

Infrastructure and Environmental Services Work Programme 2018/2019

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435	People actively protect the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area	I&ES: Environmental Services	Long-tailed bat research, protection and recovery - Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act work programme	To complement the Regional Environmental and Natural Heritage Fund grant to Community Waitākere for their bat-tagging research into roost use in the Waitākere Ranges, it is proposed to run a complementary education programme to promote and advocate the research outcomes to the wider local community. An education and awareness programme by Community Waitākere and partners will include open community events, targeted community events, and educational resource promotion. All promotional materials and communications will acknowledge the Waitākere Ranges Local Board, and the funding they have provided to bat research over the past six years.	This project will provide the following benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase awareness and action around long-tailed bats and how this relates to the North-West Wildlink and Pest Free Auckland build stronger relationships and networks across community groups and individual landowners grow community capacity. 	TBC	Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	ABS: Opex	\$ 5,000
437	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	Waitākere Weed Action Project (Our Backyard)	This project will involve working with the communities at Piha, Karekare and Huia to reduce the density of the ecosystem transformational weed climbing asparagus on private property. The goal is to achieve zero density of this weed (within three seasons). Climbing asparagus is an ecosystem transforming pest plant - smothering desirable plants and preventing regeneration. It is becoming an increasing issue within the regional park with infestations associated with human settlement. Weed management was occurring on the park but not on private land. Birds can spread seed up to one kilometre from a mature fruiting plant, so without a whole of landscape approach this pest plant will continue to threaten the high biodiversity values of the Waitākere Ranges. This project involves direct engagement, survey (with results and information fed back to landowner), control (including follow up), and now community feedback via newsletter (completed 2017 for Piha, planned 2018 for Huia).	Benefits of this project include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reducing the volume and spread of the ecosystem transforming weed in ecologically significant areas of the Waitākere Ranges. This project directly supports the work being undertaken on regional parkland. contributing to a behaviour change where all the community understands we have a shared responsibility to manage environmental weeds in the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area. 	TBC	Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	LDI: Opex	\$ 100,000
718	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Healthy Waters	Septic tank pumpout programme - Waitākere Ranges Local Board	This programme will see the triennial pumpout of septic tanks within the former Waitākere City Council area.	The pumpout programme is based around improvements to the environment and public health and safety, due to a reduction in the amount of emergency overflows through pumpouts. The community and environmental benefit is fewer failing septic tank systems and reduced contamination of streams, lagoons and beaches in the area.	TBC	Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	ABS: Opex	\$ 632,766

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719	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	Kauri Dieback Community Coordinator - Waitākere Ranges	The kauri dieback community co-ordinator will deliver a programme of engagement, education and capacity building within the communities and groups of the Waitākere Ranges, with schools and pre-schools, and the wider public. This will include talks, workshops, education and art programmes, resource provision, supporting the Kauri Karnival, and managing summer track ambassadors.	This project will provide the following benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> greater awareness of kauri dieback disease and how to prevent its spread greater compliance with hygiene station use and track closures improved stewardship on private property development of collateral for use in the public domain (for example murals and art works). stronger focus on kauri dieback disease at Arataki Visitor Centre, particularly for local benefit consistent approaches to managing the disease in neighbourhood sustainability and conservation efforts exposure of key messages at events and festivals. 	TBC	Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	LDI: Opex	\$ 48,000
731	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Healthy Waters	Manukau Harbour Forum - Waitākere Ranges	To implement the Manukau Harbour Forum work programme. The proposed work programme includes a governance review, communications plan, symposium, and an education project.	The Manukau Harbour Forum encourages joint decision making and advocacy on issues impacting the Manukau Harbour. The operational work programme encourages increased awareness and knowledge about the Manukau Harbour, and improving water quality. The proposed governance review acknowledges that the forum is in its third term and it is appropriate to consider how it has achieved its objective. It also reflects that the forum is a strategic and governance entity, yet it is primarily delivering an operational work programme.	TBC	Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	LDI: Opex	\$ 10,000
739	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	Community weed bins - Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act	The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act work programme budget is a regional budget held by the North West Planning Team. The biosecurity team within Infrastructure and Environmental Services will deliver this community weed bin project via contract as part of the work programme for the north-west planning team. A workshop will be held with the local board in early 2018 to determine the scope of the weed bin project for the 2018/2019 financial year. Based on the current locations of the weed bins, the estimated total budget required for this project in the 2018/2019 financial year is \$77,000.	This project aligns with the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan key initiative to 'carry out weed removal, focusing on areas identified in the Waitākere Ranges Strategic Weed Plan'. It also aligns with the Local Board Plan key initiative to 'enable community-based weed and animal pest control on public and private property' by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enabling the removal and disposal of weeds from the Waitākere Ranges increasing public education about high priority weeds. 	A workshop will be held to determine location of the weed bins.	Q3;Q4	ABS: Opex	\$ 77,000

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740	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	Coastal and marine project	<p>This project will be framed within the actions and gaps analyses in the Big Blue Waitākere report. Feedback from a community hui in May 2018 will be used to determine where funding can be provided to community groups to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support community efforts to protect marine and coastal environments - enable communities to protect vulnerable coastal animals and plants through provision of funding, management plans, traps or other resources. <p>Recommendations on potential projects to be funded through this budget will be reported to the local board following the May 2018 community hui.</p>	This will provide direct funding to support new or existing restoration and management activities being undertaken by community groups in the coastal environment of the Waitākere Ranges.		Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	LDI: Opex	\$ 30,000
742	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	EcoMatters Environment Centre and Sustainability Hub (EcoHub) (Waitākere Ranges)	<p>This funding will support the operation of EcoMatters Environment Centre and associated education programmes, as well as provide baseline funding for Ecomatters Trust. Ecomatters deliverables include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • managing the Ecomatters Environment Centre (EcoHub) • promoting service to the diversity of Waitākere Ranges communities • providing and promoting free or affordable meeting space to other environmentally focused community groups • delivering a minimum of 26 sustainability-related seminars or workshops within the funding period. 	<p>This project aligns with the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan objective to ensure visitors and residents make everyday sustainable living choices. Communities will have the skills, knowledge and resources to make positive choices for sustainable living and reduction of their ecological footprint. The funding provided to EcoMatters by the local board has an impact on Māori wellbeing and building capacity for Māori. Ecomatters regularly hold traditional Māori weaving workshops as part of their education programme. Ecomatters provides support to build the capacity of other organisations involved in developing and delivering environmental initiatives. This includes engaging with Hoani Waititi Marae on opportunities for collaboration. Ecomatters also acts as an umbrella organisation to enable developing organisations without established financial systems and processes to apply for grants. This has included acting as an umbrella organisation for He Tohu Aroha Co-op for a \$50,000 grant towards a resource recovery centre trial in West Auckland.</p>		Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	LDI: Opex	\$ 35,000

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744	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	Love Your Neighbourhood (EcoMatters) (Waitākere Ranges)	<p>This funding will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide rapid response assistance up to a value of \$500 to support volunteer-driven practical environmental initiatives such as environmental clean ups and restoration, community planting and food growing provide practical assistance to not-for-profit preschools to enable environmental education initiatives; in particular edible gardens and water saving/collection devices promote the availability of the assistance through appropriate networks across the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area respond to requests from the Waitākere Ranges Local Board to support community action. 	<p>This project aligns with the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan objective to assist residents and visitors to make everyday sustainable living choices. In particular, this project enables community volunteers and not-for-profit Waitākere Ranges early childhood centres to undertake practical environmental initiatives. This project has the potential to contribute to the development of Māori capacity through supporting applications for this assistance from Māori organisations. Ecomatters regularly hold traditional Māori weaving workshops as part of their education programme. Ecomatters provides support to build the capacity of other organisations involved in developing and delivering environmental initiatives. This includes engaging with Hoani Waititi Marae on opportunities for collaboration. Ecomatters also acts as an umbrella organisation to enable developing organisations without established financial systems and processes to apply for grants. This has included acting as an umbrella organisation for He Tohu Aroha Co-op for a \$50,000 grant towards a resource recovery centre trial in West Auckland.</p>		Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	LDI: Opex	\$ 10,000
745	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	Love Your Place Awards (EcoMatters) (Waitākere Ranges)	<p>This funding will support environmental champion recognition awards that will specifically be for board constituents. The awards will recognise volunteer work in the environment.</p>	<p>This project aligns with the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan outcome to ensure 'our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced' by recognising and celebrating the volunteers and champions who contribute to caring for the Waitākere Ranges environment. Award nominations relating to Māori kaitiaki initiatives in the ranges are encouraged.</p>		Q1;Q2	LDI: Opex	\$ 5,000
757	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	New project: Pop Up Bike Hub (EcoMatters)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and operate a 'pop up' repair centre for bikes at selected events. Develop and deliver bicycle skills programmes via a Pop Up Bike Hub at selected events. Educate users about active transport. 	<p>Waitākere Ranges communities have the skills, knowledge and resources to make positive choices for sustainable living and reduction of their ecological footprint. Waitākere Ranges communities are engaged in education and skill sharing around repair and resource recovery. Waitākere Ranges communities are educated about active transportation and have access to enabling an active transport option.</p>	Approval at business meeting	Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	LDI: Opex	\$ 5,000

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764	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	EcoWest Festival (EcoMatters) Waitākere Ranges	Funding to support the running of EcoWest festival which will run from March-April 2019. EcoMatters deliverables include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a community-based environmental festival with access to free public events • Design and deliver an event that provides information and practical ideas for making sustainable living easy • Market the festival to businesses, institutions and community groups acknowledging Waitākere Ranges Local Board's funding • Promote the festival in ways that target the diversity and distribution of the population • To work collaboratively with other agencies who may be delivering similar events in the other sub-regions at the same time 	Waitākere Ranges communities have the skills, knowledge and resources to make positive choices for sustainable living and reduction of their ecological footprint	Approval at business meeting - June 2018	Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	LDI: Opex	\$ 10,000
768	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	War on Weeds (EcoMatters) Waitākere Ranges	A campaign to be run in March 2019, where jumbo bins are provided at key sites in the local board area for a four week period for community disposal of weeds.	Support removal of environmental weeds and pest plants from private property in Waitākere Ranges and raise awareness of weed issues.	Approval at business meeting - June 2018	Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	LDI: Opex	\$ 23,000
771	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	Community Nurseries (EcoMatters)	This budget will support the establishment of community nurseries, and will ensure that advice is provided to the community on how best to establish and maintain new nurseries. In the 2018/2019 financial year, EcoMatters are aiming to provide at least 2,000 native plants for community planting projects within the Waitākere Ranges Local Board area. Ecomatters are also planning to germinate and pot an additional 2,500 native plants at the EcoMatters nursery site for future community planting projects.	This project aligns with the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Plan outcome to ensure 'our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced'. This project will ensure that conservation volunteers have the skills to grow their own locally eco-sourced plants for use in restoration initiatives.	Approval at business meeting - June 2018	Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	LDI: Opex	\$ 10,000
773	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	Project HomeWise (EcoMatters) Waitākere Ranges Local Board	A minimum of three workshops to be provided to communities on topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste minimisation (how to sort your household rubbish, including home composting, options and demonstration) • Water saving (how to reduce your water consumption and bills) • Energy efficiency (cut your power bill) • Sustainable living 	Ethnic communities and vulnerable households within the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Area have the skills, knowledge and resources to make positive choices for sustainable living and reduction of their ecological footprint	TBC	Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	LDI: Opex	\$ 5,000

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1539	Our unique natural habitats are protected and enhanced	I&ES: Environmental Services	New project: Pest Free South Tairangi strategy development	<p>This project will involve the development of a strategy to achieve Pest Free South Tairangi, which is endorsed by community and agency stakeholders.</p> <p>The strategy will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establishing a clear understanding of the key stakeholders and their organisational or community focus and collaborative process to date - exploring issues, possible solutions and a common agenda and purpose going forward - identifying opportunities for alignment and adaptation of existing activity and resourcing to support Pest Free South Tairangi - developing a collective strategy for achieving Pest Free South Tairangi. 	<p>Benefits of this project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting and enabling community-led restoration • the alignment and cooperation of community and agencies to achieve Pest Free South Tairangi • animal and pest and weed control in South Tairangi to restore and protect natural environments and their species from the coast, streams and forest • the establishment of agency relationships, endorsement and support for community-led pest free initiatives • the discussion and agreement between council-controlled organisations, other agencies and the community developed through this work will set up the relationship in other parts of the Waitākere Ranges (e.g. the New Zealand Transport Agency and roadside maintenance). 	TBC	Q1;Q2;Q3;Q4	LDI: Opex	\$ 30,000