

# KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

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## **Outstanding Shadesail and All-Access Module Resolutions – February 2017**

The Kaipātiki Local Board has now been waiting for over a year for information from officers on whether three shadesails and a piece of all-access playground equipment could be incorporated into the 2017/18 or 2018/19 work programmes. These resolutions appear to have fallen into a black hole and have prevented us from achieving any installation prior to the 2017 Christmas break. This is absolutely not good enough as we require this information in order to govern and plan our budgets.

**That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**

- (1) Requests an urgent update on the status of the following resolutions passed at the 15 February 2017 business meeting of the Local Board:**
  - a. Resolution number KT/2017/20: That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**  
*“f) request officers investigate the following potential projects and report back on the possibility of them being delivered as part of the 2016/2017 or 2017/2018 work programmes using locally driven initiative capital budget:*
    - iii. Shepherds Park – the addition of an all-access playground module and shade sail”.**
  - b. Resolution number KT/2017/21: That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**  
*“f) request officers investigate the following potential projects and report back on the possibility of them being delivered as part of the 2016/2017 or 2017/2018 work programmes using locally driven initiative capital budget:*
    - iv. Inwards Reserve – addition of a shade sail”.**
  - c. Resolution number KT/2017/21: That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**  
*“f) request officers investigate the following potential projects and report back on the possibility of them being delivered as part of the 2016/2017 or 2017/2018 work programmes using locally driven initiative capital budget:*
    - v. Little Shoal Bay – addition of a shade sail”.**
- (2) Notes that the resolutions in (1) are independent of the shadesail investigation adopted in May 2017.**

## **Bicycle Repair Stations**

The Kaipātiki Local Board allocated funding to install five bicycle repair stations across the Kaipātiki area, but we have not yet been consulted on exact locations, nor been advised on the timeframe for installation.

**That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**

- (3) Requests an update from officers on the status of the five bicycle repair stations that were allocated funding in June 2017 (KT/2017/78), noting that the Rangatira Rd bus shelters funded in the same resolution were installed earlier this year.**

## **Zion Hill Reserve Artwork**

The Kaipātiki Local Board has been unable to respond to genuine concerns about Zion Hill Reserve, Birkenhead, since the site was developed in 2015. This seems to be due to the artwork designation over the reserve, which prevents any changes from the original plan. For example, the Kaipātiki Local Board has been blocked from improving the usability of the seats (KT/2017/18).

It is my belief that first and foremost, this site is a park owned by the public and under the jurisdiction of the Kaipātiki Local Board, and that we must be able to plan for, upgrade and maintain this park as needed. However, we require legal advice to confirm this.

**That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**

**(4) Requests legal advice on:**

**(a) removing the artwork designation from Zion Hill Reserve, and**

**(b) clarifying the role of the Kaipātiki Local Board in regards to Zion Hill Reserve, noting that this advice is required in order to enable the Kaipātiki Local Board to respond to requests for maintenance, usability improvements, and enable planning for the future of the park.**

## **AF Thomas Reserve – Northern Carpark**

It has come to my attention that carparks at the northern end of AF Thomas Reserve, Northcote, are being used by local businesses and it is my understanding that some are being leased to the private sector. As well as that, buses are being used to collect workers and transfer them to Smales Farm commercial area.

This is not the purpose of public reserve land and I would like to know why the Kaipātiki Local Board has not been asked for landowner consent for this change in use. If the carparks are surplus to requirements for the various organisations within the reserve, then this should be reported back to the Kaipātiki Local Board so that we can properly plan the future use of this space.

**That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**

**(5) Requests that officers report back on the commercial activity occurring at the northern carpark at A.F. Thomas Reserve, including commercial use of carpark and leasing of carparks, and why the Kaipātiki Local Board have not been requested for landowner consent.**

## **Verrans Corner Roundabout Planting**

The roundabout at Verrans Corner, Birkdale, has never been adequately planted since it was rebuilt in 2015. I understand that there is no irrigation, so the variety of suitable plants is limited, but anything would be better than the current weeds.

**That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**

**(6) Requests that planting options for the roundabout at Verrans Corner, Birkdale, is reported back to the Local Board, acknowledging that plants that depend on irrigation will be unsuitable.**

## **AF Thomas Reserve – Access from Terrylyn Drive and Northern Carpark**

In 2015, locked gates were installed at the Terrylyn Drive entrance to AF Thomas Reserve and a fence topped with barbed wire was erected between the northern carpark and the golf course. This cut off a popular route through the park and blocked access to runners, walkers, school students. It also appears to run contrary to both the reserve management plan and the golf course lease.

Consent for these restrictions was not sought from the Kaipātiki Local Board.

After public pressure, the Terrylyn Drive gates were replaced with an open gap, however it is a tight squeeze for some people and is not wide enough for prams or wheelchairs.

**That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**

- (7) Requests that officers report back on removing the restrictions to entering AF Thomas Reserve from Terrylyn Drive and the northern carpark in order to restore access for pedestrians and commuters.**

## **Dog Access Hearing Gate**

In 2014, the Kaipātiki Local Board passed a resolution adopting the recommendations of the Kaipātiki Hearing Panel, including the installation of a “dog gate” on the track at the south western corner of Telephone Road Reserve to prevent off-leash dogs at Chelsea Bay from escaping into neighbouring properties. Similar gates have since been installed at other parks and tracks around Auckland, but not here.

**That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**

- (8) Requests an update on the status of clause (e) of the following resolution (KT/2014/178) passed at the 10 September 2014 business meeting of the Local Board, when adopting the recommendations of the Kaipatiki Hearing Panel decision report titled “Hearing Panel Report on Dog Access Rules in the Kaipatiki Local Board Area 2014”:**  
*“e) note that a specific project to be progressed is the erection of a gate at the entrance to the track at the south western corner of Telephone Road Reserve”.*

## **Eskdale Reserve/Birkenhead Domain Track Changes**

The tracks throughout the Eskdale Network, and particularly in Birkenhead Domain, are of a poor state, and are frequently the subject of complaints. The Kaipātiki Local Board has an upcoming project to repair and alter the tracks, however as it will be spanning multiple years, information signs should be installed to let the park users know that the problems are being addressed, but will take some time.

**That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**

- (9) Requests that project information signs (including a map showing all stages) are installed in Eskdale Reserve/Birkenhead Domain prior to work commencing, to explain to park users the changes that will be happening to the tracks over the next few years.**

## **Little Shoal Bay Reserve**

There are a number of on-going issues at Little Shoal Bay Reserve that need to be addressed. We are due to receive a report on possible solutions and ramifications of sea water flooding soon. The following covers other issues that I would like to be considered:

**That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**

- (10) Requests that Little Shoal Bay be included in council's SafeSwim programme, and that this resolution be forwarded to the Environment and Community Committee for tabling at the April 2018 meeting.**
- (11) Requests a copy of the environment court ruling regarding the Little Shoal Bay Reserve boatyard area and license to occupy.**
- (12) Requests that "No camping or sleeping overnight" signs are installed at both carpark areas in Little Shoal Bay Reserve, as per the signs at Sylvan Park, Milford.**
- (13) Requests costings for the Clarence Road to Little Shoal Bay Reserve steps to be replaced, noting that the currently planned renewal is not for a full replacement.**
- (14) Requests that signs be installed at the Council Terrace and Maritime Terrace vehicle entrances to the Little Shoal Bay Reserve to the effect of "You are now entering a reserve".**

## **Windy Ridge Reserve & Portsea Place Reserve Playgrounds**

The playgrounds at Windy Ridge Reserve and Portsea Place reserves are in shabby condition. They have been assessed as conditions 3 and 4 respectively. Both appear to be in a poor state with patch-up work. I've also received requests from the community for them both to be renewed or at least repainted.

**That the Kaipātiki Local Board:**

- (15) Requests that the condition of the Windy Ridge Reserve and Portsea Place Reserve playground equipment is reassessed (if required), and reported back to the Local Board with renewal and/or repainting options.**

## **Manuka Reserve Dog Exercise Area Signage**

Due to a few recent issues occurring in the dog exercise area of Manuka Reserve, Bayview, I have had discussions with the Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust around erecting dog etiquette signage and providing brochures in the reserve. A proposal from the Trust is forthcoming, I will table it under my Chairperson's report.