

Notes

What: Tāmaki Estuary Environment Forum

Where: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board office

When: Friday 22 June 2018, 10.05am-12.00pm

In Attendance: Councillor Josephine Bartley
Carmel Claridge (Ōrākei Local Board)
Nerissa Henry (Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board)
Lotu Fuli (Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board) from 11.00am
Patrick O'Meara – Tāmaki Estuary Protection Society
Richard Myhre – Otara Waterways and Trust
Jim Sinclair – Otara Waterways and Trust
Julie Chambers - Tāmaki Estuary Protection Society
Beth Evans - Tāmaki Estuary Protection Society
Clair Hobi – Conservation Volunteers New Zealand
Shaun Lee – Resident of Glen Innes
Laura Young – Local Resident
Barbara Shaw – Local Resident
Tsy Tso - Local Resident

Also in attendance: Fraser Stobie (Tāmaki Estuary Environmental Forum Coordinator)
Rhianna Drury (Senior Healthy Waters Specialist, Auckland Council)
Jaimee Maha (Team Leader Relationship Advisory, Auckland Council)

Discussion and decisions	By whom
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Mary Gush (Ōtara- Papatoetoe Local Board Member), Kit Parkinson (Ōrākei Local Board Chair)</p>	Fraser Stobie
<p>2. Confirmation of minutes</p> <p>Patrick O'Meara moved that the minutes of the previous meeting (held on 12 April 2018) were incorrect.</p> <p>Julie Chambers moved that the previous minutes were correct, seconded by Beth Evans.</p> <p>Patrick O'Meara requested that his dissenting vote against the acceptance of the minutes be recorded.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	Fraser Stobie
<p>3. Introductions</p> <p>Introductions were made around the table.</p>	All

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<p>4. Chairperson Election</p> <p>Vote to select a forum chair:</p> <p>A 'closed paper vote' process was proposed for the election of a forum chair with two scrutineers (Jaimee Maha and Rhianna Drury). It was noted that each candidate would have one minute to speak to their nomination.</p> <p>The forum has been without a chair since 2016. A co-chair situation was proposed for the forum, with a chair from the local board members and a chair from the community.</p> <p>One member noted concerns around holding an election at this meeting. Carmel Claridge moved to elect a chair at this meeting, and Julie Chambers seconded.</p> <p>Patrick O'Meara requested that his dissenting vote against holding an election at this meeting be recorded.</p> <p>Election of a chair at this meeting was carried.</p> <p>The forum discussed the suggestion of electing co-chairs to provide a balance between local board and community views, and will balance the governance processes with the practical achievements in the community. The positions will be occupied for 12 months until 30 June 2019.</p> <p>Julie Chambers moved to elect co-chairs, and Jim Sinclair seconded. Richard Myhre requested that his dissenting vote against co-chairs be recorded.</p> <p>Election of co-chairs was carried.</p> <p>Two separate elections were held, one for the chair representing the community and one for the chair representing local boards.</p> <p>Julie Chambers and Patrick O'Meara, the community nominees, each provided one minute speeches to speak to their nominations. Patrick O'Meara expressed his dissatisfaction of the Tāmaki Estuary Environmental Forum and left the meeting prior to the vote.</p> <p>Votes for the community chair were taken from all present forum members. Carmel Claridge and Nerissa Henry, local board nominees, each provided one minute speeches to speak to their nominations.</p> <p>Votes for the local board representative chair were taken from all present forum members.</p> <p><i>Lotu Fuli (Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Chair) entered the meeting at 11.00am.</i></p> <p>Rhianna Drury announced the results of the co-chair elections as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Chambers elected as the Tāmaki Estuary Environmental Forum co-chair representing the community until 30 June 2019 • Carmel Claridge elected as the Tāmaki Estuary Environmental Forum co-chair representing local boards until 30 June 2019. <p><i>Julie Chambers assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.</i></p>	<p>Fraser Stobie, Jaimee Maha, Rhianna Drury</p>

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<p>5. Estuary clean-ups and Seacleaners update</p> <p>Fraser's update:</p> <p>Organisations hosting the barbecue at the land-based events include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panmure Sailing Club – 10 June 2018 • Point England School – 1 July 2018 • Bucklands Beach Sea Scouts – 8 July 2018 • Ōtara Waterways and Lake Trust - 21 July 2018. <p>Twenty-two people attended the Panmure clean-up and collected 100kg of rubbish.</p> <p>Sea Cleaners have run successful clean-ups so far with volunteers signing up for each event, however the midweek clean-ups have been harder to fill spots. Shaun Lee helped out on one of the days and collected a lot of rubbish with the team.</p> <p>Upcoming dates:</p> <p>Sea Cleaners events will be held on 27 and 28 June 2018. However, due to poor weather the 21 June 2018 clean-up was cancelled and will be rescheduled for another date (to be determined).</p> <p>The next Conservation Volunteers New Zealand events will be held on 1 July 2018 in Point England, 8 July 2018 at Bucklands Beach, and 21 July 2018 at Ōtara Lake. Forum members were encouraged to promote these events and remind volunteers that they should sign up via Conservation Volunteers New Zealand website.</p> <p>The forum discussed making events more inclusive of all groups from the catchment, particularly maraes.</p> <p>Nerissa Henry and Lotu Fuli noted that more advanced warning should be provided when promoting events to interested parties.</p>	<p>Fraser Stobie</p>
<p>6. Bird Count Update</p> <p>There are now double the birds in the winter versus in the summer. The data collected will be used as evidence to advocate for protection of roosting sites.</p> <p>The forum received a reply from the council regarding the local spatial development plan, and this response was read aloud to the forum. Shaun Lee indicated his concern around the response.</p> <p>Night survey data is revealing similar issues with nesting, and \$1000 was spent on a better camera.</p> <p>Councillor Josephine Bartley considered the bird issue to be separate from the spatial plan, and recommended that Shaun Lee talk to the local board.</p> <p>Shaun Lee advised that he spoke to the board last year, and noted that this is not a separate issue.</p> <p>Julie Chambers requested that the forum formally support Shaun's position, and indicated that the forum should make a joint submission to the network spatial plan. Julie suggested that she and Shaun Lee should arrange to attend a local board meeting to discuss how the shortfalls of the open space plan can be resolved (ACTION POINT).</p> <p>The forum resolved to look at the water quality improvement rate and support Shaun Lee with regard to local bird issues and his advocacy with local board.</p>	<p>Fraser Stobie, Beth Evans, Shaun Lee, Clair Hobi</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p> <p>7. Video and communications update</p> <p>Rhianna Drury noted that with some of the underspend in local board funding, a videographer has been engaged to create a video about plastic problem in Tāmaki Estuary.</p> <p>The potential for a Tāmaki Estuary newsletter will be investigated and discussed at a future meeting. ACTION POINT Rhianna Drury.</p> <p>Councillor Josephine Bartley and Lotu Fuli requested that local or youth media companies are utilised for these services in future (such as No Six, a collective of rangatahi digital media entrepreneurs based in East Auckland). They also requested to be notified when the drone goes up, so they can advise their communities what it is for.</p>	Rhianna Drury
<p>8. Shags</p> <p>The Panmure Basin urban shag colony is the only declining shag colony in Auckland. The issue of set netting in Panmure Basin was raised, including incidents of birds killed by nets, and hooks from fishing. The forum would like to advocate to the local board to investigate the issue to identify best way forward.</p> <p>Resolution: The forum will approach Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board regarding the dangers posed to shags, and will offer support to offer support to Corina Hooper to support her work with shags.</p>	Councillor Josephine Bartley
<p>8. Ōtara Lake</p> <p>Richard Myhre provided a summary of last couple of months and future plans. In particular, Richard mentioned the Adopt a Spot and Neat Streets projects, and is happy to share information on this project with the forum in future.</p>	Richard Myhre
<p>9. Year in review</p> <p>Due to limited time remaining, this issue could not be covered at this meeting.</p>	
<p>10. Looking forward</p> <p>Due to limited time remaining, this issue could not be covered at this meeting.</p>	
<p>11. Next dates</p> <p>The next meeting of the forum will be held on 22 August 2018.</p> <p>Action: Rhianna Drury to confirm with local board staff if board representatives can attend, and to confirm the next meeting location.</p>	Rhianna Drury
<p>12. Close meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 12.00pm.</p>	Fraser Stobie