I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Kaipātiki Local Board Community Forum will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday, 22 August 2018  
**Time:** 6.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Kaipātiki Local Board Office  
**Venue:** 90 Bentley Avenue  
Glenfield

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**Kaipātiki Local Board Community Forum**  
**OPEN AGENDA**

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

3 Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

The Auckland Council Code of Conduct for Elected Members (the Code) requires elected members to fully acquaint themselves with, and strictly adhere to, the provisions of Auckland Council’s Conflicts of Interest Policy. The policy covers two classes of conflict of interest:

i. A financial conflict of interest, which is one where a decision or act of the local board could reasonably give rise to an expectation of financial gain or loss to an elected member; and

ii. A non-financial conflict interest, which does not have a direct personal financial component. It may arise, for example, from a personal relationship, or involvement with a non-profit organisation, or from conduct that indicates prejudice or predetermination.

The Office of the Auditor General has produced guidelines to help elected members understand the requirements of the Local Authority (Member’s Interest) Act 1968. The guidelines discuss both types of conflicts in more detail, and provide elected members with practical examples and advice around when they may (or may not) have a conflict of interest.

Copies of both the Auckland Council Code of Conduct for Elected Members and the Office of the Auditor General guidelines are available for inspection by members upon request.

Any questions relating to the Code or the guidelines may be directed to the Relationship Manager in the first instance.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

a) confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Wednesday, 25 July 2018, as a true and correct record.

5 Leave of Absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

6 Acknowledgements

At the close of the agenda no requests for acknowledgements had been received.
7 Petitions

At the close of the agenda no requests to present petitions had been received.

8 Deputations

Standing Order 7.7 provides for deputations. Those applying for deputations are required to give seven working days notice of subject matter and applications are approved by the Chairperson of the Kaipātiki Local Board Community Forum. This means that details relating to deputations can be included in the published agenda. Total speaking time per deputation is ten minutes or as resolved by the meeting.

8.1 Little Shoal Bay Protection Society

Te take mō te pūrongo / Purpose of the report
1. The purpose of this deputation is to provide an update to the Kaipātiki Local Board regarding Little Shoal Bay Protection Society.

Whakarāpopototanga matua / Executive summary
2. Tony Holman from Little Shoal Bay Protection Society, will be in attendance to address the Kaipātiki Local Board.

Ngā tūtohunga / Recommendation/s
That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

a) receive the deputation from Little Shoal Bay Protection Society.
b) thank Tony Holman for their attendance and presentation.

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8.2 Heart of Takapuna

Te take mō te pūrongo / Purpose of the report
1. The purpose of this deputation is to address the Kaipātiki Local Board regarding Heart of Takapuna.

Whakarāpopototanga matua / Executive summary
2. Ruth Jackson from Heart of Takapuna, will be in attendance to address the Kaipātiki Local Board.

Ngā tūtohunga / Recommendation/s
That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

a) receive the deputation from Heart of Takapuna.
b) thank Ruth Jackson for their attendance and presentation.
9  Public Forum

A period of time (approximately 30 minutes) is set aside for members of the public to address the meeting on matters within its delegated authority. A maximum of 3 minutes per item is allowed, following which there may be questions from members.

At the close of the agenda no requests for public forum had been received.

10  Extraordinary Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

(a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and

(b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public,-

   (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and

   (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting."

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

(a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-

   (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and

   (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but

(b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion."
Te take mō te pūrongo / Purpose of the report
1. To update the Kaipātiki Local Board about the proposed response to kauri dieback within local parks and reserves in the Kaipātiki local board area.

Whakarāpopototanga matua / Executive summary
2. Auckland Council’s response to kauri dieback prioritises the protection of healthy kauri and aims to prevent the spread from infected areas.
3. The council has completed aerial surveys of the Kaipātiki local board area to identify any kauri showing poor health. Where appropriate, individual trees have been inspected and soil samples taken to confirm whether kauri dieback is present or not.
4. In July 2018, soil samples taken confirmed the presence of kauri dieback disease in Kauri Park within the Kaipātiki local board area. Previously the Kaipātiki Local Board area had no known instances of kauri dieback disease within the parks and reserves in the board area.
5. Council staff have been working closely with the local board and community, primarily the Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society, to develop a process to respond to the discovery of kauri dieback within the local board area. The proposal is to assess closure of tracks, as an alternative to closing parks and reserves completely. Inspections to confirm which tracks should be closed will involve council staff from across departments and include representatives from the Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society.
6. The Manager Community Parks and Places may close parks and reserves temporarily under the current delegations. Any temporary closure implemented under delegation will be put to the Kaipātiki Local Board for consideration in October 2018.

Ngā tūtohunga / Recommendation
That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

a) note the proposed process for responding to Kauri Dieback within local parks and reserves within the local board area.

Horopaki / Context
7. Kauri dieback is widespread in the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park and is found in other parts of the Auckland Region. There is no cure for the disease and the primary vector for spreading the disease is human activity.
8. In July 2018, soil samples taken confirmed the presence of kauri dieback disease in Kauri Park within the Kaipātiki local board area. Previously the Kaipātiki local board area had no known instances of kauri dieback disease within the parks and reserves in the board area.
9. The current focus is on reducing the rate of spread and protecting known healthy kauri areas. The Kauri Dieback programme is managed by Environmental Services with Community Services and Community Facilities undertaking programme delivery on local and regional parks. The programme received funding for this challenge as part of the newly introduced natural environment targeted rate programme.
10. The council is developing a regional operational response approach to the risk from kauri dieback disease. This requires taking a consistent approach across the Auckland region and providing consistent advice to local boards.

11. The Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society have requested that the following parks and reserves be closed to protect kauri:
   - Kauri Park (already closed)
   - Muriel Fisher Reserve (already closed)
   - Kauri Glen
   - Chatswood Reserve
   - Odin Place Reserve
   - Leigh Scenic Reserve
   - Fernglen Reserve
   - City View Review
   - Birkenhead War Memorial Park.

12. Kauri ecosystems are present in each of the above parks and reserves with varying levels of public access and risk of exposure to kauri dieback disease. Protection could occur through a range of management solutions such as entire park closures, rerouting of tracks and upgrading of tracks. The recreational value of these parks and reserves, including the tracks, is currently being assessed by the Parks and Places team and will be one of the key considerations in selecting the management solutions for each park.

13. There are tracks in these parks and reserves which do not impact kauri. As an alternative to the complete closure of a park or reserve; council’s strategy is to assess which tracks within those parks and reserves should be closed to protect kauri and which can remain open. Council staff have been working with the Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society and they are generally supportive of this approach.

14. The inspections to confirm which tracks should be closed will involve Auckland Council staff from biosecurity, community services and community facilities and representatives from the Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society.

15. Any proposed track closures will be coordinated to ensure that the required communication and behaviour change activities are put in place. There are ongoing discussions with Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society about council resourcing them to deliver some of these activities.

16. Under the current delegations, the Manager Community Parks and Places may close parks and reserves temporarily. The closures proposed here would be implemented under those provisions prior to formal consideration by the Kaipātiki Local Board in October 2018.

17. Staff will provide the local board with regular updates on implementing the Kauri Dieback Disease Response Programme in the Kaipātiki local board area, including improvements to cleaning stations and track closures where required.

18. The regional response will be able to support a track and hygiene station upgrade programme, which will be prioritised to reopen critical tracks first and to focus on the protection of kauri most at risk. Tracks could be re-opened once upgraded to a kauri-safe standard.
Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe / Local impacts and local board views

19. The local board feedback to the 10-year Budget 2018-2028 and draft Auckland Plan 2050 (Resolution number KT/2018/74) included a request for the protection of green spaces and highlighted kauri dieback disease as an immediate concern to the local board and community.

20. The board stressed that the Kaipātiki local board area has a high proportion of bush areas containing kauri trees and requested more in-ground cleaning stations, and significant investment in track upgrades to protect Kauri.

21. At its 18 July 2018 business meeting, the local board requested staff provide information about the process, costs and implications of temporarily closing all or part of Kauri Park and Muriel Fisher Reserve in order to prevent the possible spread of kauri dieback disease in the Kaipātiki Local Board area. This information has been provided to the local board and staff have implemented the closure of both parks pending further investigation of the condition of tracks and of kauri within the parks.

22. The local board also requested council staff and the Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society work together for a shared approach to community based, local options for kauri dieback disease management for consideration by the local board at its October meeting. Staff are currently undertaking this work with the Pest Free Kaipātiki Restoration Society.

23. Closing parks and reserves or their tracks will have an impact on the recreational activities available in the Kaipātiki area. There may be a level of public dissatisfaction as the closure of tracks impacts on individuals use of these and may put extra pressure on open parks and reserves in the local board area. Any immediate closure authorised by the Manager Community Parks and Places will be done on a temporary basis.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori / Māori impact statement

24. Kauri is a keystone species which supports a distinct New Zealand forest ecosystem, sustaining indigenous flora and fauna. Kauri is a taonga species and council, in partnership with Māori, have a responsibility for the protection of the spiritual, economic and ecological values associated with this taonga and the ecosystems it supports.

25. Tāmaki Makaurau mana whenua kaitiaki kaimahi representatives have stressed the importance of the kauri species and a desire to work more closely with council and the Department of Conservation on this kaupapa. Staff will work with mana whenua on the regional approach to kauri dieback on a site by site basis.

26. Te Kawerau ā Maki hold kauri in very high regard and have offered to assist the Kaipātiki Local Board, if necessary, by placing a rāhui across local parks and reserves in the local board area.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea / Financial implications

27. The tracks closures, communication and behaviour change activities across the Auckland region will be funded through existing council budgets and the natural environment targeted rate.

28. Work will be prioritised and scheduled to ensure that the highest risks to kauri are mitigated first. Further details on funding options and implications will be provided at future business meetings.

Ngā raru tūpono / Risks

29. Closing parks and reserves or their tracks will have an impact on the recreational activities available in the Kaipātiki area. This may put extra pressure on open parks and reserves.

30. There may be a level of public dissatisfaction as the closure of tracks impacts on individuals use of these. Any immediate closure authorised by the Manager Community Parks and Places will be done on a temporary basis.
31. Achieving high levels of compliance with closed tracks and the use of cleaning stations will require considerable effort and resource.

**Ngā koringa ā-muri / Next steps**

32. The inspections of the parks and reserves in the Kaipātiki local board area containing kauri trees will continue to be urgently undertaken.

33. The parks and reserves, or their tracks, proposed for closure will be provided to the local board for input. The local board will be informed before parks and reserves or their tracks are closed.

34. Formal consideration of the future plans for managing Kauri Dieback disease within the local parks and reserves in the Kaipātiki Local Board area will occur at the board’s October 2018 business meeting.

**Ngā tāpirihanga / Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

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Kaipātiki Local Youth Board update

File No.: CP2018/15319

Te take mō te pūrongo / Purpose of the report
1. The purpose of this report is to address the Kaipātiki Local Board to provide an update on the activities of the Kaipātiki Local Youth Board.

Whakarāpopototanga matua / Executive summary
2. An opportunity is provided for the Kaipātiki Local Youth Board to update the Kaipātiki Local Board on their activities.

Ngā tūtohunga / Recommendation/s
That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

a) receive the Kaipātiki Local Youth Board update.
b) thank the Kaipātiki Local Youth Board for their attendance and presentation.

Ngā tāpirihanga / Attachments
There are no attachments for this report.

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Kaipātiki Local Board Chairperson's Report

File No.: CP2018/15291

Te take mō te pūrongo / Purpose of the report

1. An opportunity is provided for the Kaipātiki Local Board Chairperson to update members on recent activities, projects and issues since the last meeting.

Ngā tūtohunga / Recommendation/s

That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

a) note the chairperson’s report.

Ngā tāpirihanga / Attachments

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KAIPĀTIKI LOCAL BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

JOHN GILLON - AUGUST 2018

Kauri Dieback

On 27 July we received the devastating news that Kauri Dieback had been detected in Kaipātiki for the first time. There have been three positive test results – two in Kauri Park and one in Muriel Fisher Reserve. Both parks were immediately closed to the public.

Since it was detected, Local Board members have been in discussions to close certain parks or portions of parks as a pre-emptive measure until tracks can be improved and cleaning stations installed. We are expecting a report on potential closures at our 22 August meeting.

That the Kaipātiki Local Board:
(a) note the map of Kauri Park and Muriel Fisher Reserve showing the locations of kauri trees within 10 metres of walking tracks that have been inspected, including confirmed and suspected instances of kauri dieback disease, noting that the map does not represent all kauri trees in the reserves.
Attachment A

Item 13

Kauni Park, Rangatira Road.

Munel Fisher Reserve, Island Bay Road.
Frank Larking's Play Boat

The community steering group for Frank Larking's Play Boat has been meeting monthly to discuss the project for relocating the boat to Larking's Landing Reserve, and has also been providing feedback on the path & furniture renewal project and recreational wharf renewal project. Attached is the Frank's Boat Relocation design that is supported by the steering group. However it is now looking unlikely that the boat will be able to move from the beach before November due to the resource consent timeframe. Also attached is the draft path and furniture renewal plan.

That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

(b) note the Frank Larking's Play Boat Relocation design that was supported by the community steering group.

(c) note the draft Hilder's Park Path and Furniture Renewals General Arrangement Plan that was supported by the community steering group.

Proposed SeaPath Route

NZTA is holding several engagement events for feedback on the proposed route for SeaPath. The proposed route is similar to what has been presented before along the western side of the motorway; however it has now been split into two stages:

The first stage will be the stretch between Onewa Road and Esmonde Road. The second stage will be between SkyPath/Harbour Bridge and Onewa Road. Before stage 2 is completed, the Northcote Safe Cycle Route will be relied upon to bridge the gap.
However I hold the view that the southern portion of SeaPath should be delivered first to help ensure a continuous link from SkyPath for both pedestrians and cyclists.

The detailed business case for SeaPath is expected to be completed by the end of 2018. The detailed business case for SkyPath is expected to be delivered by mid-2019. NZTA now estimate that, as a best case scenario, SkyPath could be completed around late 2020.

The SeaPath project team will be attending the following events to answer your questions on the proposal:

* Wednesday 15 August, 7am-9am, Akoranga Bus Station
* Wednesday 15 August, 11am-1pm, AUT North Campus
* Saturday 18 August, 9am-10:30am, Northcote Town Centre
* Saturday 18 August, 11:30am-1pm, Highbury Town Centre
* Saturday 18 August, 2pm-3:30pm, Beach Haven Town Centre
* Tuesday 21 August, 7pm-9pm, Queen Street, Northcote

That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

(d) note the NZTA SeaPath presentation from the Kaipātiki Local Board public workshop on 25 July 2018.

(e) support the proposed route of SeaPath on the western side of the motorway, with links to Onepoto Domain, Heath Reserve and Tuff Crater Reserve.

(f) note that any proposed construction through a reserve or park in the Kaipātiki Local Board area along the SeaPath route will trigger a landowner consent process for the Local Board to consider.

(g) request that if SeaPath is to be staged, that NZTA consider prioritising the delivery of the southern half of the proposed SeaPath route before the northern end, to ensure that the majority of cyclists and pedestrians from the city bypass the Northcote Point area and are instead delivered to the Onewa Interchange/Onepoto Domain area.
July 2018 Meetings & Events

- Chaired July Kaipātiki Local Board business meeting
- Chaired July Kaipātiki Local Board Community Forum meeting
- Chaired three Kaipātiki Local Board workshops
- Auckland Transport Briefing on Northcote Wharf Closure
- July Local Board Chairs’ Forum and Chairs-Only Session
- July Northern Local Boards Subregional workshop
- Governing Body/Local Board Chairs joint meeting
- July Northern Citizenship Ceremony
- Open Space Network Plan Working Party meeting
- Frank Larking’s Play Boat Community Steering Group meeting
- Birkenhead Photography Competition Judging meeting
- Meeting with Jo Knight and David Roberts of Pest Free Kaipātiki
- Meeting with Peter Burns, Chair of Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust
- Meeting with Cllr Richard Hills
- Meeting with MP Dan Ridnois
- Opening of Northbridge Apartments
- Birkenhead Domain – site visit with Jennifer Christianson, founder of Kaipātiki Project
- Meeting with Peter Taylor, Chair of Birkenhead Town Centre Association
- Meeting with Jill Nerheny, Manager of Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust
- Meeting with Paddy Bush & Brian Blake, Chair & CEO of North Shore Events Centre
- Meeting with Police North Shore Area Commander Inspector Sunny Patel
- Kaipātiki Community Facilities Trust monthly meeting
- Resource consent feedback meetings with Deputy Chair Danielle Grant
- Several meetings with constituents on various matters
- Regular meetings with council staff on various matters
Attachment B

Item 13

CONCEPT PRECEDENT IMAGES
HILDERS PARK - PATH & FURNITURE RENEWALS

Hunua Park Furniture - Jackson Bench
Hilders Play Boat to be re-installed into sand / safety surfacing
Replace existing stairs with compliant timber peg & board steps
Install new shower to capped retaining wall (image indicative only)

Install new 1500mm wide path to inside edge of seawall
Install new timber handrail to lookout
Repair western edge (1m width) of existing boat ramp & add handrail.

Hunua Park Furniture - Jackson Picnic Set to be reinstalled into new concrete pathway / pad
SeaPath
The landward option was the most favourable option for meeting the project investment objectives.

The appropriate outcome is achieved within the agreed funding envelope...
Attachment F

Item 13

Proposed route
Strategic context

SeaPath is consistent with:

- The Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS)
- The Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP)
- Included within the NZ Transport Agency Investment Proposal (TAIP), with $33m identified.
Design challenges

- Path may narrow in places, divert, or ascend, to avoid trees or structures.
- Path may divert to safely cross motorway on and off-ramps.

Coastal environment
Busy motorway
Protected trees and wildlife
Areas of cultural significance
In September 2017, Kaipatiki Local Board members attended a site walkover and gave their thoughts on SeaPath.
Your feedback to date

- Preserve the views
- Safety – Stafford Road and Onewa Interchange
- Motorway underpass
- Construction staging – southern preferred
- Route naming
Timeline

2016
- Public consultation on three route options – land, sea, coastal

2017
- Planning and investigation
- Discussion with Local Board and community groups

2018
- Community update on project progress
- Development of a Detailed Business Case on a proposed landward route

2019
- Detailed Business Case complete
- Community engagement
- Consenting
**Upcoming community engagement**

- **Akoranga Bus Station**
  - Wednesday 15 August, 7am-9am

- **AUT**
  - Wednesday 15 August, 11am-1pm

- **Northcote Centre**
  - Saturday 18 August, 10am-12pm

- **Highbury Centre**
  - Saturday 18 August, 1pm-3pm

- **Queen Street, Northcote**
  - Tuesday 21 August, 6pm-8pm
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LITTLE SHOAL BAY: SAND RETENTION & CONSERVATION.

This submission is to request the Board’s support and assistance for a proposal to save sand around the foreshore of Little Shoal Bay, especially the sand still existing near the (north-western) end of Hall’s Beach and along the sea wall in LSB.

[photos]

Outline

That a wooden construction (groyne) be placed at the western end of the concrete seawall in LSB and another be placed at the (north-western) end of Hall’s beach to conserve and retain the existing sand.

Local Context

The change in the tidal currents and loss of sand has been happening over several decades, probably exacerbated by the construction of the Harbour Bridge and more recently by the wash from fast ferries.

It is also likely that other factors (referred to in technical reports) such as the straight and steep concrete seawall, have also played a part in this mix of influences.

Whatever the reasons, it is indisputable that most of the sand which once formed a very pleasant and popular beach at Hall’s has now gone. (See photo attached.) Further, much of the sand which once provided a popular swimming spot along the foreshore of the Bay (pre wall days) and described by Mr Wally Ungemuth, has been obliterated by later works. (See attachment). The advent of the Harbour Bridge and motorway
also saw the demise of the major, sandy Sulphur Beach on the eastern side of the Point.

The movement and loss of sand from Little Shoal Bay has been well studied and documented by various studies last decade, namely:

‘A thesis by Matthew McNeil’; ‘Technical review’ by Tonkin & Taylor, and a major study – ‘LSB: A sustainability assessment of the coastal environment,’ by Kyle Aitken who has, of course continued to study and document events in the Bay for the last 20 years.

These documents should be on Council files, but should they not be available to the Board we would be happy to make them available for copying.

**Auckland Context**

The Bay, wetland and bush complex is an outstanding natural resource and a quite rare one in the Auckland region, with a gradation of various habitats from marine, through wetlands, fresh water streams, and forest, providing an unusual and valuable resource within an intensive urban environment.

Recreationally Little Shoal Bay is the only inner harbour bay that is sheltered from the north-west and westerly winds.

The operative Management Plan states that “*The management emphasis for this area will be to create a more natural land-water edge which will encourage natural processes to occur, be people friendly and visually harmonious.*”

“In terms of use of the area, council’s aim is to rationalise the reserve land along the foreshore to increase its usefulness for passive recreation.” (p. 21 Management Plan)

We see our proposal as assisting in those goals.
The proposal to improve the foreshore and beach was also included in the council’s Development Plan for the reserve, but this Plan was never completed.

The attached map illustrates all of the beaches which have had groynes built and/or sand replenishment in recent times. The southern side of the Harbour has had eight beaches upgraded (three of them with groynes) at a total cost of over $20m.

North Shore has had improvements (including groynes) at both Devonport and Torpedo Bay, the latter costing around $400,000 for two rock groynes and sand replenishment.

LSB has had nothing.

We believe that with the pressure of the increasing population, and the likely closure of many of our bush reserves because of kauri dieback, those bush reserves will no longer be available for recreational use. Thus it is virtually certain there will be increasing numbers using Little Shoal Bay and probably seeking a wider range of activities.

And at this point I would like to refer you back to the stated aims of the Management Plan (p.21) quoted above.

Mayor Goff’s 10-year financial plan provides for:

- $90 million capex funding for coastal asset management
- establishing a $40 million climate change response fund.
- cleaning up Auckland's waterways and beaches
- $120 million sports and recreation facilities investment fund.
This funding will be available to the Mayor and Council and also, hopefully, the KLB, to help compensate for the problems occurring from climate change, environmental and population pressures.

With support consistent with these policies, appropriate improvements to the sea interface of Little Shoal Bay reserve and Hall’s Beach are needed. One of the highest priorities would be the enhancement of a beach or beaches for popular water-related activities, especially for families - swimming, inter-tidal exploration, and water sports such as small boats, paddle boarding and kayaking.

**Conclusion**

The Society is simply requesting your assistance and support for the proposal to install two properly designed wooden barriers or ‘groynes’ in LSB (one at Hall’s and one at the western end of the concrete wall in Little Shoal Bay.)

The objective is to establish the likely efficiency of such devices to retain the bulk of the remaining sand in those areas, and to measure whether there is any replenishment coming from natural sources.

We hope that the Board gives this proposal strong support, including any submission that the Society presents to the Auckland Council.

Thank you.

For & on behalf of the Society,

A.P. Holman QSO,
Acting Chairman.
APPENDIX VIII

HISTORY

Abridged version of memoirs of one local resident (W.J Ungemuth) going back to 1926.

My earliest recollections of little Shoal Bay go back to 1926--our beach was known as the Gasworks Beach, or merely the Gassies, and what a marvellous playground it was. Access to the beach was by way of a pathway from Rodney Rd or Guilfoyle's Track which is where the path and steps are from Rodney Road to the Sea Scouts den. The road to the gasworks was a private road and only went as far as the present site of the Kon Tiki Motel. The path from Rodney Rd continued over a causeway, over a culvert with a floodgate, and on up Marama Tce. (now Maritime Tce.). Depending on the wind, we had the choice of three small beaches. There was the one at the foot of Maritime Tce which, on a very high tide was completely covered. The channel on the seaward side of the floodgate provided deep water and the handrail of the causeway path, a good diving platform. Just where the pathways from Seaview Ave. and the tennis courts and the bowling green met Rodney Rd. - Maritime Tce. Pathway, there was a nice sandy beach and it was here that most of the swimming was done. Though fairly shallow, the bottom was sandy and firm. Here we learnt to swim, paddled tin canoes, sailed model yachts, caught sprats with bread in pickle bottles and speared flounder. We gathered seaweed for the garden, collected driftwood for home fires and gathered bottles which we washed and sold for pocket money. From this beach to the gasworks wharf, there was a partly reclaimed area covered in toitoi bushes. The wharf was no longer used to unload the coal scow and the previously dredged channel was a stinking mire of knee deep black mud. This is no exaggeration as scattered about the old gas works, were old wells full of tar. Over the years the Gas Company let all manner of waste run onto the beach with one outlet at the top end of the wharf. Even today one can dig down in the sand below high water mark and encounter black sand. It amazed me that over this very spot a concrete ramp to the beach was built. The area along side the wharf was well covered with toitoi bushes. In the clear patches, small yachts and dinghies were hauled out.

How times have changed. A roadway to Maritime Tce and a considerable reclamation - now the hauling out area and the grassed area to the west of the old wharf - have now completely engulfed two sandy beaches. A new culvert and floodgate at the Birkenhead shore has changed the old creek channel. The area of beach to the seaward side of the boatyard, is in part quite soft and covered in mangroves where none existed before. The only strip that can be called a beach, is that by the Sea Scout Den, it is mostly shell and flotsam.

The bush reserve below Seaview Ave was known as the Maori's Orchard. There were a few old fruit trees. Quite a large area became engulfed in Eleagnus. In the 1950s, a puriri and pohutukawa were felled, then weed (Eleagnus) took over and engulfed and killed the remnants of the orchard. In between the area between the Maori's Orchard and the Bowling Green and Wilding Ave was the Northcote and Birkenhead Tennis Club. There were 10 chip courts and the area between the pavilion and the courts was in lawn. During the depression, the drains around the courts were kept clean.