

Date: Tuesday 21 November 2017
Time: 4.00pm
Meeting Room: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chamber
Venue: Takapuna Service Centre
Level 3
1 The Strand
Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Devonport-Takapuna Local Board update
Councillors Chris Darby and Richard Hills

21 November 2017

KEEPING UP WITH MAINTENANCE



We've been closely watching the maintenance standards of local parks and reserves over the past few months. New contracts and suppliers coupled with unprecedented rain (an increase of 40%) has not led to the best of starts, however Council does not accept that this is the sole cause of issues.

Council has confirmed its expectations of service levels and these are being closely monitored around the region with regular and ongoing audits of contractor performance. Attached to this report is the data taken by the Community Facilities department whilst auditing the contractors work in Devonport-Takapuna, with scores based on contractor performance against the standards that have been set.

30 of the 153 facilities in the area have been audited, along with 133 service items (a service item is a component of a site, e.g. a local park bench).

The area manager has noted that the general state of gardens and future dates is very poor, however mowing seems to be slowly catching up with the quality improving and the contractor working seven days a week to catch up.

We are escalating and chasing any instances of poor maintenance in parks. Please ensure you continue to send us any examples so that we can escalate these and ensure they are addressed with haste.

VALUE FOR MONEY REVIEWS

Council is looking to save over \$300 million through efficiency savings in three waters, communications and engagement, investment attraction and global partnerships.

Initial reports have presented a package of recommendations that council has accepted for further reporting, outlining opportunities for efficiencies with greater specificity.

SWIM SAFER THIS SUMMER

We've had a fantastic response to the rollout of Safeswim, a joint initiative between Auckland Council, Surf Lifesaving Northern region and Auckland Regional Public Health Service.

We currently provide predictive information on water quality and safety, wind speeds and conditions, beaches patrolled by Surf Lifesaving Northern region and long term health warnings, at 84 beaches and 6 freshwater swimming sites across the region.

The team steering group is eager to add more sites to this mix when possible and will be investigating this in the near future. A Kaipātiki resident recently contacted us about including Little Shoal Bay, which we hope to see done in the near future along with other additional favourite swimming spots.

A TAKAPUNA-NORTHCOTE NODE

Following a recent discussion at an Auckland Plan Refresh workshop, we're advocating for the establishment of a Takapuna-Northcote node in the Auckland Plan Refresh.

With development strategy focussing on a multi-nodal city, the city centre will continue to be a central focus of Auckland's business, tourism, educational, cultural and civic activities. However, it won't be the only main centre in Auckland, with the areas around Albany, Westgate and Manukau identified as emerging vital nodes, critical to supporting growth through jobs and housing. These areas will become significant hubs of a broad range of business and employment activity, civic services and residential options.

There are significant and convincing reasons for Takapuna-Northcote to be included as a node, rather than development areas. These include projected employment and housing numbers, connections to the wider region and proximity to the city centre.

We're grateful for the support of member Mike Cohen and are working with the Auckland Plan Refresh team. We'll keep you updated with developments.

FOCUSING ON OUR PEST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

We recently approved an approach that could see our investment in pest management tripled from \$88 million to \$307 million over 10 years. In adopting the Regional Pest Management Strategy for consultation, we are now in a position to consider pest management allocation within the 10-year budget (Long Term Plan) process.

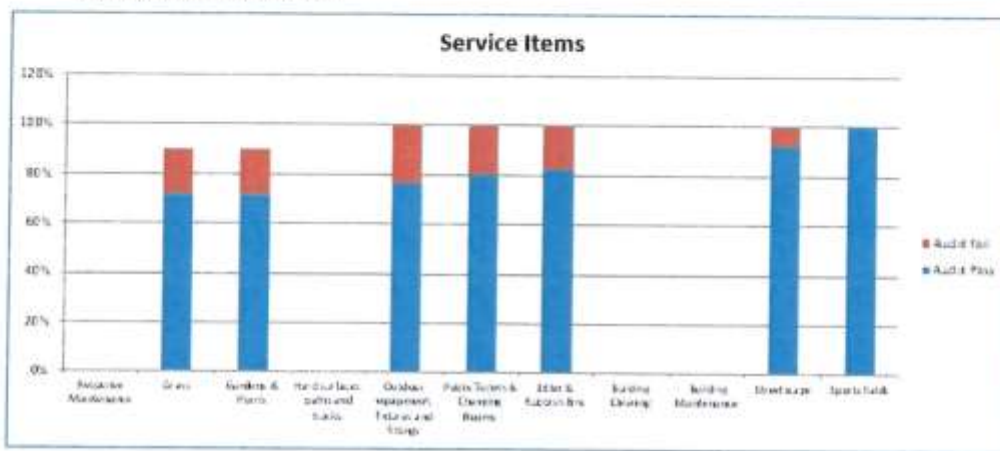
The proposed plan relies on a variety of implementation mechanisms, including enforcement, delivery on council land, education and behaviour change programmes. The main components include programmes for managing pests on parks, kauri dieback disease, managing pest spread to the Hauraki Gulf Islands, on-island control for Aotea/Great Barrier, Waiheke and Kawau Islands, possums and freshwater biosecurity among others. Kaipātiki has led the charge on pest management and we look forward to your positive feedback.

MORE THAN 90 MILLION PUBLIC TRANSPORT TRIPS

We're all aware of how everyone wins with public transport (because one bus is numerous cars not on the road), so we're thrilled to see return on our investment with 90 million trips taken on public transport in the last annum. In just seven years, we've gone from 57 million to 90 million passengers, with 70% of morning Onewa Road users now travelling on T3 lanes. The double deckers in Glenfield and Birkenhead have increased bus capacity by 18% this year, with a 30% on the Northern Busway. 50% of people moving across the Harbour Bridge each day are doing so by bus, and we've reached 5 million users of the Northern Busway and 6 million ferry passengers (both new records). Every person taking bus, train or ferry – or using active transport, is one less car road, easing congestion for those remaining drivers. We're keen to see 90 increase to 100 in the very near future.

Devonport - Takapuna

10 November – 15 November



Selection of Failed Sites	Issues	Action Taken
Plymouth Reserve	Mowing and Gardens	Contractor notified - 95% at 2/11 - no further scheduled date
William Souter Reserve	Mowing, edging, garden, litter, paths, playground clearing	Contractor notified - 100% on 27/10 - no further scheduled date
Montgomery Reserve	Garden, tree and hedges, pest plant and weeds	Contractor notified - 100% mow on 10/11 - no further scheduled date. Hort 80% on 2/11
Lansdowne Reserve	Garden litter, tree mulch, overflowing bin, Mowing	Contractor notified - 100% mow due 13/11 - 100% hort due 16/11
Laurina Reserve	Edging, Weeding, Litter	Contractor notified
Probert Park	Weeding, Pathway, Litter	Contractor notified - no further hort scheduled
Belle Verde Reserve	Mowing and Gardens	Contractor notified - no further hort scheduled
Knightsbridge Reserve	Mowing, Edging, Garden	Contractor notified - 100% due 13/11 mowing - no further hort due
Seine Reserve	Mowing, Edging, Garden, Weeding	Contractor notified - 100% due 14/11 mowing - no further hort due
Becroft Reserve	Weeding, Litter, Edging	Contractor notified - no further hort due

Area Managers Comments:
Comprehensive audits carried out to cover horticulture, mowing and gardens. General state of gardens and future dates very poor, but mowing seems to be slowly catching up with quality improving. Ventia advises they are working seven days per week to catch up. Sportsfields doing well in the stats along with streetscape gardens. Target to see improvement with mowing and gardens.

Item 20

Attachment A

Report Name: Chairperson Gillon's report – November 2017

The Chair would like to draw Devonport-Takapuna Local Board members to the below information:

The Planning Committee recently had a confidential workshop on Ports of Auckland. This workshop provided an opportunity for Ports of Auckland Limited to present its 30 year masterplan for the port,

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11939450

"The draft masterplan also includes plans for a 13m piled concrete extension at the end of Bledisloe Wharf, which the company says is essential for a new berth and the success of the other wharf projects"

"It says the extension of 1.25ha is less than 1.275ha of space it will lose by removing Marsden Wharf and cutting back a wharf on the eastern side of Bledisloe"

Resolution number DT/2015/18

MOVED by Chairperson MA Cohen, seconded by Member DP Hale:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) receive the Chairperson's report.
- b) delegate the Chairperson the responsibility to write to the Chief Executive of Ports of Auckland Ltd. (POAL), expressing the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board's anger over POAL's lack of consultation with the board prior to making Devonport-Takapuna Local Board 17 February 2015 Minutes Page 10 any decision regarding its future expansion plans.
- c) remind council officers that the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board is an essential party to any discussions relating to POAL ambitions, particularly where they relate to the expansion of wharves, or changes to services to Devonport Peninsula arising from changes to POAL infrastructure.

AND

Resolution number DT/2015/35

MOVED by Chairperson MA Cohen, seconded by Member G Gillon:

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- h) request the governing body issue an immediate moratorium to Ports of Auckland on any consented wharf extensions on Bledisloe Wharf until full consideration by the governing body of Auckland Council's future report on the long term future of the port, which will be based on a proper analysis of economic, environmental and social factors.
- i) request that consideration be given to holding the Port land and wharves in public ownership.
- j) express concern over Auckland Council's position to shift reclamations from non-complying to a full discretionary activity.
- k) express concern to the directors of Ports of Auckland as to the way the process of the proposed wharf extension and reclamation has been managed to date. **CARRIED**

Recommendation:

1. That the Devonport Takapuna Local Board note its previous recommendations regarding wharf extensions into the Waitemata Harbour,
2. Advise the Planning Committee and the Mayor of the Board's and the Devonport Takapuna community's interest in this issue,



3. Request that the Board continue to be recognised as a party to any discussions relating to any proposed Port extensions or extensions in relation to any America's Cup Village proposals.

Meetings attended:

Member Cohen and I attended a community and residents' gathering on the site of a very large pohutakawa tree near Cheltenham Beach. The tree was on private property but within a few meters of Cheltenham Beach.

The very old and mature tree was in the process of being removed despite the community's concerns due to an implied consent for a heritage house building extension.

There is obvious concern at the loss of mature native trees along our coastline particularly following recent amendments to the RMA and the introduction of the Unitary Plan. These changes have reduced the protection for trees that previously were protected but suddenly became non-scheduled trees.

Recommendation

That the Devonport Takapuna Local Board express concern at the rapid loss of mature Pohutakawa and other native trees from our coastline and request the Governing Body investigate mechanisms where protection can be restored and advise the Board.

Other matter to note:

I along with other members of the Board and public are concerned at the tragic death of a young child at the vicinity of Torpedo Bay Wharf. I have been in consultation with the Navy Museum and officers on how safety might be improved in this area.

I have also had an approach from Teresa Stanley, Research and Development officer from Drowning Prevention Auckland, and Chair of Safer North.

Teresa is concerned that there are no Public Rescue Equipment (PRE) on the wharf and is hoping to meet to discuss possible implementation of PREs on the wharf.

I hope to be able to update Teresa after receiving further information from officers.

Regards

Grant Gillon
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chair

Signatories

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**Mike Cohen Devonport-Takapuna Board Member's Report
To The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board
Meeting 21st November 2017**

Bayswater Marina Future Use Survey

**The New Zealand Cup/America Cup Incursion Into the
Waitemata Harbour**

This Board has in the past taken a very pro-active position against further unnecessary reclamation and wharf extensions into our Waitemata Harbour. We were accorded by the Governing Body the ability to articulate the concerns and voice of the people of our area in meetings that were closed to the public. The Board recognised that any reclamation or wharf extension would impact on the water flows in the harbour with consequences for our yachts and boaties. Further there were serious noise and other construction side affects that would greatly impact on people living on this side of the harbour. It is not surprising that a significant if not majority against Ports of Auckland expansion into our harbour came from our area.

I am concern that the Mayor and Governing Body it seems is not involving the two Local Board ours and Waitemata in discussions and consideration. I would of thought it prudent that our Chairs were invited to any site meetings.

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- 1. Request that our Chair or delegated member be accorded a direct involvement in any consideration by Auckland Council of a home for the America's Cup.**

Council Decisions

Ryman Healthcare being allowed to cover its Lake Road fence with billboards near the entrance to our iconic Devonport Memorial Drive regarded by the Australians as unique in Australasia.

Stormwater runoff from property properties into our Reserves

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- 1. Request Council Officers report back to the board on the current rules about private properties discharging stormwater runoff into public reserves**
- 2. Who is responsible for the damage caused by the drainage onto the reserve and the cost to mitigate and or address the flooding on public land**

Parks

Barrack Building Landscaping

I have concerns that those parties involved in imputing and guiding the Barrack Restoration project from very beginning were in fact fully involved in the current landscaping proposal. I have had it confirmed that a key person involved had no knowledge of the landscape proposal. This lack of involvement which had been promised by Council would occur if it was ever resurrected when the landscaping part of the project was dropped off because of the concerns around adequate funding.

Further what has happened to the proposed peace avenue of trees at the entrance to Takapuna Point Reserve which was supported by Devonport RSA and the Peace movement.

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- 1. That the landscape proposal is referred back to those people and or organisations that were involved in guiding the Barrack Restoration Project.**
- 2. That there feedback be presented to the Board and relevant Council Officers before any further work is done on the landscape project**
- 3. That Council Officers report back to the Board on the current state and timelines of the Peace Avenue at the entrance to Takapuna Point**

Restoration of the Maize on Ngataranga Reserve

State of Devonport's Memorial Drive

I have never in 20 years seen the grass and weeds at the height they were yesterday. Before we hear the excuse it's too wet, I walk it yesterday it was quite firm. Further over the last 20 years the problems of flooding that use to occurred on a regular basis on Lake Road/Memorial Drive have virtually been eliminated by the improved drainage carried out by the golf club and especially the work undertaken by North Shore City on Sea Breeze and the golf club perimeter onto Woodall Park

For such a unique Drive in Australasia Auckland Council is not showing the respect that should be accorded.

Given we have just commemorated the 100 year anniversary of the sacrifices of our defence forces both at the battles at Passchendale in Belgium and Tel Beer Sheva in Israel. It is totally unacceptable the current neglect.

I gather the Devonport RSA have a meeting next Monday in which consideration of this neglect and the inappropriate signage near the entrance to Memorial Drive by Ryman Healthcare and the allowing of Election Billboards. Further they have concern about inadequate enforcement to prevent Memorial Drive being used as a vehicle sale yard

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- 1. Request urgency from Council in regards to addressing the inadequate and inappropriate state of Devonport's Memorial Drive**
- 2. That Council Officers report back to the Board on the subject of preventing vehicles being advertised for sale on Memorial Drive especially over the weekends**

The Battle of Beersheba and Sinai-Palestine Campaign

I had the opportunity with my wife Julie to represent Auckland Council and the People of Auckland at the ANZAC Centenary Commemoration of the heroic famous victory by the ANZAC Forces from New Zealand it was our Mounted Rifles which included our Auckland Regiment and from Australia by their Light Horse Regiments.

The current Chief of the New Zealand Army Major General Peter Kelly made the following at the Remembrance Ceremony, " In a bold outflanking manoeuvre, which made full use of the mobility of the Australian and New Zealand mounted men. Allied forces swept down upon Beersheba from the east.

Barring their advance was the Ottoman strongpoint of Tel el Saba, which dominated the flat ground leading into town. The New Zealand Mounted Rifles Brigade ..was given the task of capturing this key position.

Tel el Saba was defended by a strong, well entrenched Ottoman garrison.....whose weapons could sweep the approaches to Beer Sheba. The

New Zealanders closed up the hill and then launched their assault up its **rocky slopes**. With the hill in New Zealand hands the door was open for the light horsemen of the Australian Mounted Division to launch their famous charge into Beer Sheba that completed the rout of the enemy forces and secured the town and its **vital wells.**"

Unlike the disastrous Charge of the British Light Brigade in 1854 in Crimea, The Australian achieved an amazing victory. It's hard to imagine 800 horsemen (just the noise of the hooves of the galloping horses) charging directly into the firepower of the Turks. This was the last significant victory achieved by any cavalry charge.

What was achieved by the ANZACs on that 31st October 1917 changed the face of the Middle East for ever. It is not surprising that 2 days later on the 2nd of November the Balfour Declaration was made promising the returning of the homeland of the Jews many of whom had been exiled for 1,800 years. Ultimately leading to the establishment of Israel in 1948.

Students from Devonport Primary School made 2 wreaths which my wife Julie placed on the graves in the Be'er Sheva War Cemetery of :

Trooper Robert Thompson Miller
Auckland Mounted Rifles
D. 31st Oct. 1917 of wounds in the battle for Tel Be'er Sheva

Sgt. Owen Frederick Sanders
Imperial Camel Corps.
6th Nov. 1917 Died of wounds in the field

The Devonport RSA supplied poppies for us to put on the graves of New Zealanders buried there.

I placed a wreath on behalf of Auckland Council and the people of Auckland especially relevant given the involvement of the Auckland Regiment and the loss of life of locals

Muanga Authority and what they are demanding from our Community Organisations on MT Victoria/Takarunga





