

# Chairperson's Report – Kit Parkinson

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## Purpose of the report

1. To update the Ōrākei Local Board Members on projects, activities and issues.

## Recommendation(s)

- a) That the report be received.
- b) That the Ōrākei Local Board agree that, pursuant to Standing Order 10.4, the following resolution OR/2108/112 pertaining to item 18: Freedom Camping Bylaw Development from its meeting held Thursday, 21 June 2018 be rescinded:

### ***That the Ōrākei Local Board:***

- a) recommend to the Regulatory Committee that the nine sites contained in Attachment A with the inclusion of Churchill Park (Riddell Road carpark) be prohibited through a bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.***
- b) recommend to the Regulatory Committee that the following restrictions be applied to the Andersons Beach Reserve, Glover Park, Madills Farm Recreation Reserve, Ōrākei Domain and the undeveloped Western End, Hakumau Reserve (Tamaki Drive Reserve) through a bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011:***
  - i) certified self-contained vehicles only***
  - ii) limited numbers of vehicles***
  - iii) only in identified parking spaces.***
- c) confirm their general views on the management of freedom camping expressed through the workshop on 26 April 2018 as follows:***
  - i) any bylaw needs to be enforceable***
  - ii) monitoring and enforcement is required to ensure bylaw is effective***
  - iii) the whole of Tamaki Drive should be prohibited for freedom camping***
  - iv) priority should be given to tourists who provide a greater contribution to the local economy.***
- d) delegate approval of minor changes to the names and addresses of the parks to the Chair.***

and replaced with:

That the Ōrākei Local Board:

- a) recommend to the Regulatory Committee that all sites in Orakei Local Board area with the inclusion of Churchill Park (Riddell Road carpark) be prohibited through a bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
- b) confirm their general views on the management of freedom camping expressed through the workshop on 26 April 2018 as follows:
  - i) any bylaw needs to be enforceable
  - ii) monitoring and enforcement is required to ensure bylaw is effective
  - iii) the whole of Tamaki Drive should be prohibited for freedom camping
  - iv) priority should be given to tourists who provide a greater contribution to the local economy.
- c) request that resolutions a) and b) be forwarded to the Freedom Camping Hearings Panel for its consideration.

## Portfolio Lead: Parks and Reserves (Joint); Events, Landowner Approvals & Leases; and Communications

**Other Appointments (Lead):** Friends of Madills Farm Incorporated, Friends of Tahuna Torea Michaels Avenue Reserve Community Liaison Committee, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Reserves Board, Ōrākei Basin Advisory Group, Tāmaki Drive Protection Society, Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority

**Other Appointments (Alternate):** Mission Bay Business Association, Mission Bay-Kohimarama Residents Association Incorporated, East City Community Trust

### Residents' concerns/issues

2. The Ōrākei Local Board office has fronted enquiries on:
- renewing dog registrations, tree maintenance, rates queries, rates rebates, rubbish and recycling queries, drain issues, pest problems, footpath maintenance, parks maintenance, bus changes, grants and funding, speeding issues, berm mowing and fence issues.

**Activities:** 8 April 2019 to 6 May 2019

Date	Activities
8 April	Local Boards briefing on Department of Conservation proposal to revoke Reserves Act delegations to local authorities Local Board Chairs' Forum
9 April	Auckland Transport Update ATEED draft work programme Elected Member briefing regarding Anzac Day commemorations Meadowbank St Johns Residents Association
10 April	Dog Bylaw Meeting Anzac Speech Competition
11 April	Chair-Deputy Chair meeting Chair/PA meeting Ōrākei Local Board workshop Ōrākei Community Association Inc Remuera residents' public meeting
12 April	Wairua Reserve Playground Opening
15 April	Ōrākei Local Board agenda run through Meeting with Mayor Phil Goff St Heliers and Glendowie Residents' Association regarding Auckland Transport Management Plan for St Heliers Ellerslie Residents Association
16 April	Mission Bay Business Association meeting Glover Park event pre-meeting Meadowbank St Johns Residents Association
17 April	Meeting regarding feedback from local board and elected members on submission to DoC Auckland Transport public meeting Mission Bay and St Heliers Speed Calming consultation
18 April	Chair-Relationship Manager meeting Ōrākei Local Board Business Meeting
29 April	Stonefields Residents Association
30 April	Elected member briefing on Tāmaki Drive preservation
2 May	Achievements Report review

## Parks and Reserves

### Colin Maiden Park

3. I spoke with Mark Robson, University Cricket Club Chairman, who is concerned about the length of time it has taken to receive the signed lease, approved by the Ōrākei Local Board in August 2018. This delay could impact negatively on the funding timelines.

### Rutherford Reserve

4. The hazardous section attached to the stairway when entering the reserve from Rippon Crescent has been removed. A level path to the stairs has been installed to provide a safe walkway.

### Martyn Wilson Fields and Sonia Reserve

5. A fenced safety barrier has been installed alongside exposed areas of the creek walkway, which is due to the creek changing course. Council's contractors took great initiative in identifying this as a potential health and safety risk and have implemented this solution.

### Tamaki Drive beachfront reserves

6. These reserves are undergoing a baiting regime to combat rodents and rabbit populations.
7. Appropriate signage is in place to notify reserve users, along with emergency and contact information. Should you see rodents or rabbits in these reserves Requests for Service can be logged with the Ōrākei Local Board Customer Services on 09 521 7021 or contact the Auckland Council call centre on 09 3010101.

## Landowner Approval and Leases

8. There were no leasing or landowner approvals during the past month.

## Mayor and Governing Body

### Mission Bay / St Heliers Traffic Calming

9. I am working in collaboration with the Ward Councillor to assist Mission Bay and St Heliers residents with their submission on the traffic calming proposal by Auckland Transport.

### Open letter to His Worship the Mayor

10. The attached open letter to His Worship the Mayor was penned and signed by all Local Board Chairs. The 21 Local Boards concerns about the Governance Framework Review, the freedom Camping bylaw process, and the Policy on Dogs and the Dog Management Bylaw processes are outlined. A request has been made for a delegation to meet with the Mayor to put ideas forward and discuss possible outcomes.

### Freedom Camping Bylaw

11. The Board has discussed the below resolutions relating to the Freedom Camping Bylaw passed at its business meetings on 21 June 2018 and 21 February 2019.

21 June 2018

#### 18 Freedom Camping Bylaw Development

Resolution number OR/2018/112

MOVED by Chairperson K Parkinson, seconded by Member C Davis:

**That the Ōrākei Local Board:**

- a) **recommend to the Regulatory Committee that the nine sites contained in Attachment A with the inclusion of Churchill Park (Riddell Road carpark) be prohibited through a bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.**
- b) **recommend to the Regulatory Committee that the following restrictions be applied to the Andersons Beach Reserve, Glover Park, Madills Farm Recreation**

Reserve, Ōrākei Domain and the undeveloped Western End, Hakumau Reserve (Tamaki Drive Reserve) through a bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011:

- i) certified self-contained vehicles only
  - ii) limited numbers of vehicles
  - iii) only in identified parking spaces.
- c) confirm their general views on the management of freedom camping expressed through the workshop on 26 April 2018 as follows:
- i) any bylaw needs to be enforceable
  - ii) monitoring and enforcement is required to ensure bylaw is effective
  - iii) the whole of Tamaki Drive should be prohibited for freedom camping
  - iv) priority should be given to tourists who provide a greater contribution to the local economy.
- d) delegate approval of minor changes to the names and addresses of the parks to the Chair.

**CARRIED**

21 February 2019

### **18 Board Member Report – Carmel Claridge**

Resolution number OR/2019/1

MOVED by Deputy Chairman C Claridge, seconded by Member T Churton:

- b) **That after consultation with its community on the Board’s resolution of June 2018, the Board does not support freedom camping in any of its parks and reserves in the local board area and will present feedback to the Governing Body on 27 February 2019 requesting that all parks and reserves in the Ōrākei Local Board area be deemed ‘prohibited from freedom camping’ to enable enforcement.**

**CARRIED**

12. As resolution OR/2019/14 changes the Board’s earlier decision, to remove any doubt and to clarify the Board’s position on the Freedom Camping Bylaw, I propose, under Standing Order 10.4, to revoke resolution OR/2018/112 and replace it with a new resolution as follows:

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- b) confirm their general views on the management of freedom camping expressed through the workshop on 26 April 2018 as follows:
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## **Community Awareness**

### **In your Neighbourhood**

13. The council is aiming to make its dog policy and dog management bylaw more customer friendly by reducing duplication and introducing more consistency throughout the region. Consultation on the proposals is open until 10 May. Visit [aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/haveyoursay) to tell us what you think.

## Ōrākei Community Garden

14. Volunteer at the Ōrākei Community Garden and help to grow spray-free vegetables for your fellow residents. Gardening sessions take place every Wednesday behind the Ōrākei Community Centre at 156 Kapa Road. Find out more by phoning the centre on 09 379 2030.

## Pourewa Restoration Group

15. Pourewa Valley is one of Auckland's last urban forests and the Pourewa Restoration Group of volunteers is restoring the greenbelt that stretches from Ōrākei to Glen Innes. Find them on Facebook or Instagram.

## Eastern Bays Songbird Project

16. This project is an Ōrākei Local Board supported project designed to bring native songbirds back to the Eastern Bays and is proving so popular that residents outside the scheme's area are following suit.
17. The Eastern Bays Songbird Project covers 13,080 hectares directly facing the pest-free islands of the Hauraki Gulf. It includes the suburbs of Glendowie, St Heliers, Kohimarama, Mission Bay and Ōrākei.
18. So far more than 600 traps have been set on private properties in the target areas to help control rat numbers.
19. Visit the project's website [songbird.org.nz](http://songbird.org.nz) to find out more about their aim to restore and regenerate the natural ecosystems of the Eastern Bays.

## Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority

20. The Agenda for the 6 May meeting and other information can be found on the webpage below:
21. <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/about-auckland-council/how-auckland-council-works/kaupapa-maori/comanagement-authorities-boards/tupuna-maunga-tamaki-makaurau-authority/Pages/about-the-tupuna-maunga-tamaki-makaurau-authority.aspx>

## Correspondence

22. Letters to His Worship the Mayor, Shane Ellison, Chief Executive, Auckland Transport, the New Zealand Herald and Simon O'Connor, MP for Tamaki (in response to his attached request) are attached to this Board Report.

## Attachments

- Open letter to His Worship the Mayor
- Letter to Shane Ellison, Chief Executive, Auckland Transport
- Letter to the Editor, NZ Herald regarding traffic calming in St Heliers
- Media Release: St Heliers/Glendowie Residents Association & St Heliers Business Association joint response to proposed Auckland Transport changes to the St Heliers Shopping Precinct
- Letter from Simon O'Connor, MP for Tamaki
- Letter to Simon O'Connor, MP for Tamaki

## Signatory

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