

# Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Workshop Record

Date of Workshop: Tuesday 11 February 2019  
Time: 9.30am – 4.30pm  
Venue: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Office, Ground Floor, 1 The Strand, Takapuna

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## Attendees

**Chairperson:** Aidan Bennett, QSM

**Deputy Chairperson:** George Wood, CNZM

**Members:** Jan O'Connor, QSM

Ruth Jackson

Toni van Tonder

Trish Deans

**Staff:** Eric Perry – Relationship Manager

Maureen Buchanan - Local Board Advisor

Tristan Coulson - Senior Local Board Advisor

Rhiannon Guinness – Democracy Advisor

Lisa Howard-Smith – Strategic Broker

Meaghan Fisher – Engagement Advisor

## Apologies

None

Workshop item	Presenters	Governance role	Summary of discussion and Action points
<p><b>1. Service, Strategy and Intergration (SS&amp;I)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local Parks MGMT Plan Project Induction</li> </ul>	<p><b>Nicki Malone</b> Service and Asset Planning Specialist</p> <p><b>Jessica Morris</b> Service and Asset Planner</p>	<p>Keeping Informed</p>	<p><b>Summary of item:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officers provided the local board with and introduction to the Devonport-Takapuna Local Park Management Plan project covering:</li> <li>• Scope</li> <li>• Development of the plan</li> <li>• Structure of the plan and how it may look</li> <li>• Land classification</li> <li>• Local board members raised the following points and questions in response to the presentation:</li> <li>• Parks that are vested in multiple entities (Fort Takapuna) will be included in the management plan but will only be relevant to the areas that are owned by council.</li> <li>• Completion is estimated to take 2-3 years and will undergo 2 rounds of public consultation</li> <li>• Will conservation plans for heritage sites be prepared as a part of this process?</li> <li>• Request that staff report back on management of closed cemeteries.</li> <li>• This project was signed off by the local board as a part of 2019/2020 Local Board Work Programme.</li> <li>• Will the history of parks and reserves be included in the new plan?</li> <li>• Concerns around the amount of work that was put into the bigger individual plans for them to be superseded.</li> <li>• The older individual plans will still be available to the public at local libraries so that the work and information put into them is not lost.</li> <li>• The North West Mana Whenua Forum reviews all Plans, projects and community leases on parks as part of the work programme approval process.</li> <li>• Cost and time will not be reduced by excluding any park from the process.</li> <li>• Discussed the idea of setting up a working group for this project but it seems that all local board members wished to be involved.</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions and next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff to investigate requirement for conservation plans for reserves that have items or places with heritage significance.</li> <li>• Staff to cost and scope any conservation plans required as part of annual budget discussion.</li> <li>• Staff looking at options to include history of sites i.e existing plan information could be an appendix to the new plan.</li> <li>• Report to come to April business meeting to discuss public consultation process.</li> </ul>

<p><b>2. Community Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sunnynook Development Update</li> </ul>	<p><b>Julie Crabb</b> Principal Project Manager</p>	<p>Keeping Informed / Setting Direction</p>	<p><b>Summary of item:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officers provided the local board with an update on the preferred design concepts and cost estimates for this project.</li> <li>• There was discussion around potential budget allocation and funding for the project.</li> <li>• Brief discussion on consultation that has been undertaken for this project.</li> <li>• Local board members raised the following points and questions in response to the presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Desire to include shade sails in this project</li> <li>○ Acknowledgement of budget shortfall to fund this project now, and discussion around short term fix of the existing playground until required budget identified.</li> <li>○ Will a drinking fountain be provided as part of the project, staff clarified that this is not a part of the plans nor has it been budgeted for.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Actions and next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigation of short term repair or replacement of components of existing playground for Sunnynook Park.</li> <li>• Request that positioning of seating be considered so that more can be added at a future date if required.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Auckland Transport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lake Road Project Update</li> </ul>	<p><b>Daniel Newcombe</b> Manager Strategic Projects</p> <p><b>Ross Moffatt</b> Principal Planner</p> <p><b>Ben Levesque</b> Senior Consultation Advisor</p>	<p>Keeping Informed</p>	<p><b>Summary of item:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The local board was provided with an update on the progress of the Lake Road Improvements Project including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improving travel choices</li> <li>○ Minimise disruption</li> <li>○ Safety as a major focus</li> <li>○ Value for money</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Local board members raised the following points and questions in response to the presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parking outside shops to be retained along the carriageway.</li> <li>○ Questions around how the new curbed cycleway would be accessed.</li> <li>○ Sought clarification around how transit lanes would operate and intergrate with existing road corridor.</li> <li>○ Sought further information about the traffic crossing at Sea View Road and connected walkways around the golf course.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Actions and next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public consultation to take place in March and April of this year.</li> <li>• Public drop in sessions will have a Visual Reality component in which the public can virtually “walk through” proposed spaces to get a feel for how they look and may work.</li> </ul>

<p><b>4. NZTA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SeaPath Project Update</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jennifer Hart</b> Programme Director, NZTA</p> <p><b>James Shi</b> Project Manager, Section 1, NZTA</p> <p><b>Jenn Scott</b> Communications and Engagement, NZTA</p> <p><b>Lydia Adams</b> Communications and Engagement, NZTA</p>	<p>Keeping Informed</p>	<p><b>Summary of item:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The local board was provided with an overview and an update of the progress of the Northern Pathway project including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The renaming of the project from Skypath to Northern Pathway was done to clarify that it is a pathway for pedestrians as well as cyclists.</li> <li>○ Breakdown of the sections of work</li> <li>○ Proposed timeframes – ideally stage one would start in the beginning of 2021 and take approximately 30 months to complete.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Local board members raised the following points and questions in response to the presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Questioned the reasoning of leaving the pathway uncovered and raised concerns around wind and rain. Officers advised that these types of pathways are almost universally uncovered, and people tend to prefer the openness for safety reasons. Wind and rain will be an issue sometimes and there will be days where weather conditions may affect the use of the pathway, we need to ensure we have a robust notification system so the public are aware of closures or weather events. This model has shown success on the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.</li> <li>○ Safely stopping along the pathway was raised and the board was advised that the bridge design contain “pause points” where cyclists and pedestrians can pull off the main path and safely stop or rest.</li> <li>○ Noted the convenience of the Northern Pathway linking in with the Francis to Esmonde Cycleway and the Patuone walkway.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Actions and next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link to online imagery for Norther Pathway: <a href="https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/nz-upgrade/auckland-package/northern-pathway/">https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/nz-upgrade/auckland-package/northern-pathway/</a></li> <li>• Monthly workshops are booked with the local board for information sharing oppourtunity to ask questions</li> <li>• Consideration of timing and scope of the proposed refresh of the local boards Greenways Plan to take advantage of oppourtunites the Northern Pathway may bring and to assist NZTA in its planning.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>5. LBSD</b> Community Forum</p>	<p><b>Maureen Buchanan</b> Local Board Advisor</p>	<p>Seeking Direction</p>	<p><b>Summary of item:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officer presented the local board with a review of the Community Forum space.</li> <li>• Local board members raised the following points and questions in response to the presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support the general structure and purpose of the community forum.</li> <li>○ Expressed an interest in taking one community forum meeting offsite as a trial, holding it at a community venue with the intention of reaching more people and engaging the wider community. If successful this can be reviewed next year when meeting dates are confirmed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Actions and next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report will come to the March business meeting seeking confirmation of dates for this years community forum meetings.</li> <li>• Investigation of an appropriate alternative community venue to take place.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Service, Strategy and Intergration (SS&amp;I)</b> - Takapuna Needs Assesment</p>	<p><b>Kathy O'Connor</b> Service &amp; Asset Planning Team Leader <b>Sophie Bell</b> Service and Assesment Planning Specialist <b>Corrina Meikle</b> Manager Library Operations <b>Michelle Irving</b> Mobius Research <b>Rachel Hume</b> Porfolio Specialist</p>	<p>Keeping Informed</p>	<p><b>Summary of item:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officers provided the local board with the high-level findings and key themes from the preliminary findings gathered from community engagement including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The approach to the engagement</li> <li>○ Participant summary</li> <li>○ Current use of facilities</li> <li>○ Community need</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Local board members raised the following points and questions in response to the presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Questioned the number of survey participants and expressed that it was lower than expected. Officers explained that these types of detailed surveys that are asking lots of different questions rather than one outright yes or no question generally tend to have a fewere respondants. Officers are happy with the response turnout and mentioned that it is higher than other surveys of this nature that have been completed.</li> <li>○ The local board questioned the trends that are starting to be noted in libraries and officers advised that they are becoming more active spaces that have a demand to be open 7 days and later in the day. Libraries really help to create a sense of community and place. Often the public look to use the library spaces for groups to meet and gather as well as general library activities.</li> <li>○ Concern was raised over the demographic the responses have come from, officers assured the local board that multiple community stakeholders and cultural groups were consulted to ensure a wider scope of people got to have their say.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Actions and next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up on identified gaps in engagement i.e youth and ethnic groups.</li> <li>• Finalisation of community engagement findings this month.</li> <li>• Report to the April business meeting to present completed findings.</li> <li>• Continued engagement with local board.</li> </ul>

<p><b>7. Southern Cross Cable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposed southern cross NEXT submarine cable</li> </ul>	<p><b>Justin Rae &amp; Mike McGrath</b> Spark Community Engagement</p>	<p>Keeping Informed</p>	<p><b>Summary of item:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Engagement Staff from Spark NZ were in attendance to inform the local board about the Southern Cross NEXT Submarine Fibre Optic Cable that is due to be commissioned in early 2022.</li> <li>• The existing cable that facilitates 98% of the countries internet requirement was established in 2000 and is connected to the North Island at Takapuna Beach. The replacement will also be installed at Takapuna Beach.</li> <li>• Spark NZ are keen to connect with all parts of the community to inform them of the installation.</li> <li>• Local board members raised the following points and questions in response to the presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interest in creating an event around the installation so public can come down and see what's happening and be informed about the service the cable provides. Officers from Spark NZ suggested a "sausage sizzle on the beach" day where they could hand out flyers and share information with the public about the project.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Actions and next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued engagement with the public and the local board.</li> <li>• Resource consent is projected to be lodged in April of this year.</li> </ul>
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The workshop concluded at 5.10pm