding		(377)	-	(33)
Funding balance		-	-	-