

Whau Local Board Workshop Record

Workshop record of the Whau Local Board held at the Whau Local Board boardroom, 31 Totara Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland 0600 on Wednesday 20 February 2019, commencing at 9:00am.

PRESENT

Chairperson: Tracy Mulholland

Members: Susan Zhu
Catherine Farmer
David Whitley
Derek Battersby, QSM, JP
Te'eva Matafai

Apologies: Duncan Macdonald

Also present: Mary Binney, Antonina Georgetti, Vera Ganason

Notes: Meeting opened by Chair at 9:10am.

Workshop Item	Governance role	Summary of Discussions
<p>Item 1: Administration/ Operations</p> <p>Presenters: LB Staff and Chair</p> <p>Time: 9:10am – 9:20am</p>	Keeping informed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The acting Democracy Advisor Vera Ganason was introduced to the board members. Board members were advised that Auckland Transport will contact all members when seeking feedback on minor matters. Board members were highlighted to the challenging situation of the homeless rough sleepers/people in the local area, as well as the antisocial activities that were happening at the former New Lynn Friendship garden area.
<p>Item 2: Community Development Role – Green Bay Community House</p> <p>Presenters: Anja Thomas Moana Cook Pepe Sapolu-Reweti</p> <p>Time: 9:20am – 9:45am</p>	Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board members were presented an overview of the Community Development Role – Green Bay Community House. Officers have been advised to liaise with Community Empowerment Unit should they require additional support to deliver their activities/initiatives.

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<p>Item 3: Grant Programme Review 2019/2020</p> <p>Presenters: Marion Davies Erin Shin</p> <p>Time: 9:45am – 10:00am</p>	<p>Local initiative/ preparing for specific decisions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members were informed of the findings from the review of the grant programme for the 2019/2020 financial year. • Board members noted that while customer satisfaction is reasonably high, and has shown improvement, there is still room for further improvement. • Board members agreed that the local grant investment approach will remain the same.
<p>Item 4: Whau Board business in 2019</p> <p>Presenters: Mary Binney Antonina Georgetti</p> <p>Time: 10:00am – 10:10am</p>	<p>Keeping informed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members were advised that staff are currently finalising draft the 2019/20 work programmes. Two workshops are planned, one in March for feedback on the draft work programmes, and final draft in May prior to adoption. • Board members were reminded that 2019 is election year and elected members will need to be particularly mindful that the pre-election period is one of heightened sensitivity.
<p>Item 5: Update on Q1-Q2 for the Whau Community Centres and proposed workplan for 2019/20</p> <p>Presenters: Jess Kelly Susan Ropati Jewels Edwards</p> <p>Time: 10:10am – 10:40am</p>	<p>Engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members were updated with the Q1/Q2 activities in New Lynn and Avondale Community Centres and presented the proposed workplan for 2019/20 for New Lynn and Avondale Community Centres. • It was noted that the method of describing the cost to serve was not transparent, and that the language used should reflect the actual cost to users of facilities. • Board members were advised that community places are moving from Funding Agreements to Service Agreements. Officers have been advised to exercise a degree of caution during the transition stage and noted the need to keep the community apprised of the changes and impact. • Issues associated with the local homeless rough sleepers/people population were brought to officers attention. Action: Work with key stakeholders to mitigate the abovementioned social issues. • LDI investment will be further discussed at the upcoming work programme workshop.

<p>Item 6: Avondale Library and Community Centre</p> <p>Presenters: Nicola Terry Michael O'Shea Gary Jackson Delaney McCall</p> <p>Time: 10:50am – 11:45am</p>	<p>Keeping informed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members were updated on the acquisition process, plans for community consultation and engagement, and project timeframes and LTP funding alignment for the new multi-purpose library and community centre in heart of Avondale town centre. • It was noted that there is no specific timeframe proposed for completion of the acquisition process. • All board members but one found the project timeframes not acceptable as the Avondale community have been waiting for over 20 years. <p>Action: Write to senior managers within Council, and to Panuku stating that the local board does not accept the proposed project timeframes, noting the offers from board members to assist in progressing the project in a timely manner.</p>
<p>Item 7: Integrated Ecological Framework for the Whau</p> <p>Presenters: Chris Ferkins Dr Colin Meurk Nick FitzHerbert</p> <p>Time: 11:45am – 12:15pm</p>	<p>Keeping informed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members were briefed on the framework/project. This included key messages, elements of landscape and the model. • It was noted that board members will be given options for building a regenerative landscape in the local board area.

The workshop concluded at 12:15pm.