

Upper Harbour Local Board Workshop Record

Workshop record of the Upper Harbour Local Board held in the Upper Harbour Local Board office, Kell Drive, Albany Village, on 1 February 2018, commencing at 9:30 am

Chairperson:	Lisa Whyte
Deputy Chairperson:	Margaret Miles
Members:	Uzra Casuri Balouch, Nicholas Mayne, John McLean (<i>until 11.09am</i>)
Apologies:	Brian Neeson

Workshop Item	Governance role	Summary of Discussions
<p><i>Final findings of the sediment report</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Jarrod Walker Principal Coastal Specialist • Theresa Pearce Relationship Advisor • Anna Baine Community Park Ranger 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information only • Request feedback 	<p>Council staff were in attendance to present a further overview on the findings of the report commissioned by the board on the generation of sediment in the Lucas Creek catchment.</p> <p>Dr Walker also presented maps of the 10 catchment areas that have been recommended as priority areas for volunteer planting programmes.</p> <p>A report will be coming to the March business meeting to formally endorse which areas to prioritise.</p>
<p><i>Community Facilities work programme update (LDI capex / Investigation and Design)</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherie Veza Stakeholder Advisor • Rodney Klaassen Stakeholder Advisor • Kris Bird Community Led and LDI Specialist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and handover • Update on Unsworth Heights 3-on-3 	<p>The new Stakeholder Advisor for the Tahurangi area was introduced to the board.</p> <p>The new Community Led and LDI Specialist was also in attendance to provide an update on the Unsworth Heights basketball court project.</p> <p>A report will be coming to the February business meeting for formal endorsement.</p>
<p><i>Arts, Community and Events work programme update</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Howard-Smith Strategic Broker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local initiatives / specific decisions • Oversight and monitoring 	<p>The Strategic Broker was in attendance to provide an update on the Arts, Community and Events work programme.</p> <p>A report will be coming to the February business meeting to formally approve the engagement of the Red Frogs Support Network at the two remaining Movies in Parks events.</p>

<p><i>Northern Corridor Improvements (NCI) project:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction to the NCI Alliance</i> • <i>Construction staging</i> • <i>Community engagement framework</i> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aimee Brock Communications and Engagement Team Manager • Trish Viall Community Engagement Managers • Alex Elton-Farr Stakeholder Manager • Brian Robertson Journeys Manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce key personnel from the new NCI Alliance • Inform the board about construction staging plans • Inform the board about community engagement plans for the next four years 	<p>Members of the NCI Alliance team were in attendance to provide an update on the construction staging and community engagement timelines.</p> <p>A further workshop has been organised in February to socialise a range of walking and cycling connections currently under investigation, and to inform the board about the urban design plans.</p> <p>The board confirmed they would like quarterly updates from the NCI Alliance team, along with a formal report to a business meeting every quarter.</p>
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The workshop concluded at 1.25pm

Staff record

LOCAL BOARD SERVICES STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

- Eric Perry
- Karen Marais
- Daniel Han
- Cindy Lynch

ITEM 1

Jarrold Walker, Theresa Pearce, Anna Bain – MM, if the 19% is planted and the 81% isn't, what impact will we have? NM – how much of the 19% is impacted by the water flow coming off the other 81% given the 19% is largely a riparian corridor? JW – 19% equates to 370 tonnes/year and any reduction in sediment is a good thing. In this case, it reduces by 20% which is a good result. Obviously 80% would be better but we have to start somewhere. MM – to have a better outcome, surely we should be working with the private landowners at the same time? JW – if we concentrate on the council-owned land first, we can do it immediately while trying to get the private landowners on-board at the same time. TW – this year, we'll be proposing through our work programme a Small Sites Ambassador programme which is a contractor going around small building sites that have no sediment control in place. This person will be educating those people and will work with compliance if education doesn't work. LW – equally it's good to be seen doing the work on our own land first. NM – primarily that work will be targeting building sites though and we probably need to widen the discussion. I'd like to look at some sort of programme to encourage people to install water tanks with slow releases to deal with this sort of problem. LW – those schemes are managed at a regional level, rather than local board. TW – correct, perhaps the advertising for that needs to be pushed a bit more though as it's not widely known about.

LW – with regard to the mangroves in this particular example (the Landing), are they contributing to the sediment? JW – mangroves are thriving because of the sediment. However, they play a role in keeping the sediment in place. They should not have been allowed to proliferate like they have though. NM – in some of the areas where mangroves have been removed have been shown to have no impact. TW – they have also shown there to be no reduction in sediment where there has been mangrove removal. JW – when they remove mangroves, they don't remove the root system. I personally prefer to look at the green of the mangroves than their root systems.

NM – I'd like to recommend that we form a sub-committee to work with parks and come up with some interim resolutions rather than keep re-hashing this in a workshop. LW – that's a good idea. KM – you'll be receiving a formal report at your March business meeting, so you can pass a resolution to do that then (prioritise which areas you want to start with). TW – this report has been provided to the Healthy Waters team so they're also working on identifying those areas. Chris Ferkins and Anna are also working on this.

EP – the reduction of 30-85%, how long will that take after planting? JW – there will need to be some monitoring done to assess the outcomes as if we don't, we won't be able to demonstrate any beneficial outcomes. EP – what would this monitoring look like? JW – best practice would need to be quarterly at a minimum and/or around specific weather events. NM – we do monthly testing in Unsworth and it fluctuates due to weather events. JW – if you have community-based

monitoring as well as planting, this will drastically reduce the cost to the board. We'd also recommend though that you do proper scientific monitoring alongside this as it will give you much more robust data.

JM – I'm concerned about the loss of recreational area. Are we going to release this document to the public? When we develop the northern escarpment, this problem is going to increase exponentially, and this report only gives us a snapshot in time. I'd also like to reiterate my preference to remove a lot of the mangroves. TW – I'm proposing to Rodney a focus on sediment in the wider catchment area as Upper Harbour ends up with theirs. I'm going to try and ask for a small part of their budget to do something here, even though they've put all their eggs into the riparian and fencing basket.

AB – we're planning a small number of plantings with volunteers this year to take place this year which I'll share with you as we get closer. It would also be great to make use of the Mayor's Million Trees funding, bearing in mind this finishes soon.

JW / NM – to work together on uploading the maps into GIS.

ITEM 2

RK was in attendance to introduce Cherie who will now be looking after the Tahi area. MM – I'm tired of developing relationships with staff and then they're moved on as we keep losing all that historical knowledge and we have to start again. LW – I can pass that on through the chair's forum. UCB – I see the value for staff to be able to move around and gain a more holistic view of the city. Kris Bird also introduced himself, having taken over from Kirst Reidt.

KB – in terms of Unsworth, I've gathered as much detail from Kirst as I could find. At the last workshop, we were asked to look at a slightly larger footprint which we've provided in a memo today. LW – our original advice was obviously very poor as it was \$20-25K and now it's up to \$85K. My preference is to deliver the half-court but we're going to look incompetent in our train of resolutions which have kept increasing the funding required. KB – because this is specialised, we've had to go outside our contractors through P17. These suppliers are experts in delivering these projects. NM – I support the \$85K option, we need to deliver a quality facility, but how do we budget to do this. This is the third time it's come back for an increase which doesn't allow proper budgeting or informed decision-making. I'm really disappointed in the process this has gone through. KB – it comes back to the initial scoping of the budget and I agree, it reflects poorly on everyone when a project jumps from \$20K to \$85K. LW – we committed to this during the last term and this has seriously thrown our credibility under a bus with the community. Also, the additional money will have to come out of our OLI project, should this be successful in the LTP.

KM – Cherie and Kris have heard you loud and clear. You now need to select an option and go forward. LW – if we decide today and resolve at our next business meeting, will it be delivered in this building round? KB – they're ready to go and the money is sitting in this financial year so yes, we'd aim to deliver it in this construction season, although we can't give an exact date. JM – can we have your confirmation that \$85K will be enough given the rise in construction costs across the board? KB – the only risk I have with this quote is possible stormwater problems.

UCB – I can't believe there is only one preferred supplier. Where is the competition for these jobs to improve pricing? JM – my preference is to push it through at whatever cost, so long as it's done in this construction process. MM – I don't support any more than \$85K as if you put it up to \$100K, they'll use that.

LW – which option? Everyone happy with the bigger option at \$85K. NM – I'm happy to support for some contingency to be included, although not up to \$100K. KB – Tui Park as an example shows how wrong things can do if it's not done properly. UCB – I'd like to see a breakdown for the \$85K. KB provided the break-down but it doesn't include any contingency. I've added 5% for officer time. EP – when this gets reported to the board, this needs to be included. KM – this report will only be approved in March which will affect the construction timelines. EP – we can talk about this offline but there is statutory criteria around urgency and this doesn't include that. NM – can we include this in our next community forum on 1 March? MM – this is a financial risk so surely we can make this urgent. KB – a report would be straightforward. LW – can we put a placeholder on the agenda and receive the report late? We can also put a resolution in the wording around why this report is so late. This is really important because we delivered no LDI projects last year. RK – we'll put a placeholder in tomorrow and will get the report uploaded next week. KB – are you comfortable to add a contingency? JM – what about if we approve \$85K and put a contingency that if extra is required, the board will consider it. KM – if you don't put a figure on it, you run the risk of having to come back again. EP – you can give authority to the Chair and Deputy Chair to increase the budget if required.

UCB – the basketball hoop at Whenuapai, what's happening with that? RK – I'll follow up on that and find out who the project manager is now (it was Kirsten's project previously).

ITEM 3

Red Frogs – LHS provided a quote to use them to support our Movies in Parks to provide an extra layer of security to these events (\$500 per event). LW – this report needs to be written and approved for the February agenda. KM – I can do this tomorrow.

Albany CoCo – Laure is planning to take on another person which will provide another 10 hours a week.

Greenhithe Community Trust – still delivering many positive programmes. No further update on the car park situation.

Whenuapai – met with the specialist advisor a couple of weeks ago. We've been trying to contact the artist (Jessie) which has also been delayed by the holiday season. He's ready to go with the proposed mural.

Hobsonville – Gavin is out of hospital now but the youth worker has since left.

Albany House management – this passes to Community Places this year so Marilyn will give updates on that.

Newcomers – going really well, is very active and all the feedback is hugely positive.

Age Friendly programme – continuing with Age Concern, taking note of the survey results. Also being used in Dev-Tak with some success. There's the opportunity to do more sub-regional stuff in that space. Age Friendly will be hosting an inter-generational forum in March and an older adults' day on 1 October.

Youth Voice – Claire Stewart has already gone on maternity leave as the baby arrived six weeks early. Therefore, we're still trying to ascertain where things have been left as there was no handover. I've arranged to meet with Alexa which we discussed with Claire at our last workshop.

Maori Responsiveness – last time here, we discussed the naming of reserves. I attended a meeting with relevant staff and have been given some more detail relating to Kaipatiki but it's still relevant for your board area. If you want this level of detail, let me know and I'll tailor it to your area. It was largely about developing a library for new names, if you recall. Also, dual naming and relevance of geographical locations and so on. LW – I feel this type of thing should be part of a report to the board for our decision. NM – I have an issue of creating a database of names as it's too impersonal and it takes away the relationship aspect which we're trying to foster. LW – I wouldn't like to see us revisiting existing reserves but for new reserves, I don't have an issue. It needs to be case-by-case though.

ITEM 4

MM – on the work being done during the night, we've been caught out by lack of signage at Greenhithe warning that there were works going on. BR – there should be signs on SH18, one north and one south. Will investigate why you didn't see this.

NM – note the map depicting the location of the hockey facility is incorrect. We'd like to see some comms go out as a good news story about Rook Reserve.

AB – now do you want to receive these updates going forward? LW – given the level of public interest for this project, I think it should be formally added as an update report to a business meeting agenda. NM – agreed, but should it be more often than quarterly? LW – any of us can come along to your information centre in Rothwell Ave and receive an update as well. KM – please send any updates through to myself so I can disseminate to all members. AB – if you want to see us at a workshop as well, just let us know and we can come along. KM – with regard to a report to our business meeting agenda, myself or Cindy will write a covering report and use your report as an attachment. AB – or maybe we could add it to AT's monthly update? KM – yes, that would be preferable. AB – I'll touch base with Owena to arrange this and cancel the quarterly workshop updates?

MM – I still like to have the workshop updates. AB – we'll leave things as they are and add the formal report.