

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 10 August 2017
Time: 6.00pm
Meeting Room: Waitākere Ranges Local Board Office
Venue: 39 Glenmall Place
Glen Eden

Waitākere Ranges Local Board OPEN ADDENDUM AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Greg Presland
Deputy Chairperson	Saffron Toms
Members	Sandra Coney, QSO Neil Henderson Steve Tollestrup Denise Yates, JP

(Quorum 3 members)

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Purpose

1. This report provides an opportunity for Member Sandra Coney to give an update with regards to activity within her portfolio areas.
2. Portfolio holders are responsible for leading policy development in their portfolio area, proposing and developing project concepts, overseeing agreed projects within budgets, being active advocates, accessing and providing information and advice.
3. Member Coney has lead for the portfolios of Historic Heritage/Character and Parks area.

Heritage Portfolio Report

West Auckland Heritage Conference

4. The planning group has met a couple of times to plan the second West Auckland Heritage Conference which will held Sunday 8 October at Titirangi War Memorial Hall. This follows the very successful first conference held last year. The theme is “The people of the west”.
5. This is part of the Auckland Council’s Heritage Festival. As well as the one-day conference, a range of other activities will make a whole weekend for heritage buffs.
6. A call for submissions has not resulted in sufficient submissions to fill the 20 or so sports that need to be filled, so it is clear some shoulder tapping will be needed.
7. It is planned that on the Friday night a book about Henderson put together by the West Auckland Historical Society will be launched in the old Council Chambers at Henderson.
8. On the Saturday, two walks are planned: a walk around the old Piha Radar Station site by myself, and in the afternoon, a guided walk around Titirangi.
9. In the late afternoon, an exhibition of early studio pottery will open at Te Uru, curated by Myra Elliott, and following that Sir Bob Harvey has once again put together a film evening of early home movies which will show at the Titirangi Theatre.

Auckland Council WW1 memorial

10. The Mayor, Phil Goff, has established an advisory group to continue working on the planned WW1 memorial in Auckland Domain, and I was asked to join this group.
11. It consists of a number of local board members, councillors, Fields of Remembrance, Auckland Museum, and others.

Commemorating the Battle of Passchendaele

12. The local board supported a concert by the Band of the Royal New Zealand Artillery.
13. This took place from 2 pm – 4 pm at Swanson RSA. The compere was Bob Davis, the bandmaster Stephen Booth and Lex Calder of the Police Pipe Band played on the pipes.
14. It was a two-part programme, with a variety of music in the first half, and commemorative music in the second half.
15. The concert and afternoon were free, compliments of the Waitakere Ranges Local Board, and about 110 people attended.
16. I was able to talk a little about some of the men on the WW1 Roll of Honour in the Swanson RSA, especially the O’Mearas and Mattamy, both of which long-standing Swanson families lost two sons. Tom Mettam died in the Battle of Passchendaele on 12 October 1917 and has no known grave. This was New Zealand’s largest ever loss of life in a battle.



Second Waikumete Cemetery Open Day

17. Planning has commenced for the second Open Day at Waikumete, with a couple of meetings so far. Sadly, Roscoe Webb has moved on to a position at Auckland Zoo from being manager of the cemetery. Roscoe did a really great job as manager and the quality of care in the cemetery increased markedly, so he will be missed.
18. The Open Day will be similar to two years ago but with some improvements from the learnings at that event.
19. There will be more transport to get people around the very large cemetery, and better wayfinding. We appreciated greatly the many volunteers last time, but we realise we need to support them and brief them better for their roles.
20. As well as a research hub in the main chapel, there will be a practical/learning hub in chapel two where people can learn more about how they can go about planning a funeral, what services are available, what they can do themselves. There is a trend towards more family-run funerals and we are responding to that.
21. We are also hoping there will be more happening in the returned servicemen part of the cemetery, which is such a distinctive part of Waikumete.
22. Some popular aspects will be returning, including the Muslim burials, natural burials, mausoleums, heritage hearse, vintage car, music, talks and demonstrations.

Swanson Heritage Survey Design Guidelines

23. The Board has received these from Boffa Miskall Ltd, after the firm was asked to expand the draft to include public places. These have yet to be presented to the whole Board. The design guidelines provide guidance for anyone undertaking development in Swanson, either in private places or public places. There is also an inventory of historic heritage places, notable trees and Outstanding Natural Landscapes for the area, and a “places of interest” list of sites which potentially could be included in the Unitary Plan Historic Heritage Scheduled Places. There is also a Cultural Values assessment provided by Te Kawerau Iwi Tribal Authority.

Recommendation/s

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) receive the Portfolio Update from Member Sandra Coney.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

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