

Minutes - Tāmaki Estuary Environmental Forum (TEEF)

Date: Thursday 18 April 2019
Time: 10.00 – 12.00 pm (meeting room open at 9.45am for tea/coffee)
Venue: Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Office 7-13 Pilkington Rd, Panmure.

Forum participants: Carmel Claridge (TEEF Co-Chair/Ōrākei Local Board Member), Julie Chambers (TEEF Co-Chair Community), Dawn Trenberth (Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Local Board Member), Beth Evans, Estella Lee, Kathryn Legrove, Shaun Lee, Barbara Shaw, Andrew Lee, Oliver Hoffman, Dorthe Siggaard.

Staff: Fraser Stobie, Rhianna Drury, Maddie Little, Charlotte Goodlet.

Apologies: Alex Rogers, Cate Jessep, Clair Hobi, Carrol Elliott (Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Member), Jan Riddick, Richard Myhre, Matthew Brajkovich, Rhianna Drury.

Discussion and decisions	Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of 21st February minutes. (Amended) <p>Note: Second version of the minutes were circulated. Beth Evans adds amendments to second version to finalise February 21st minutes</p> <p>Amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 2a. Amend: ‘plastic industrial waste’, to: ‘plastic industry materials’ Item 3 on page 2 of 4. Correct spelling mistake Section 4e. Amend: ‘A Waste Education Cluster Meeting’, to: ‘An Enviroschools cluster meeting.’ Section 4e. Amend: ‘Beth’s involvement’, to: ‘Beth’s Leadership’ 	<p>Action: Amend second version of minutes to finalise 21 February minutes. Who: Charlotte Goodlet</p> <p>Moved: Carmel Claridge</p> <p>Seconded: Julie Chambers</p> <p>Accepted All</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TEEF Terms of Reference (TOR): <p>Forum members were thanked for reading the TOR and providing feedback. Several amendments were suggested at the close of the latest feedback deadline, these will be reviewed.</p> <p>TEEF executive will carefully consider all suggested amendments and bring the TOR back to the next meeting (27 June 2019).</p>	<p>Action: TEEF Community Chair to circulate final version of TOR before 27 June meeting.</p>

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<p>Round Table – Local events and issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Shore bird publication by Shaun Lee Shaun spoke on his publication and explained decline in shorebird species surrounding the Tāmaki Estuary, focusing on loss of roosting habitat.</p> <p>A suggestion was made that Auckland Council Biodiversity be requested to review and endorse this publication.</p> <p>Co-Chair suggested an approach to local boards to raise awareness and prioritise the need to protect shore birds.</p> <p>Suggestion that the forum investigates the Natural Environment targeted rate (sea bird monitoring and restoration work programme) for funding and to have someone come speak to it.</p> <p>Motion: Forum participants thanked Shaun Lee for his exceptional work. Moved: Oliver Hoffman Seconded: Barbara Shaw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Report on Aqua Drone trial Andrew, Julie, Carmel, Beth, Fraser and Rhianna attended the demonstration of an aqua drone at the estuary. The Drone is potentially a useful tool for plastic clean ups.</p> <p>Further testing will take place at low tide and high tide. It was noted that beached nurdles will re-float with spring/king tides.</p> <p>It was suggested TEEF could use International Plastic Free July as platform to promote what we are doing. An event using the aqua drone could coincide with plastic free July; could use Council comms to promote.</p> <p>Red-billed gulls and shag colony Forum members discussed changes to the shag colony bird rescue premises. It was noted the closest known bird rescue facility is now in Green Bay.</p> <p>Members discussed the decline of the colony and the occurrence of fishing related entanglements of local shags. It was acknowledged that fishing ban would require bylaw changes. Current sign is not fishing ban but suggestion not to fish here to protect shags. There was a suggestion that known fishing spots around the Estuary should have signs alerting fishers to shag colony decline, what to do if shag (or other birds) are accidentally caught while fishing. Wording to be decided. Forum members suggested multilingual signage.</p> 	<p>Action: Request Tim Lovegrove to professionally review Shaun’s publication Who: Fraser</p> <p>Action: The possibility of roosting sites being protected/established in the Orakei Ward will be investigated. Who: Carmel Claridge</p> <p>Action: Organise council speaker on shorebird work being done as part of natural environment targeted rate Who: Maddie</p> <p>Action: Investigate possible plastic free July events that TEEF could host or take part in Who: Fraser</p> <p>Action: Approach Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board to add white fronted terns to signs and update information as to where injured birds can be taken and to identify no fishing areas. Who: Carmel/Julie</p>

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<p>Co-Chairs will approach the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board to request a review of the current signage at the Panmure Basin in respect to the birds and contact details for help with any injured birds found by members of the public.</p> <p>Discussion was held around creating a map of Estuary fishing spots.</p> <p>Carmel reported that planned visit with AMETI to shag colony postponed due to heavy rain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moth plant control Moth plant is too widespread in the Auckland region so total control not possible. A suggestion was made that TEEF approach other local boards around the Estuary to replicate Howick Local Board’s pest plant skip disposal avail for 2 weeks in late April/early May. <p>TEEF will first ask for feedback from Howick on this year’s event.</p> • Nurdle Project Beth presented to the March EnviroSchools cluster. On 15 March a Nurdle Hunt at Riverina Reserve with Anchorage Park School also took place and a TEEF/CVNZ beach clean-up/nurdle hunt in April at Bucklands Beach had 80 people in attendance. <p>A press release on the clean-up of nurdles was posted on Scoop.</p> <p>Beth has been asked to speak to conservation cadets and to Pernod Ricard Winemakers staff at their Point England beach clean-up in June.</p> <p>Forum members thanked Beth for her enthusiasm and work.</p> • Art Project Fraser spoke about undertaking an art initiative to raise awareness of plastics in the estuary. This could be a collaboration between Men’s Shed, Rotary, TEEF, EnviroSchools and a resident artist to design it and workshop it. • Whitebait Connection update There is very/little no data on native galaxids/eels in the Tāmaki Estuary or Ōtara creek area. As for the wider estuary there’s no information, Whitebait Connection are also not currently involved with anything regarding the estuary. There’s a program coming up with Council looking at fish in the estuary area. • Facebook page A Facebook page should be established, Fraser to monitor and Julie to respond to messages/queries. 	<p>Action: Create map showing known fishing spots on Estuary to inform signage placement.</p> <p>Who: Shaun and Beth</p> <p>Action: Re-schedule TEEF Executive and AMETI visit to shag colony.</p> <p>Who: Carmel/Fraser</p> <p>Action: Request feedback from Howick Local Board on the success of pest plant disposal initiative, lessons to learn.</p> <p>Who: Co-Chair community</p> <p>Action: Carmel will seek information re enforcement of waste contamination</p> <p>Who: Carmel</p> <p>Action: Fraser to establish a Facebook page for the forum.</p>

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<p>The Strategic Planning Session was discussed. This is still on track to happen in August.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting closed 11.52am <p>Upcoming TEEF Meetings Thursday, June 27, 2019 Thursday, August 22, 2019 Thursday, October 24, 2019 Thursday, December 12, 2019</p>	<p>All Forum participants: Please contact Fraser with suggestions for the strategic planning session.</p>

Action Point Summary	Person following up
1. Amend 21 February minutes /do this month's minutes	Charlotte
2. Circulate final TOR ahead of June meeting	Julie
3. Approach Auckland Council Biodiversity Team re Shaun's shorebird publication	Fraser
4. Investigate the possibility of artificial roosts being established	Carmel
5. Organise speaker from council on natural environment targeted rate shorebird programme	Maddie
6. Investigate Plastic Free July events	Fraser
7. Request Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board change Panmure Basin bird signage	Carmel and Julie
8. Re-schedule AMETI visit to shag colony	Fraser
9. Request regulatory enforcement information regarding plastic waste	Carmel
10. Establish TEEF Facebook page	Fraser
11. Send suggestions for strategic planning session	All
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