

Workshop Record Manukau Harbour Forum

Date: Friday 14 December 2018

Time: 9.30am – 11.40am

Venue: Mangere-Otahuhu Local board office, Shop 17, 93 Bader Drive, Mangere Town Centre

Deputy Chairperson (Presiding) David Holm *Puketapapa Local Board*

Members

Alan Cole *Franklin Local Board*
 Joseph Allan *Manurewa Local Board*
 Chris Makoare *Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board*
 Dawn Trenberth *Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board* *From 11.20am, item 3*
 Bill McEntee *Papakura Local Board*

Apologies Saffron Toms - *Waitakere Ranges Local Board* (for lateness); Tracy Mulholland - *Whau Local Board* (for lateness); Carrol Elliott, JP - *Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board* (for absence)

NOTE – Chairperson Saffron Toms and member Tracy Mulholland were not able to attend the workshop.

Staff Glenn Boyd (*Relationship Manager*), Rhianna Drury (*Senior Healthy Waters Specialist*), Miriana Knox (*Relationship Advisor, I& ES*), Riya Seth (*Democracy Advisor*)

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1.0	<p>Community events and Symposium update</p> <p>Presenter: Glenn Boyd</p> <p>Time: 9.30am – 10.05am</p> <p>Members received an update on community events and symposium. The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for expansion of the previous approach to the MHF Symposium as a day-long single site event into two staggered components across Feb-June 2019 was presented to members for feedback. • Few events where MHF can be present and add value were presented to members as potential options (an interactive stand at Onehunga Festival on 23rd Feb; coordination of at-least nine events (walks, talks, clean ups) facilitated by each member local board in partnership with local interest groups during Sea Week over 2-10 March 2019 with local communications Social Media focus; Link in with regional communication over Water Strategy and current concept of March being a Water themed month; Outreach to mana whenua we have relationships with to identify opportunity of being involved with MHF through Sea Week and at symposium; a symposium in May/June in potential partnership with a tertiary institute or professional body; Opportunity in late June to link in with Matariki and appropriately aligned activity) . • It was noted that members would like to focus on 2 or 3 simple things to start with for education purposes (eg responsible wet wipe disposal). Also noted that options should be explored to involve kids at these events (interactive displays etc).

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2.0	<p>Outstanding Natural Feature 46 - Plan change to enhance the Manukau Harbour and the Hōpua tuff</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> Chris Makoare; Mal Ahmu</p> <p>Time: 10.05am – 10.35am</p> <p>This was an information presentation from member Chris Makoare {original presentation was made to Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board by Stephen Lasham, on behalf of Aotea Sea Scouts; Jim Jackson - Onehunga Enhancement Society (TOES) and the Manukau Harbour Restoration Society (MHRS)}. Forum members were asked for feedback on the proposal of removal of ONF46 to enhance the Manukau Harbour and Hopua tuff.</p>
3.0	<p>Auckland Water Strategy and the Water Quality Targeted Rate</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> Andrew Chin; Tom Stevens</p> <p>Time: 10.35am – 11.15am</p> <p>A discussion document with proposed framework for developing an Auckland Water Strategy was presented to members. The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of discussion document is to look across full range of water issues and develop the discussion about choices the Aucklanders will need to make in coming years. • The four big issues noted in discussion document are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ cleaning up our waters ❖ growth in the right places ❖ meeting future water needs ❖ adapting to a changing water future
4.0	<p>Natural environment targeted rate</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> Miriana Knox; Glenn Boyd</p> <p>Time: 11.15am – 11.40am</p> <p>The natural environment targeted rate programme focuses on new opportunities to reverse biodiversity decline, such as native species extinctions and ongoing degradation of native ecosystems.</p> <p>On 19 October 2018, a workshop was held with the Manukau Harbour Forum on the proposed natural environment targeted rate work programme.</p> <p>The natural environment targeted rate will invest \$311 million into a range of environmental work programmes over the next ten years. This represents an approximately four-fold increase on current general rates-funded investment in these areas.</p> <p>The fund is intended to grow regionally significant conservation activities and outcomes. The natural environment targeted rate funding is not intended to replace local board investment in environmental projects, however it can be used to amplify local board efforts where initiatives align with regional priorities.</p> <p>The informal feedback provided by the forum during that workshop session included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the forum expressed concerns about the widespread scarcity of shellfish in the Manukau Harbour and asked if this could be monitored ○ the forum asked if the targeted rate funding could be used to increase the monitoring and protection of threatened native freshwater fish species, such as inanga, in the catchment ○ regarding national biosecurity, the forum asked what is being done to protect Auckland from biosecurity threats from other parts of New Zealand ○ the forum expressed concerns about the noticeable disappearance of shore and sea bird nesting areas in the catchment and asked if this could be monitored ○ the forum asked if the targeted rate could support a whole of Manukau Harbour survey of shore and sea birds, and would like to see greater investment in the restoration of bird habitat

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ regarding pest plants, the forum would like to see better protection of the trees that grow along the water side (sea cliffs, reserves, streams) which provide structural stability for land and ecosystems. <p>Further feedback from the forum was discussed, the following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to identify and help coordinate various groups working in the Manukau catchment area to share good practice and work collaboratively.• Community led conservation projects should be supported by council along with education programmes (recreational education, replenishing/seeding of harbour, pest control etc).