### Item 8.3 Deputation - Friends of Mangemangeroa, Mangemangeroa Reserves Development Plan

- **A.** 17 February 2020 Howick Local Board meeting Item 8.3 - Deputation - Friends of Mangemangeroa, handout
- **B.** 17 February 2020 Howick Local Board meeting Item 8.3 - Deputation - Friends of Mangemangeroa, presentation

### Item 8.4 Deputation - Howick Tourism Inc, East Auckland Tourism update to the Howick Local Board

- **A.** 17 February 2020 Howick Local Board meeting Item 8.4 - Deputation - Howick Tourism Inc, East Auckland Tourism update

### Item 9.2 Public Forum - Sandra McGill and Neal Holt, Issues at Eastern Beach

- **A.** 17 February 2020 Howick Local Board meeting Item 9.2 - Public Forum - Neal Holt, Dog attack at Eastern Beach incident information
- **B.** 17 February 2020 Howick Local Board meeting Item 9.2 - Public Forum - Neal Holt, Dog attack at Eastern Beach presentation
- **C.** 17 February 2020 Howick Local Board meeting Item 9.2 - Public Forum - Sandra McGill, Issues at Eastern Beach information

### Item 9.3 Public Forum - Howick Residents and Ratepayers Association, Plan Change 34

- **A.** 17 February 2020 Howick Local Board meeting Item 9.3 - Public Forum - Howick Residents and Ratepayers Association, Plan Change 34 presentation

### Item 11 Chairperson's Report

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A. 17 February 2020 Howick Local Board meeting Item 11 - Chairpersons Report
THE FRIENDS OF MANGEMANGEROA SOCIETY INCORPORATED

FOM Presentation to Howick Local Board

on 17th February 2020.

Madam Chair and Local Board members

Introduction:
First we wish to thank the Board for our Local Grant received towards animal and plant pest work by the Friends and Howick College in the Mangemangeroa Valley Reserves.

The purpose of our deputation is to address some of the suggestions for improvements in the reserves, primarily for public health and safety but also some improvements which will enhance the experience of visitors to this premier park.

These recommendations derive from the Development Plan and revised Restoration Plan approved at the Board’s September 2019 meeting.

These two plans along with our Partnership Agreement with Council are the guidelines we follow in the work we undertake in the Valley reserves in conjunction with Council.

The Friends committee have carefully considered the many suggestions you will see on screen (and in the agenda attachments) and prioritised some to consider for inclusion in the 2020 Works Programme.

Why the term – ‘Valley Reserves’?

Common reference is to the Mangemangeroa Reserve. There are in fact six reserves linked by approximately 5.2km of walking tracks. They all comprise the Mangemangeroa Valley Reserves.

The Development and Restoration Plans, together with the Partnership Agreement, apply to the total areas of these six reserves and the tracks and entry points.
FOM Priorities Recommended for 2020 Works Programme Inclusion

**Sandspit and Pohutukawa Reserves:** Reference is: Development Plan A4.1
Signage, asset repair and improvements are important and easily fixed. See Footnote *

**Chisbury Terrace Reserve:** Reference is: Development Plan A4.2
This is an area where two of the 2017 slips blocked track access for months until reinstatement was completed in 2019. (There is a discussion to be had with the Board on another occasion regarding the slips and FOM suggestions for revegetating them etc. In the meantime, we don’t want any Council action towards replanting on the slips.) Considerable numbers of native bush are slowly reappearing. Some removal of invasive weeds required. Signage and furniture renewal is due here. See Footnote *

**Mangemangeroa Reserve:** Reference is: Development Plan A4.3
First Priority: Points a, b, c, & d can be considered as one project area. Visitors parking vehicles at the barn frequently choose to return from the northern Mangemangeroa paddocks along the traffic side of the Somerville Road fenceline. This is a safety issue especially when children are walking too.

**Recommendation:** The FOM’s preferred route option to roadside walking: Upgrade the existing internal track below Arches Lookout and continue it up towards inside the Somerville Road fence and through the Trig paddocks, back to the main carpark. Signage and furniture renewal is due here. See Footnote*

Fourth Priority: **Recommendation:** That a ‘Tree Tops’ bridge or high boardwalk through gully as trees in the gully grow taller be planned for the future. This is an enhancement feature for future years. It would then become another point of difference which would increase visitor enjoyment walking through or above the tree canopy.

**Point View Esplanade Reserve:** Reference is: Development Plan A4.4
Second Priority: **Recommendation:** To metal the Kowhai Walkway to match the rest of the recently upgraded & metalized tracks, and upgrade the track drainage. This is primarily a safety issue. After periods of consistent or heavy rainfall, the Kowhai Walk from Hayley Lane to slightly north of the Mangemangeroa Bridge becomes slippery and dangerous. With other signage improvements at the two points of entry from Point View Drive, this route should become even more popular.

Third Priority: **Recommendation:** Reference is: Development Plan A4.4
At the Mangemangeroa Bridge, formalise maintenance and emergency vehicle access from Whitford Road down to Kowhai Walk track.
Hayley Lane Reserve: Reference is: Development Plan A4.5 Signage and refuse disposal: See Footnote*

Fifth Priority: **Recommendation:** That the Board recommits to extending the Kowhai Walk southwards for closer connection from Hayley Lane to Point View and Logan Carr reserves. This is a further commitment to the city-wide ‘Green Corridor’ policy of Council.

*Footnote: Signage and upgrades to Council assets such as furniture / seating should be considered collectively for all reserve areas. Do these items fall within separate budgets and not HLBD Works programme budgets? It is important to repair, update and improve signage as suggested throughout the Valley reserves. We have not assigned a priority number due to uncertainty of the budget category.

**Recommendation:** That the Board request that the signage items in the Development Plan be actioned.

**Conclusions:**

1. Thank you for the opportunity to present these six recommendations. There’s many years of knowledge among our members, of the Mangemangeroa Valley reserves and its visitors which would prove valuable to officers investigating these recommendations. We trust that the opportunity to be involved in their site visits and assist with understanding some issues which are sure to arise will be accepted.

2. **Attachment B, A2 ‘Works in Progress to Date’ (12/2018) of the Mangemangeroa Valley Reserves Restoration Plan.** This map indicates a little of the activity of the Friends and other volunteer members of the Howick and wider community. It cannot illustrate the ‘behind the scenes’ efforts for several hundred people each year and the collective hundreds of hours of unpaid work, complemented by the support and services of Council staff & contractors.

Allan Riley
Chairman
Friends of Mangemangeroa

Howick Local Board meeting deputation February 2020
Update on East Auckland Tourism (EAT) activities for Howick Local Board:

- 6 Month Accountability Report 1 July to 31 December 2019 submitted to Chris Lock (ATEED) on Friday 14th February 2020

- A new **Strategic Plan** has been developed meeting Howick Tourism Plan objectives

- **EAT Vision:**
  
  A dynamic and thriving region where people want to visit and locals want to stay

- **EAT Purpose:**
  
  To promote our region as a desirable place to visit in order to grow the local economy

- EAT will be actioning their new Strategic Plan under the four pillars below:

**Promote:** to visitors as a tourist destination. Actions include

- Developing a new Marketing Plan – completed, funding required to implement plan
- Produce promotional videos – project funded and in progress – video’s will be used on our website, facebook page and on local ferries
- Website update required to support promotional videos with the addition of suggested trip itineraries
- Partnering with The Times Newspaper to update the Howick & Beyond Map
- Attending upcoming Classic Car Show to further promote tourism in the Howick area

**Activate**

- Promote local events on our website and Facebook
- Engage with local businesses by holding developing Networking events: 4 this year first one on 2 March, then end of May, August and November – dates to be confirmed
- Share our member’s Facebook posts to grow their exposure – showing we represent a good place to do business

**Connect**

- Develop a healthy working relationship with the Howick Local Board.
- Develop relationships with local businesses and associations, community and cultural organisations; i.e. GETBA, Howick Business Association, Buddhist Temple, Clefs D’or etc
Maintain strong relationship with ATEED, with their representative regularly attending our board and other meetings

Maintain our strong relationship with Franklin Board who regularly attend our AGM and networking events

Fund

With a volunteer Board and a small budget that limits EAT to a maximum of 10 hours a week paid employment, we will identify and prioritise projects within our Strategic Plan that require funding and make funding applications to appropriate bodies.

• 2020 Year

Through our videos EAT will better promote the region

Through our events EAT will build good relationship with our members

Through our connections EAT will build stronger relationships with other organisations

Through our Funding EAT will be able to continue to enhance the exposure of the area to both locals and visitors, particularly as a tourism destination
Dog Attack on Christiana Holt at Eastern Beach on 21 Jan 2020

Thank you to the board for the opportunity to express my concerns regarding Eastern Beach and dogs.

On 21 Jan 2020 at 6.35pm my daughter Christiana was sitting in the water playing quietly by herself when an unaccompanied dog came running down the beach and made a beeline for her. Before we could intervene, it had bitten her. Only by flinching did she protect her neck but she still had a bloodied left ear. We were very lucky with the injury she got – it could have been so much worse. However, we still ended up in Middlemore Hospital where myself and 2 other staff had to hold her whilst a Doctor and nurse tried to treat her wound. My daughter is autistic and non-verbal and no family should have to go through this.

My daughter still experiences sensitivity around her ear, she has regressed, wetting herself in public and being more aggressive. Bluntly, I am fed up with the situation down on Eastern Beach. I did not produce 2 children to provide sport for a dog. In the 6 and a half years we have lived at Eastern Beach, my children have been accosted more than 4 times by dogs and being told the dog is just being friendly does not cut it anymore.

If you walk the length of the beach, there are 16 signs dedicated to no shellfish gathering. There are other larger signs devoted to parking, jet skis, alcohol and no smoking.

There are 5 signs in total devoted to dog access. They are not prominently placed and the writing font is small (I have provided photos to support this). No one is enforcing any of the notices listed. People walk their dogs impervious to the signage. Every day we see people walking their dogs between 10.00am and 7.00pm in spite of the prohibition. Even when they are walking their dogs off leash legitimately, a lot of them do not have control of their dogs. As a result, a lot of people with children are staying clear of beaches because of the risks.

Sorry if I have come off grumpy, but my daughter’s injury was the last straw. The dog and its owner have not been caught. Animal Control has closed the case. Dog attacks are happening with too much frequency. I strongly feel we need stronger measures to avoid more serious incidents.

Thank you.

Neal Holt
Dog attack at Eastern Beach

21 January 2020
9 year old attacked by dog
Offending dog
Dog and dog-owner
Item 9.2

- Location, numbers, legibility and positioning.
- There are 16 signs dedicated to no shellfish gathering and only 5 about dogs.
Item 9.2

One of the five dog signs on Eastern Beach
Readability of dog sign?
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Dog sign at Half Moon Bay

WARNING

DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON MARINA
OFFENDERS MAY BE PROSECUTED

HEALTH HAZARD
Howick Local Board meeting 17.2.20 - Public Forum.

I am Sandra McGill. I wish to speak about problems we have had at Eastern Beach and the adjoining Macleans Park over this summer period and to suggest a solution.

Dogs:

Every day this summer I have seen dogs on the beach between 10.00 am and 7 pm. Only once have I seen one of Council’s Animal Management vehicles.

On Anniversary day, when there were at least a thousand people at the southern end, there were 5 dogs in front of where I live, and dogs were being taken into the water where people were swimming.

Campers:

Council, when I last enquired, had no system for the immediate removal of people camping in tents on the beach or in the adjoining Macleans Park. When I telephoned Council, I was told to expect a response to the problem within 2 or 3 working days. I also learnt that if I sent an email, to expect a response to the problem within two to three weeks. The lack of a system to deal with tent campers soon after a complaint is lodged, allows people to camp in tents on any Council land in Auckland for a minimum of 2 or 3 working days and up to two or three weeks.

Dominance of picnic and parking areas

Tents and gazebos are allowed for the provision of shade, but people take over areas by erecting super large tents or gazebos under the shade of trees. Church groups sometimes bring a load of pink cones to block off parts of a picnic area and even parking spaces for their flock.

Inconsistent security of Macleans Park at Eastern Beach

At times, Council’s security people failed to show up and lock the gate into Macleans Park at night.

They have sometimes allowed cars to park in the picnic area. This is an area over the little bridge where children play. Picnickers have said that they do not want cars in there.

The overflow car-park in Macleans Park was left open for weeks on end. As this area is part of the Chenier Plain, its surface has scientific value. When the area is left open, it gives hooners the opportunity to use it for doing wheelies which disturbs the surface. It needs to be locked at the end of each day and only opened when needed.

Council’s Security Guard refused to unlock the over-flow parking area when I asked him on Christmas Day. He said he could only take instructions from Council staff. I have to agree that, although this response showed a complete lack of nous, it was not an unreasonable response. A day at the beach is important for families from south Auckland and their picnics, especially on Christmas Day, are major occasions. Many dozens of cars filled with children and extended family had to leave the area on Christmas Day because they were unable to find a parking space.

Park Rangers

Because of dogs and other problems that occur at Eastern Beach and the adjoining Macleans Park over the summer, we ask that the Howick Local Board to persuade Council to reintroduce the system of Park Rangers. Under Manukau City Council, a Park Ranger would visit those areas assigned to him or her throughout the day and sort out the various problems that occur.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the Board.
Howick Ratepayers and Residents Association

Request for Funding

Applications for Regional Heritage grants
EXPERT EVIDENCE REVIEW of DATA and SUBMISSIONS
FOR
Plan Change 34
And
The Howick Village Plan.
• Members of the Howick Local Board:

• The Howick Village area is being destroyed for generations to come.

• It has become increasingly obvious in recent weeks that Howick’s precious character and values will be destroyed by the way the Unitary Plan is right now being applied to the intensity and height of development, including 100% site coverage, even in Single House Zone.

• In particular, 3 Council strategies are leading the way in this:

  1: PC34 – Howick’s Character Area Statement - is limited to Business only, relying upon some initial work done by the former Manukau Council. But in the AUP, Auckland Council did away with the Heritage residential protection of HH7, and the area is now utterly vulnerable.

  2: The Howick Village Plan as it stands needs more knowledge, more data, more local input, before it gets to a final concept.

  3: Resource Consents are right now being issued, which ignore AUPs protective duties under the RMA and will destroy Howick’s already broken infrastructure, putting hundreds if not thousands of existing dwellings at imminent risk of flooding and slippage.

• HRRA wants to partner with HLB to protect Howick’s character, historic features, and its very existence. We need to commission top expert advice from a landscape architect, a town planner, a historical and archaeological expert and an independent engineer, in order to obtain the facts and data we need to ensure that protection.

• This costs money. HRRA would like to do the work, so that within a maximum of 2 months this information, knowledge and advice gets done in time to be of use in all three areas, as above. We are therefore asking HLB to commission us to do this work and provide the funding needed for the experts. Based on verbal estimates, we expect this to amount to $40,000.00, this is cheap considering what is at stake.

• HRRA is already in possession of huge amounts of data relevant to point 3 above, collected over some years and especially recently, none of which HLB or the public have had to fund. Now is the time to act before it is too late, to put public money into the specific area of the AUP that have statutory protection of our outstanding heritage area.

• Please allow the HRRA to take the lead, and HLB fund this study/evidence, the Board has better things to do, there are other aspects you can assist with, and some that may come from this expert evidence. Let those of the Community with the passion and the ability take the stress of this analysis on so good outcomes can be realized for all in Howick.
Reasons for Funding:

To support the community values
To allow the full effects of the AUP and RMA to be managed
Residents of Howick, to form an integrated character
To give certainty to the business character
Heritage NZ has suggested a review of data and dates for Heritage and Character values. (PC34 submissions link provided).
Howick Local Board has the means to allow protection thru character statement and the other is thru the village plan.
Reasons for Funding:

PC34 and Village plan are lacking in good expert data, landscape and historical expert to capture the full Character of Howick that is mapped for the Village plan area.

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Vital protection needed for the village area, for the next 30 years or Howick as we know it will not exist and a very sad legacy will be left for future generations to fix. so lets fix it now.
Village plan and PC34

- The Howick Village Plan, is more than just the Business area as defined within PC34.

- The Character of the Village Plan needs to meet all aspects of the AUP and be integrated within each.

- Business Activity needs to meet the AUP with its activities in particular water discharge, causing property damage, flooding, and destroying the Amenity and Character of the area and Village Centre. These are Statutory requirements that the Village plan has started to address, but has missed the overall Character values, that underpin the Village Business Character and impact on Residential areas.
Funding required for HRRA, residents and community

- Request from Howick Local Board for $40000
- This is a cheap option considering this data can be used to help define the Village Plan and RETAIN the Character of the Village Business with an integrated area plan, which is required regardless of inclusion of residential zoned properties into PC34. So far Auckland Transport, Council or consultants have been unable to offer any studies done to meet the AUP and there impact of the Village Plan.
- The money authorised will be used for the following:
  - For PC34 hearing experts.
  - Expert to review data and AUP for Village Plan.
  - Integrated management options for the area.

All data HRRA obtain from this funding, will be made available to the public though our members and the HLB.
PC34 link to first round submissions


- Other reference documents:
  - AUP, E1 and E8 plus to many others to mention.

How much more should Howick Residents lose before we act.
Summary for $40,000.00

To support the community values with a good baseline
To maximize resources (for Tourism, Business)
Certainty to the Business character
What are the Character values
Board has the means
Vital protection needed, for the village
Legacy Planning
Stockade Hill hearing cost was $5000, plus community funded sum $62 000 for experts.
CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – 17 Feb 2020

Happy New Year to you all, as we enter 2020, and I wish our Chinese community well as they celebrate the Year of the Rat.

Our office closed over Christmas for a short period, and reopened on 6 January at which time I joined our staff to begin planning for the New Year.

It has been encouraging for members to see progress on some of our local projects, especially the renewal of a number of bridges on the Cascades walkway and the renewal of Raphoe children’s playground. We look forward to viewing plans for the upgrade of the Cockle Bay Beach playspace soon.

BOARD BUSINESS

Last year we continued our weekly workshops until 12 December; and commenced the New Year with a visit to Ngati Otara Marae on 30 January, where we heard from Iwi across the Auckland area about their plans and aspirations, and how they might establish beneficial relationships with their local boards.

The Howick Village Centre plan steering group met on Monday 16 December, and will meet again next week.

Throughout this month Kura Kawana (Auckland Council's Elected Member Development Programme) has run a series of sessions to assist members to understand and be better prepared for their role.

Our next Business Meeting is on Monday 9 March at 6pm.

ATTENDANCES

10/12/19: I led the Citizenship Ceremony at Vodafone Centre
13/12/19: I attended our quarterly meeting with Counties Manukau District Police
14/12/19: Members M Turinsky, K Bungard, B Wichman and P Young attended the Christmas Wonderpark Event at Barry Curtis Park.
14/12/19: Deputy Chair J Spiller and Member D Collings joined me at a Christmas function for South East Ak Senior Citizens
15/12/19: Member M Turinsky stepped in for me and spoke at Burswood “Christmas In the Park”
16/12/19: Member D Collings and I attended a short training session on providing board feedback on planning issues/hearings.
20/12/19: I visited and spoke to volunteers at the Christmas Walkthrough at Eastgate Church.
11/1/20: Member P Young and I attended the Reunion Dinner at Fo Guang Shan Temple
11/1/20: Member P Young and I attended the Lohri Mela Indian Festival at BC Park.
24/1/20: I attended the opening of a Pakuranga Citizens Advice Bureau satellite service for Beachlands and Maungatapu.

5/2/20: I spoke at the Somerville Rotary Club meeting.

16/2/20: I spoke at the opening of the Pakuranga Rotary Club’s Community River Carnival

BOARD EVENTS

The Howick Christmas Parade held on Sunday 8 December 2019 appeared to be a great success. Our local board is a key funder of this much loved event held annually for over 65 years!

Our Board joined with the Pakuranga Chinese Association to hold an event to celebrate the Chinese New Year 2020 – the Year of the Rat. This was held on Saturday 1 February at Botany Town Centre. Despite attendance being considerably lower than previous years due to Coronavirus, those that participated created an entertaining and festive afternoon. This was attended by members P Young, M Turinsky, D Collings and myself.

Howick Local Board’s Movies in Parks event was held on the same evening at Barry Curtis Park, and featured the older but still very popular movie “Grease.” Members D Collings, J Spiller and M Turinsky were with me to welcome a large crowd who enjoyed beautiful weather and a great atmosphere. We have a second movie “Aladdin” showing at Lloyd Elsmore Park on Saturday 14 March. This event is free to the public, as is our exciting Music in Parks event on Sunday 23 February featuring “The Hits Kiwi Anthems” with The Feelers, Anika Moa, Jason Kerrison and Automatic80’s. This will be held at Lloyd Elsmore Park 2pm - 6pm.

ENGAGEMENT

We are currently preparing a draft Howick Local Board Plan for 2021/23 period. Shortly we will be seeking feedback from our community, through Council’s Website, and by meeting with a variety of groups throughout the Howick Ward.

Considerable feedback was received regarding proposed the Flat Bush Aquatic Centre. This will be presented to the board shortly.

Adele White
CHAIRPERSON, HOWICK LOCAL BOARD
17 February 2020