**Hibiscus and Bays Local Board**

**OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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“To provide life changing marine environmental education and outdoor experiences for young New Zealanders”

MERC Mission Statement
The beginning

• 1970’s/80’s North Shore
• Sobering statistics
  • 88% of schools lacked facilities for developing marine skills
  • 74% lacked the finance to pursue them
  • 69% lacked a suitable location
  • 32% of children from South and West Auckland had never been to the beach
• Founding board
  • David Gray, Laurie Baxter, Ian Sage
  • Ross Garrett, John Orams, Don Burfoot
• Opened 1990
• Wharenu 1995 (Gray Garrett Hall 2019)
Marine and Environmental Education

Attachment A

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Recreation
Impact today

• Targeted initiatives
  • Don and Mary St Clair Brown fund for disadvantaged children
  • Blake experience
• Financially self sufficient
• Employ 26 staff
• 15,000 young people annually
• National reach NZAEE Seaweeek
• New NZers
• New stats and stories
“Every NZ child deserves the opportunity to experience and learn about the seas around us”
Current challenges

- Lease renewal
- Storage and space
- Options for remote overnight and day bases
- COVID-19
Coast Streetball

We are passionate about basketball, community and growing our local streetball culture.
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Coast Basketball Fun Day
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The Court’s Evolution

[Images of different courts]
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Court Surface Repairs
Sam’s Story
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Good quality, safe surface
Lighting
Community