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Update to Albert Eden Local Board 2018
Vision
To grow an inclusive place within the community for getting together to make, create, share skills, repair, recycle, upcycle and hatch ideas.

Mission
Our mission is to provide, administer and develop the Community Hub in ways that enable others to lead and develop activities and events to take place here.

We will offer several anchor activities and also run some Hub outreach events.
What we are delivering to the Albert-Eden Community:

- A true ‘third place’
- ‘Something happening’ at all times
- Diverse users
- Mostly free
- Welcoming space
- Synergies and collaboration
Opportunities

- Bringing investment to Albert-Eden
- Renovating physical space to be safe & fit for our purpose
- Installing fibre internet
- Growing our membership and reach
- Developing Our Big Backyard on The Commons
- Building good relationships with our neighbours
DIA grants for community facilities

- Using the Hub Trust as intermediary, Auckland Council can triple the money it would be spending anyway on maintenance of its building
- Auckland Council is now ready to help the Hub to meet DIA’s grant terms
- The Hub are blazing a trail for other organisations to play the same role
- DIA are very supportive, but need a 3x3 lease or they won't grant.
A place for community groups to meet and host events
Regular happenings

Knitting group - meets weekly
Lego group - meets fortnightly
Auckland Rugby Referees - meets weekly
Boomerang Bags – meets Wednesday and Sunday
Blues dance class - meets weekly
MUMG - meets weekly
Roaming Co-Workers - there most days
Journalling – meets weekly
Unschooling group - meets weekly
Kiwi Mustachians - meets monthly
Contact Improv- meets weekly

Regular events are complemented by casual use and less regular events and activities - celebrations, workshops, sewing, electronics, craft, enterprise, lunches, dinners...
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Growing a community precinct in the heart of Albert Eden

the hub

EDEN RUGBY

the commons
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Summary

- We are providing a unique and vital place for the community.
- We need your support to continue to build on what has been created.
- Secure long-term lease tenure will allow us to triple the Council’s investment in our building.
- Please vote in favour of a 3x3 lease for the Hub.
Testimonials from members
November, 2018

Hello there,
When I first shifted to Auckland, I knew no one and had little finances to join groups. I was searching for community groups where I could learn and contribute while getting to know the local community I was living in. **The Hub provided a safe space full of local advice and a sense of belonging.** I was later able to offer my skills and knowledge in such a way that I was able to bring people together who would not have normally met. Gribblehirst Hub does a lot of great work in strengthening and progressing the community while adding a colourful creative flair. **Thank you for existing!**

Kindly,
Erin Lawrence

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Since I became involved with the Hub, and latterly The Commons, project a few years ago I’ve been heartened by the strong links that have been fostered among many different members of our community. Even when I haven’t used it myself for a while, seeing and reading about the many awesome projects and initiatives and causes utilising the venue encourages me that **our local board is on the right track to growing a vibrant and inclusive community.**

Highlights for me have been the highly-popular repair cafes, witnessing, and being able to support and encourage, the genesis of new businesses by recently-arrived refugees, and working with new friends on building a community space for others to benefit from. **To me, The Hub represents the new Auckland.**

Steve King

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Wishing you the outcome you are hoping for at your meeting with the AELB. We often look over to you - our friends at Gribblehurst - and feel admiration and inspiration for all that you’ve seeded and grown in such a short period of time. All that making and crafting, the conversations, the sharing of skills and knowledge, time and resource. The Hub seems to be a place made by the community, for the community. It seems to represent the gritty, playful stuff that is community-led development. Ngā manaakitanga!

On behalf of our trustees and locals

Avondale Community Action

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The Hub is a busy, friendly, delightful space which I am so glad to be a part of. There is something different about the space from the normal community centre which is guarded by a fierce administrator in the corner offer. It is a quality of love, shared support, relaxedness, and professional art and creative space which makes me want to return there again and again. Mostly I use it as part of a community dance group which meets on a Sunday, and sometimes for family dinners. We have also used it for a birthday party, and generally just to hang out in. It is a very valuable asset to my immediate community, and in the future I hope to make more use of it. I can see vast potential for this place, the shed and the surrounding gardens. I did at one point offer to be a caretaker of the space, if I could place a tiny house on the front field, that’s how much I like this space.

Clare Luiten

artist / movement therapist
dancer / event maker

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Why I like the Hub
Kia Ora,
I like coming to Wednesday knitting at the hub. I can’t always make it along but I know it is there. I am new to Auckland and the people at the hub are very friendly and welcoming. I have made friends that I wouldn’t have known otherwise if I did not go to gribblehirst hub. I have really enjoyed getting out of the house, meeting people and practising my knitting & crochet. **I think gribblehirst hub is a fantastic community space I wish I could go more often especially to help out with The Commons,**
Nga mihi,
Rachael Francis
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The Hub has been my avenue in retirement to meeting - and working hard with! - a wonderful variety of people, passionate about building community in a whole range of ways. Community through making, eating, learning, cooking... It’s been delightful to see since I became involved that a seemingly nebulous plan has resolved into a highly organised - Hub, in fact - teeming with energy for so many things. Delightful too to see the draw it has for so many people in many life stages, and the various activity groups that have taken on a life of their own!
Helga Arlington
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I value Gribblehirst Community Hub!
I think what you’re doing at GHub brings to life the words that are often used by Auckland Council and our Local Boards to describe empowered communities. In a **short time and with seemingly little cash resource (but plenty of generously gifted voluntary mahi!) you have created**
a loved, dynamic, inclusive space for people in your neighbourhood and for visitors. This is no mean feat! You have gifted your community and your partners (including your supporters at Auckland Council/AELB) an example of working together in place which many of us are inspired by. From my experience I do not think you can grow what you have grown at the Hub from/within a community facility managed and staffed by Council. What you have is more organic, less generic and perhaps less linear or predictable BUT it is more true to what locals want, to what locals offer, to what community is.

Please pass on my aroha to all Hub trustees and members. Thank you for showing us how fun, interesting, diverse and authentically local community-led action can be/look like/feel in Tamaki Makaurau. Thank you for making space for relationships to flourish between people that might not have ordinarily met.

I'll be there with you in spirit as you meet the AELB. I hope they hear and see all the goodness that has already happened at the Hub and the potential for much more to come if you are granted - as you should be! - the support and security of tenure required for unique sites like this.

Kia ora rawa atu!
Jaclyn Bonnici

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To Whom It May Concern,
I am writing in full support of the continuation of the leasing of the Gribblehirst Hub for another 6 years.

I am part of a local group of game designers who regularly use the Hub as a space (both inside and outside on the Commons) to design, develop and test out games. We also run free play days for locals - both children and adults. If we didn't have access to membership at the Hub, we
would not have the freedom to build up our community of designers and interact with all the other wonderful groups who use the facilities.

I have also been active in many other gatherings and events at the Hub over the past year and have been able to watch (and be an active part of) the rich community working together to continue to make the Hub a fantastic community location.

**The community at the Gribblehirst Hub is strong and developing and will only grow more wonderful in the years to come.**
Best regards, Toby Falconer

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“I can't express enough how much this space has changed my life and the lives of those who come to The Hub for the better”.

Kiaora. Here is my testimonial about why I and the communities I am connected to need and love The Hub.

I am a parent of two young children and a member of a number of different arts and parenting communities that regularly meet up at and enjoy the facilities of The Gribblehirst Hub, namely a homeschool group, and an improvisational dance community. I also regularly use the hall as a place to hold meetings and rehearsals for my personal performance practice, as well as for Auckland members of a community of Regenerative Practitioners.

The homeschool group has a membership based of around 15 different families, with children ranging in age from 1 to 12, who come from all over Auckland City. Because we are a small subset of the homeschooling community, there are relatively few of us, and are spread across the city.
Having a central location means that we are able to keep in regular contact with each other quite easily.

The Hub is an ideal space for us for a number of reasons:
1. We have varied needs due to our varied age ranges, The Hub provides enough different kinds of spaces for these needs to be meet, with toys for younger kids, workspaces and materials for older kids projects, a good kitchen to cater for our nutritional needs, without these needing to be organised before leaving our houses. It also has outdoor spaces that are open, safe and varied, and the ability to contribute to and interact with the environment in way that is creative and resourceful.

2. Our community has a focus on learning through doing, and relating to a variety of people in different parts of the community. The Hub creates the space for this to be possible.

3. We are mostly on single incomes with one parent doing the majority of child care. The low fees for the use of the space means that our group can exist. Many other hall spaces are set at price that is out of our price range.

4. It is connected to and surrounded by Nature but we can continue to meet up over winter months in a warm and dry environment. We are always seeking to find more ways to connect with our natural world for the health of both ourselves and our families and to encourage or kids to respect and engage with nature in healthy ways. At the same time, some of or members have health conditions that mean being outside in colder weather is not possible. The Hub allows these different needs to be met throughout the year.

The Improvised Dance community also contains many families. For the same reasons as above, The Hub makes it possible for families to
participate within a movement practice that supports them to bring their kids along to move with them or to just play as they need. For some of these families, this practice is one of the only movement practices they are able to get to as a result of their childcare duties restricting their ability to afford or get to dance classes or workshops.

The openness of the space means that this community of improvised dance and performance practitioners can feel comfortable to practice in a way that may include use of props or unconventional materials that are often unable to be used in more conventional dance studios.

The relaxed nature of the space and the kitchen also facilitates this community in terms of their personal connections, meaning people are more likely to come back to contribute to the group as a result of the friendships that are supported and grown both during and after the practice time.

As a parent who still works within the professional communities of performance, dance and Regenerative Practitioners, the ability for me to be able to bring my children to a meeting or rehearsal is really valuable.

Again, the low cost of renting the space allows me to continue to practice whilst I am not earning due to childcare duties, and the central location is again a factor in allowing these meetings to occur with people coming from all over Auckland.

I am extremely impressed with the organisation and communication of the organising members, and their spirit of community and openness to contributions. In my opinion we need more of these kinds of projects that foster a sense of possibility to participate in a meaningful and positive way for the benefit of individuals, neighbourhoods, the environment, and marginal communities across the city.
I can't express enough how much this space has changed my life and the lives of those who come to The Hub for the better.

Please, please keep supporting The Gribblehirst Community Hub to be a space of positive, conscientious collective activity.
Nahaku noa,
Rachel Ruckstuhl-Mann.
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To whom it may concern: Gribblehirst Community Hub
Although I am not a member of the Hub, I have attended many events at the Hub over the last 2-3 years and have huge respect for the Trustees who are working hard to make the project sustainable.

I understand that the Trustees are asking for a further 3 years, from Sept 2018 when the previous lease expired, plus a 3-year right of renewal. This timeframe is important, as it would enable the Trust to secure substantial funds to improve the building, make it more accessible and to establish and secure some of their main activities. This in itself would provide an important asset for the Local Board and the Council.

Gribblehirst is a highly significant community hub and known nationally and internationally for the innovative work it is doing.
This is a testament to the foresight of the Local Board. The range of projects developed demonstrate the inclusive and innovative approach to this exciting project. I would urge the Local Board to support the extension of the lease.
Dr. Dory Reeves
Professor of Planning, University of Auckland, School of Architecture and Planning
To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to express my support for the Gribblehirst Community Hub. I believe the Hub is meeting the goals of the Auckland City Council as listed below:
(Auckland City Council Website)

**Empowering communities**

*Te Whakamana i ngā hāpori*

**How we empower communities**

Our Community Empowerment Unit is responsible for building an understanding of what the Empowered Communities Approach means in practice, and to support its implementation both internally and within Auckland’s communities.

We are working to:

- create new ways of doing things, to empower Aucklanders to design and lead initiatives that make their communities great
- build tools and resources to enable the great ideas that come from within communities to have the best chance of succeeding
- connect individuals and groups so they can work together to achieve their aspirations for their communities
- identify ways to grow the capability within communities so they have the skills and resources to achieve what is important to them.

To continue with this amazing mahi, Gribblehirst will need to be able to secure funding to ensure that the incredible communities who use the Hub can flourish into the future.

*I am really in awe of what the Hub has achieved so far as they connect communities, give sanctuary to so many, give a welcoming*
space to so many walks of life and allow so many to share their skills and resources with others to truly make this lovely urban Hub a place for all.
The trustees and the many groups who use the space have achieved so much already. I can only imagine what amazing things will grow out of this Hub in the future.
Kindest Regards,
A Gribblehirst Community Hub Supporter,
Susan Ludbrook
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On the numerous occasions I've visited the Hub I've found it to be a place filled with wonderful, warm, friendly, innovative, proactive and energetic people. It is a space that brings people together, builds community and enhances local connections & wellbeing. The positive outcomes from this mahi tangibly spill out into the life of the local community.

The highlights for me have been the Repair Cafes that have taken place at the Hub, also the Kai Auckland Hui and the recent Auckland Permaculture Workshop 10th Birthday Celebration.

It is a significant and growing community asset and the Albert Eden Local Board should be proud, indeed honoured, to have this space and the numerous people volunteering their time to drive its success in one of their community facilities. The Albert Eden Local Board should be doing everything in its power to make these active citizens feel welcome, encourage them and to support their passion.

Nga mihi nui, Steve
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I love everything about the Hub but especially the way that newcomers, small but energetic interest groups and people of all ages can meet and create together.
Sue Elliott
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You are leading the way in showing how wonderful and energetic community hubs can be when led by people in that community
Heather Carolan
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Loved the Hub on my visit yesterday! Congratulations Denise on your grit and determination to see this get off the ground.

Anne-Marie
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To Whom It May Concern,
I would like to offer a letter of support for Gribblehirst Community Hub based on the observations I have witnessed over the past couple of years.

I am an international community development trainer and consultant who has visited Gribblehirst Community Hub in its early stages and was thoroughly impressed by the commitment and dedication of the Board and members for the space to be community-led and to be a place where people could meet up with like-minded community members.

I have watched Gribblehirst grow (& groan) through social media and through my connection with one of the Board members. I regularly use Gribblehirst as a community-led example in my trainings and presentations around the world as they are part of a growing movement of global community hubs who are aiming to create inclusive community, for all, through sharing skills, talents, passions and abilities and I believe they are creating an extremely important legacy for Auckland and are becoming a shining light for other hubs, globally.
The recommendations, on social media, from people who visit the Hub, tell their own story of ongoing local support and highlight how important the Hub is for encouraging a diverse range of activities and members.

I am happy to be contacted directly for any further comments and/or thoughts and wish Gribblehirst Community Hub, their members and Board the very best for the future and I greatly look forward to visiting again one day!

Regards,
Dee Brooks

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**I’m so pleased I found Gribblehirst - I find it a hugely productive and inspiring space to work in.** I use the space every couple of weeks as I often work by myself and like coming to GHub so I can interact with people and be inspired by the green surroundings and community vibes to get my work done. I also attend Lean Coffee events at GHub, and it’s a great flexible space for this type of meeting. In the future, I would like to use the space to do community events, like community cooking.

Elle Bell
Kiwi Harvest and HappenSpace

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**As a family with small children, we value the chance the Hub gives us to attend events as a family with the community:** the dinners, the repair cafes and other events that have been organised throughout the year. As a crafter, I enjoy the space provided for various group to meet up, and be able to be part of it. It is a lovely space for the community to come together. Thank you the Hub!

Cecile, Hugh, Aurelien and Antoine.

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THE HUB - Community Hub of unrivalled value

I strongly support The Hub to receive a 3 year lease with a 3 year right of renewal and urge all Local Board members to make a decision for all the people in its area who have interests that differ from the generally pushed sports interests.

I am part of the nfp committee organising the national Tree Crops Conference 2020 for Auckland and The Hub gives us a meeting space that allows for all members to use free internet as we often need to access information when discussing, a nice space where we can bring our own food and not have to buy food or be subjected to loud noise as in cafes etc.

Having a public space like The Hub where new ideas can be born and discussed is crucial and there is no other place to go/use for people/groups who have limited finances and no funding for their event planning etc.

I am also participating in establishing The Commons and The Hub is a crucial place to sit and discuss the plan for the morning in a nice welcoming environment that we have co-created with the generous support of the Local Board and some council funding.

In the past years I was also party to organising a number of public Repair Cafes at The Hub, an activity that does not generate income by its definition and therefore needs to be held at a space that supports such community events. Holding these is very much in the interest of the Local Board and providing a space is crucial.

Furthermore, initiated by Lisa Loveday, I was one of many people who came to two food swaps which encourage the exchange of edible garden grown and homemade products.
The Hub has been an incredible journey of goodwill and volunteering for the past two years and was turned around from a derelict building to a beautiful space that is used and treasured by so many and envied way past our AE boundaries.

A number of other events I participated in: The Auckland Central Community Shed held its AGM at The Hub, The Owairaka Rat Baggers held a pest trapping workshop, a Soup Day for the neighbourhood was a fantastic idea and nice long lunches on the occasional Sunday.

Please support this application.

Kind Regards
Ellen Schindler, November 2018
Local board feedback template for proposed topics for inclusion in the Auckland Water Strategy

This report requests formal feedback from local boards on the proposed topics for inclusion in the Auckland Water Strategy. Please provide feedback using the template below.

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The things we need to work on: The workshops identified a large number of challenges for water in Auckland. We have summarised and grouped them in to two main areas: issues we need to work on and processes we need to work on.
| Issues we need to work on | Cleaning up waterways  
Addressing issues like sediment, overflows, litter and other pollution  
Meeting future water needs  
Our future water sources and managing our demand  
Growth in the right places  
Managing growth to minimise impacts on water and to improve it where it is already degraded  
Adapting to a changing water future  
Getting prepared for climate extremes such as floods, slips and drought | Do these broad categories capture the issues that concern you? | Cleaning up waterways  
Streams and beaches in Auckland should be swimmable. Sources of contamination are varied across the region and this needs to be reflected in the contaminants which are managed and methods used to do so.  
For example, closed landfills across the urban area require specific management and have leachate and contamination issues. Due to the scarcity of space, closed landfills are some of our area’s best open space and need to be rehabilitated or managed appropriately.  
Growth in the right places  
The Unitary Plan enables growth in our local board area. However, if the underlying resources cannot support this development then it should not happen until those resources are in place.  
Managing development, particularly sediment run-off, is an issue, as well as the associated increase in the area of impervious services and connections to the stormwater network. More needs to be done to manage development so there are not adverse effects on the environment.  
In this respect it is concerning that the levels of impervious surface cover allowed by the Unitary Plan are often exceeded in resource consent and building consent approvals. Exceedances should not be permissible as this practice adds to the existing problems of 1) lack of recharging of the aquifers, and 2) fast run-off into waterways (which has caused damage in Oakley Creek/Te Auaunga in particular).  
Meeting future water needs  
We need to be able to make the best use of the water which falls on the region, and we need to make it easy for individuals and households to do this. Environmental sustainability is a priority.  
Adapting to a changing water future  
Local boards need to receive advice and consider sites on a case by case basis, as not all sites should be protected in perpetuity, and some sites may need to move. This includes public open space on the coast as well.  
Coastal inundation of public spaces needs to be minimised. Parks and reserves along the coast provide valued open space near the ocean and damage to property and infrastructure needs to be minimised, whether through sensible development or changing the layout during renewals of these areas.  
Communities can also become more resilient in the face of extreme weather events, by having stronger street, neighbourhood and local connections and social infrastructure to respond to events. |
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Albert-Eden Local Board context
The Albert-Eden Local Board area contains much of Te Auaunga/Oakley Creek, the longest stream on the Auckland isthmus, which flows into the Motu Manawa Marine Reserve at Waterview; and almost all of Waitītiko/Meola Creek, which has the largest catchment on the isthmus and which empties into the Waitemata Harbour at Meola Reef.

These streams have poor water quality that needs to be improved.

The Freshwater report card for 2016 gave the Albert-Eden reporting area a grade of F. The overall grade is made up of the five indicators of water quality, flow patterns, nutrient cycling, habitat quality and biodiversity. The health of the Albert-Eden-Roskill area’s rivers is considered to be impaired. Urban development has led to a high level of impervious (hard) surface in the area, which prevents rainfall from soaking into the ground. This has follow-on effects for rivers in the area leading to high water temperatures, changes to the natural flow patterns and increased pollution from contaminated stormwater.

The importance of Albert-Eden’s urban streams and the imperative to restore them is reflected in the Board’s Local Board Plan. This is a legislated strategic document that is produced every three years through extensive community engagement to set the direction for the local board.

In particular, ‘Outcome 7: We respect and protect our environment’ of the Local Board Plan notes that a key environmental priority is addressing water quality issues in our waterways and stream enhancement projects. Our urban stream catchments are vulnerable to flooding and pollution, and have known water quality issues. Our growing population and urban development will continue to impact important native plants and wildlife.

An objective in the Local Board Plan is ‘Our unique environment is protected and enhanced’. This is supported by an initiative to:
Work with volunteer groups, interested agencies and other local boards to develop a joint approach to managing and protecting shared waterways and addressing stream catchment issues, specifically:
• Puketāpapa and Whau local boards for Te Auaunga / Oakley Creek
• Waitemata and Puketāpapa local boards for Waitītiko / Meola Creek and its underlying aquifer.

Feedback from the Albert-Eden community through the Long-term Plan 2018-2028
The Albert-Eden Local Board’s prioritisation of its urban streams and the need to restore them has been confirmed by public feedback in the statutory consultation process last year.
Out of the 26,556 written submissions received on the regional proposals in the 10-year Budget 2018-2028, 1,825 submissions were from people living in the Albert-Eden Local Board area. 1,669 responses were given by people from the Albert-Eden Local Board area to the question regarding a water quality targeted rate and the majority (77%) were in support.

The following key themes came through in those submissions:
• There is general support for a focus on water quality.
• There was a high level of recognition that there is strength in numbers and cooperation with other local boards and organisations is desirable.
• There is a desire for long-term cohesive thinking.
• There is a desire for prompt action.