

Date: Thursday 5 April 2018
Time: 6.30PM
Meeting Room: Upper Harbour Local Board Office
Venue: 30 Kell Drive
Albany

Upper Harbour Local Board Community Forum

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Engagement Focus Area (social capital)	Ecological Focus Area
<p>Objective: To build community-wide engagement through interweaving action, motivating and capability building as needed in our area.</p>	<p>All the below relate to both private and public land</p> <p>Objective: To build the NWW and address factors inhibiting it's functioning in our area. (This may target inhibiting factors within 'Wildlink Wonder' areas, 'Connecting' areas, or 'Matrix' areas or all three, remembering that each area has a role in the NWW, and strategic tasks within each are different.) -refer Wildlink Wonders report, Auckland Council 2017, for recommendations for priority actions in the Albany Heights Biodiversity Hub.</p>
<p>Community motivation – includes using NWW tasks to build: Belonging & sense of place (generates kaiaki / stewards)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Communication & connectedness (incl. feedback on progress) ii. Shared vision & common ground iii. Relevance to & inclusion of peer groups and minorities iv. Recognising & celebrating champions and project successes <p>And / or</p>	<p>Making NWW Safer for Wildlife</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Animal pest controls on public lands for rats, stoats and possums ii. Animal pest control on private lands for rats, stoats, possums wasps, hedgehogs and feral cats iii. Commitments to protect land e.g. covenants, private reserves <p>And / or</p>
<p>Community capability – includes using NWW tasks to build:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Structures & leadership (that facilitate action) ** ii. Training / information incl. with monitoring iii. Strategising iv. Build roles - within collaborative partnerships, including with community organisations, NGO's and private sector <p>And / or</p>	<p>Making the NWW more Connected</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Native revegetation that builds connections between habitats ii. Native revegetation that adjoins/extends existing bushland iii. Native revegetation that creates new stepping stones iv. Planting e.g. linear parks, fences/lines, streets, walkways, gardens <p>And / or</p>
<p>Practical / Action – includes building:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Collective action (social, information sharing - primarily) ii. Aggregated action (achievement driven - primarily) iii. Tracking progress 	<p>Making the NWW Healthier (ecological function, integrity, resilience)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Plant pest control – esp. shade tolerant ground covers & vines that prevent regeneration; AND ii. Native revegetation that repairs habitat structure - esp. bush, wetland & stream edges; AND iii. Damage prevention e.g. stock exclusion fencing (riparian, bush) iv. Planting that assists regeneration, provides food, roosts & shelter for wildlife, incl. in gardens, production & industrial land i.e. the 'Matrix' v. Planting that provides nature services incl. erosion reduction, clearer runoff, improved living for communities & economic uses
<p>**May include building UHEN leadership and capability</p>	<p>*Matrix is the 'deconstructed habitat' areas that retain much wildlife</p>



Connecting nature across Auckland



Aims

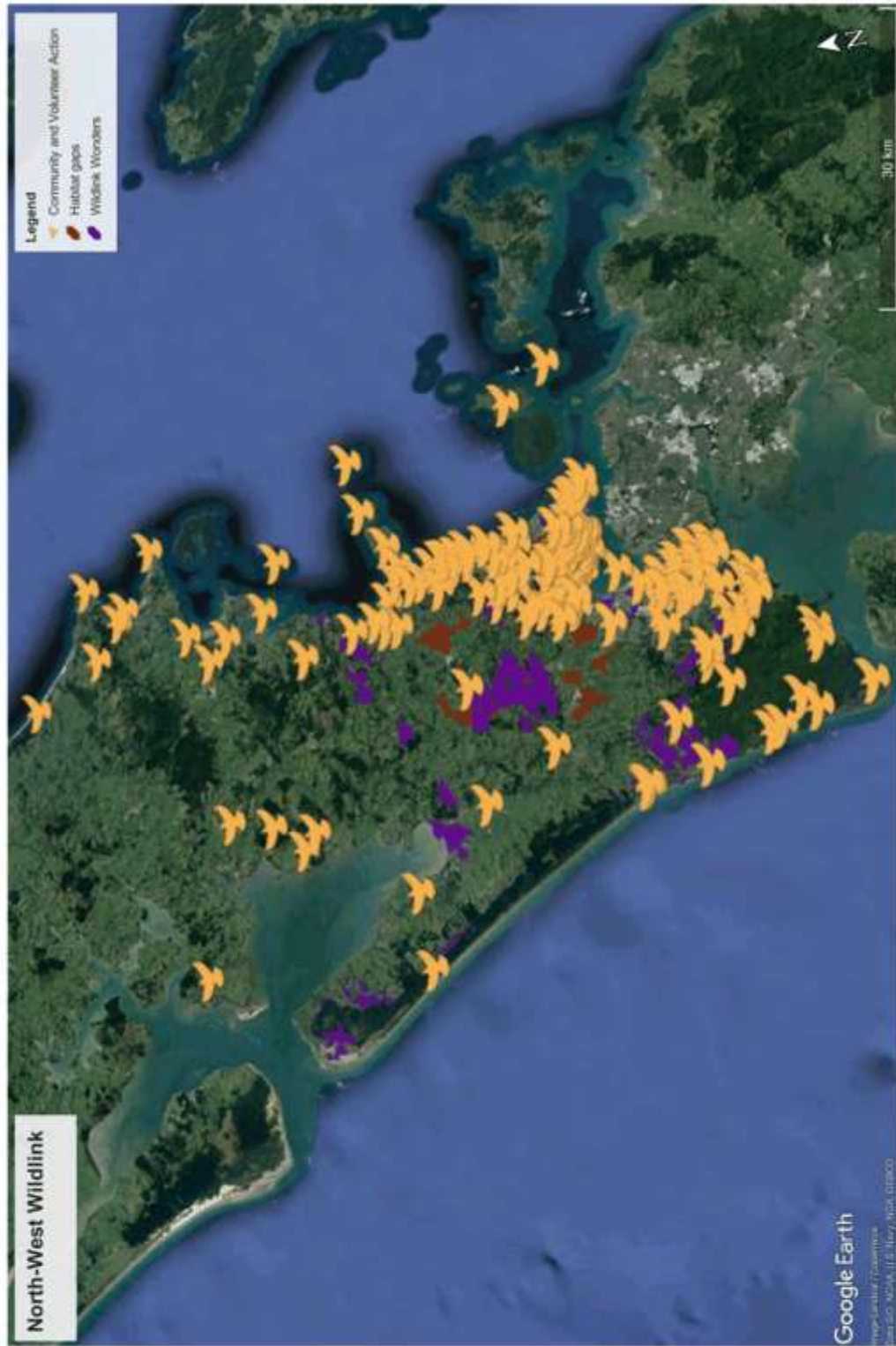
1. Create habitats that are:
 - Safe
 - Connected
 - Healthy
2. Inspire & connect Aucklanders
3. Encourage collaboration between agencies, organisations and groups



A Wildlink is a network...

- Complex – includes communities and nature (systems)
- Dependent on relationships
- Restoration networks now in every local board area in the North-West Wildlink.
 - Between 8 – 22 groups in each
 - Groups reaches thousands of households
 - Each looking outside their patch and asking; “what’s important for the wider landscape?”





Partnership Group

Support, promote and connect



QELI National Trust
Open Space New Zealand
Nga Kōwhirihi Pūka



EcoMatters



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Ataurai



193,626 backyards...





What do Aucklanders think?

The impacts of biodiversity



Source: Auckland Council "Biodiversity in Auckland" Feb 2018



What do Aucklanders want? - actions

Top 5 activities respondents think would best protect and restore biodiversity in their area

- 1 Improve water quality**
in streams lakes wetlands and the coast
- 2 Remove or control pest animals**
that threaten native species
- 3 Protect existing areas**
of native bush
- 4 Remove or control damaging weeds**
in parks and public areas
- 5 Provide more 'green corridors'**
that allow native species to travel between areas of native bush

Source: Auckland Council "Biodiversity in Auckland" Feb 2018



What does the North-West Wildlink want?

- Local Boards and Auckland Council walking the talk, leading the way
- Support:
 - Not just traps and plants, but ...
 - Capacity building - people, advice, collaboration
- Funding
- Encouragement to support and inspire community action



