

Manukau Harbour Forum Workshop Record

Date: Friday 15 March 2019

Time: 9.30am-1pm

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

Attending:

Deputy Chair (Presiding)	David Holm	<i>Puketapapa Local Board</i>
Members	Alan Cole	<i>Franklin Local Board</i>
	Chris Makoare	<i>Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board</i>
	Dawn Trenberth	<i>Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board (from 10am)</i>
	Tracy Mulholland	<i>Whau Local Board</i>

Apologies

Saffron Toms	<i>Waitakere Ranges Local Board</i>
Carrol Elliott, JP	<i>Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board</i>
Joseph Allan	<i>Manurewa Local Board</i>
Bill McEntee	<i>Papakura Local Board</i>
Bernie Diver	<i>Papakura Local Board</i>
Angela Cunningham-Marino	<i>Manurewa Local Board</i>
Josephine Bartley	<i>Councillor</i>

Staff Attendance Glenn Boyd (*Relationship Manager*), Miriana Knox (*Relationship Advisor, I& ES*), Brenda Railey (*Democracy Advisor*)

Time	Items
9.45am	<p>Presenter: Glenn Boyd and Miriana Knox Time: 9.45am-10.30am</p> <p>1.0 General programme update</p> <p>Members received an update on the general work programme activities:</p> <p>1) <u>Discussion of proposed Governance and management support review.</u></p> <p>The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples to review include Hauraki Gulf Forum, Tamaki Estuary working group, Kaipara Harbour management plan • Many operational units involved across Auckland Council, Healthy Waters, Water Care, Auckland Transport plus linkages to community. • Decisions and interests cross over Governing Body and Local Boards. GB has increased opportunity to give impactful direction setting • Shift view to regional Auckland wide investment • Opportunity of more influence bring together both governance elements e.g. Rural Advisory Committee Pan, joint political working parties, sub committee of a GB committee. • Need Mana whenua involvement as per council governance framework • Current forum group is an ability to lift attendance to meetings, look to invite alternates to attend workshops alongside of delegates.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build upon the representation in and out from elected members and through existing liaison groups such as associated with Water Care and Waiuku and Mangere communities of interest. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/update 2019 list of MHF members and alternates <p>2) <u>Marketing and media update Comms Plan (\$14k)</u> Manukau Messenger, MHF video member statements. Social media numbers building across boards. Use of Manukau Harbour as key word tags Members are aware of recent activities including Mayoral focus sediment control, Manukau Messenger, Onehunga Festival, SeaWeek.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media worked well through the various boards Facebook • Opportunity for Manukau Harbour Forum presence at various festivals etc • June Symposium event focus, June 2019 – Our Water Future – A Manukau Harbour Catchment Discussion. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to share youtube MHF video links on campaign Facebook pages <p>3) <u>MHF symposium (\$20k)</u> MIT Manukau proposed as venue. Evening lecture series and networking 5, 12 and 19 June 19 or 8 or 15 or 22 June 19. Themes discussed. Speakers (outside Council). Fonterra partnership with DOC – Papakura catchment. Insightful Mana Whenua initiatives. Shellfish is disappearing what can we do about it? How introduce new people, acknowledge catchment more rural than urban, involve young leaders. Discussion of venue local south based, parking a consideration, train a good option. Education sector involvement. Use space to promote it. Break out areas (talking heads, panels) with different discussions with audience participation. Review notes from last Symposium. Preference for 1 day plus evening Opening, mix and mingle, series of talks. Staff to visit MIT Manukau.</p> <p>4) <u>Industry education programme (\$10k)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small site field day in Pukekohe late April in collaboration with Master Builders Association. Demonstrations on installation and management of sediment control, how to run an efficient and compliant work site. Alan Cole to rep MHF on the day. Opportunities for Pukekohe businesses <p>5) <u>Youth leadership workshop 15, 16,17 April 2019</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In partnership with Makaurau Marae, recruiting student participation from schools around the Manukau. • Opportunity in June to link to Matariki events and support <p>6) <u>Member input on content of next two workshops</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurdles • Coastal Erosion programme • Natural Environment Targeted Rate programme.

10.00am

2.0 Water Strategy

Presentation by Glenn Boyd

Time: 11.15-11.30am

Members received a presentation on the Our Water Future discussion document to enable the development of feedback. The following points were discussed:

- Introduction on what the MHF is and its terms of reference.
- Four Big issues are identified in the discussion document:

1. Cleaning up our waters

The cleaning up of waters links directly to the Manukau Harbour Forum and its aspiration of water quality and vitality for the Manukau Harbour and its watershed of multiple catchments and tributaries.

The Manukau Harbour has a long history as being a receiving environment for impactful activities to its detriment. A impactful long term approach to remediate and restore the Manukau Harbour is desired. Consideration needs to be given to not only just managing issues of the here and now, but also what is to be done to repair/reverse major issues including sedimentation, chemical and biological contamination, and reducing biodiversity.

2. Meeting future water needs

In meeting future water needs the Water Care treatment plants in Mangere and Waiuku will be within the mix. The forum supports a public discussion being held around the process of treated water being reused and brought up to potable standard. As well as providing an aspect of increased local resilience and making reuse of a valuable resource it is members current understanding that such a process would also reduce further the amount of water that is being discharged to the harbour from the water treatment plants along with associated nutrient loads.

Home and business-based use of water could also have flow effects to the harbour. At source capture and reduction of waste water at a unit level has significant impact at a systems scale. Water sensitive design from the likes of rain water collection, grey water use, and water efficient devices again reduces the impact on the harbour through less waste water to be managed and control over storm water which at peak times gets into the waste water system.

Most of the Manukau Harbour catchment is rural land which includes many agriculturalists utilising aquifers, the aspect of demand and use rights needs to be considered.

3. Growth in the right places

Auckland is an area of change with all of our Manukau watershed environment having been modified to some extent. The Forum acknowledges that growth and development will occur and supports a more compact city. Particles from private motor vehicles from their tyres, brakes and exhausts invariably end up being washed off roads with wet weather. The integrated development of storm water management systems with roading projects goes some way to improving situations, and aspects such as increasing cycling and walking and public transport use have a systems impact.

Future change should from this point forward be one of positive development. Positive development is where change improves the environment forward from its current state.

Growth in the right places can include obvious matters such as being aware

of flood plains and coastal erosion areas, however Council through the unitary Plan manages growth to the extent it can under national legislation. The forum has expectations that Council along with other territorial local authorities will be working with central government around changes required to enable councils to say no.

In looking at issues facing the Manukau sedimentation is a critical issue, when reflection on development soil type needs to be considered and managed as much of the Manukau catchment to the east has soft clays as a soil type. With urban development and channelling overland water into existing waterways it has been observed that with the increased volume and velocity that creeks and streams become more turbid and edges become steeper.

Food production is another significant activity in the Manukau watershed area. Consideration needs to be given to the managing of the food producing plains so that they remain productive whilst controlling runoff and nutrient flows.

4. Adapting to a changing water future.

Acknowledge will be pressure on drinking and arable water supply due to growth of population and competing demands. That there will be impacts due to rising sea levels and more severe weather events. In a diverse city peoples expectations and how they use water varies.

- Development of Forum feedback and duly resolve
- Members are confident in taking forward Manukau Harbour matters to their own local board discussions on the document.

Actions:

- Copy in 10 days which captures notes from discussion for feedback.