Date: Tuesday 21 July 2020
Time: 2.00pm
Meeting Room: Devonport-Takapuna Local Office
Venue: 1 The Strand
Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board
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To: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

cc: Councillors Chris Darby, Richards Hills, Auckland Council

To be tabled at the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board meeting, Tuesday 21 July 2020

Dear Local Board members,

On behalf of the Friends of Takapuna Library I am writing in support of you continuing your additional funding from your discretionary budget for libraries in your area.

Your provision in the past has made a valuable contribution to our whole community. We have enjoyed and made good use of Takapuna Library’s extended hours, particularly Thursday evenings, which have proved popular for a variety of community and cultural events. Without your funding we will lose our evening events as we will not have access to library facilities after hours. These will need to move to daytime. A survey of Friends members has just shown many expect to find daytime events difficult to attend because of work, caring and other responsibilities.

Takapuna Library is a key anchor tenant for this catchment area. It serves as the heart and focus for us, not only as a repository of knowledge, but as a meeting place to exchange ideas and through Research North is guardian of our taonga. It provides a safe haven for students to study, others who need a place to go as well as introducing the young to language, ideas and community. In these post-lockdown days it will become increasingly important as people stay local making the most of community facilities.

The Friends of Takapuna Library work with the community library, Research North and the North Shore Library Foundation to promote a range of events each year. This past year the Friends held and supported nearly 20 events (author events, exhibitions), attended by more than 1000 people.

Your past support for our libraries has made these things possible and valued by our community. Continuing your support would be very valuable and most welcome.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Cole
Chair, Friends of Takapuna Library
Devonport - Takapuna Community Board - to be tabled at your meeting please

Attention Trish Deans

Copy to Chris Darby/ Auckland Council

Dear Mesdames and Sirs,

On behalf of the Devonport Library Associates I am writing in support of your continuing to fund the Libraries in your area.

Our Library is the hub and focus of our communities, and was sorely missed during lockdown. Yes, we wanted our books, but we also missed the community-focussed gatherings which take place there.

During the day ‘Wriggle and Rhyme’ is packed with Mothers and small children, there are classes in Te Reo Maori, and poetry slams attract young adults. Tourists and day-trippers visit.

The Devonport Library Associates run 10 evening events (in a normal year) each drawing 100-plus people, who come from the wider Auckland area, as well as local. Our mailing list counts 300 - odd members. Our programme ranges from celebrating local achievement to examining world issues. Many of these are filmed and can be viewed on our website.

In other words, your past support has made a very worthwhile contribution to our community. Please, be encouraged to continue it.

Kind regards,
Jan Mason
for Devonport Library Associates
North Shore Association
Devonport Takapuna Local Board
July 21st 2020 Meeting
Public Form Presentation

Item 11 – Takapuna Community Needs Assessment

Special Situation of Takapuna Senior Citizens Assn Hall in Takapuna Community Services Building

I am presenting to you primarily as the President of Takapuna Senior Citizens Association Inc., but also as the President of Grey Power North Shore, both groups having been involved with the Mobius research preliminary research on the Community Needs Assessment project.

The purpose is to highlight and stress the particular special situation of the Senior Citizens Association in that they have a unique equity situation in the Council Community Services Building. This is not clear in the current report.

The Association paid for the construction of the Senior Citizens Hall, their Association centre and clubrooms, when the complex was developed, and the old clubrooms of the RSA etc on the site were demolished.

The money was raised through a significant lengthy fundraising campaign, a feature of the community ‘self help’ culture of those times, and a substantial amount was paid to Council as their contribution to the new Community Services Building, with a peppercorn lease for the site element entered into with Council.

It is important that this equity element is recognised by Council, both for the major community commitment and support for the Council project, and for the significant financial contribution made, in any deliberations on redevelopment of the complex and the Takapuna Centre in general.

The intent and vision of those seniors of sixty years ago, now long gone, was to provide a social and community facility for the senior community in essence in perpetuity, for the older generations of the Shore to come. This vision and commitment must continue to be recognised and valued by Council and the community today.

The key consideration is that whatever ultimate decision is reached on the Community Service Building and the whole Strand/Gibbons Rd complex, the provision of a dedicated social and recreational facility for the senior community is critically important. The Senior Citizens Hall facility, must be retained, and enhanced for modern day needs, and the core equity of the Association recognised and respected.

Both the Senior Citizens Association and Grey Power fully recognise the community value and need of the current facilities of the Mary Thomas Centre and the Council facilities on the site, and urge great care in the future assessment and planning.

Kind regards

Bill Rayner
President Grey Power North Shore
President Takapuna Senior Citizens Association
Wāhanga tuarua: ngā pārongo me ngā whakaetanga o ngā poari ā-rohe

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The local board agreement outlined in this document reflects how we plan to support these outcomes through agreed activities in the 2020/2021 financial year. In addition, each local board carries out responsibilities delegated by the governing body in accordance with the delegated power, and with the general priorities and preferences in the local board plan.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Agreement 2020/2021

Priorities by activity area

This section sets out Auckland Council’s 2020/2021 funding priorities for local activities in the Devonport-Takapuna local board area.

Each local activity sets out the community outcomes, levels of service, performance measures and targets.

Local Community Services

Local community services is a broad activity area, which includes:

- supporting local arts, culture, events, sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining facilities, including local parks, libraries and halls.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of $13.0m and capital investment of $4.9m.

The key initiatives planned for 2020/2021 include:

- continue to support our three community trusts (i.e. Auckland North Community and Development Trust, Devonport Peninsular Trust, and Takapuna North Community Facilities Trust) who undertake and deliver a range of community programmes;
- progress park development plans at Figataranga and Auburn reserves;
- continue to provide operational support to Shora Junction, our new youth facility; and
- progress key cycling and walking projects (i.e. the Francis Street to Esmonde Road connection and Patuone Reserve walkway upgrade).

The local community services initiatives contribute to the following outcomes in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan:

- Outcome one: Quality parks, beaches and open spaces that everyone can enjoy.
- Outcome three: Efficient public transport and roads that keep people moving.
- Outcome four: Our communities are empowered, engaged and inclusive.
### Levels of Service

This table sets out performance measures, with the level of service statement in blue.

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<td>The number of internet sessions at libraries (unique sessions over public computing or public WiFi networks) (million)</td>
<td>0.37</td>
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<td>The number of visits to library facilities (million)</td>
<td>0.6</td>
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<td>70%</td>
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<td>The number of attendees at Council-led community events</td>
<td>3,300</td>
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<td><strong>We fund, enable and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities</strong></td>
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<td>35%</td>
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<td><strong>Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities</strong></td>
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<td>94%</td>
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<td><strong>We provide community centres and hire venues that enable Aucklanders to run locally responsive activities, promoting participation, inclusion and connection</strong></td>
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<td>The number of participants in activities at community centres and hire venues</td>
<td>302,840</td>
<td>305,600</td>
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<td>The percentage of community centres and hire venues that is community led</td>
<td>79%</td>
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<td><strong>We provide recreation programmes, opportunities and facilities to get Aucklanders more active, more often</strong></td>
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<td>The percentage of park visitors who are satisfied with the overall quality of sportfields</td>
<td>77%</td>
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<td>The customers’ Net Promoter Score for Pool and Leisure Centres</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td><strong>We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves and beaches</strong></td>
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<td>The percentage of users who are satisfied with the overall quality of local parks</td>
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Local Planning and Development

These activities cover improvements to town centres, the local street environment as well as local environment and heritage protection. They also include working with business and community associations to improve local economic development and employment initiatives.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is $2.7m.

The key initiatives planned for 2020/2021 include:

- oversee the completion of the Belmont Town Centre Improvements Plan; and
- support our local businesses and business improvement districts (BIDs) as they recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

The local planning and development activity, including the key initiatives contribute to the following outcomes in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan:

- Outcome four: Our communities are empowered, engaged and inclusive.
- Outcome five: Our area has a thriving local economy and vibrant, unique town centres.

Levels of Service

This table sets out performance measures, with the level of service statement in blue.

Local Environmental Management

Local boards work in partnership with local communities and iwi to deliver projects and programmes to improve local environments. Our focus is on indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living.

These activities include stream restoration, waste minimisation programmes, supporting environmental volunteers and partnering with schools to provide a range of environmental initiatives.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is $115,000.

The key initiatives planned for 2020/2021 include:

- continuing to support our pest-free coordinators in Devonport and Takapuna;
- working with local schools and volunteers to undertake plantings, ecological restoration and environmental projects; and
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- implementing the Waiarau Estuary Restoration Plan.

The local environmental management activity and key initiatives contribute to the following outcomes in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan:
- Outcome one: Quality parks, beaches and open spaces that everyone can enjoy.
- Outcome two: A place of natural beauty and rich culture.
- Outcome four: Our communities are empowered, engaged and inclusive.

Levels of Service

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<td>We manage Auckland’s natural environment</td>
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<td>The proportion of local programmes that deliver intended environmental actions and/or outcomes</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>75%</td>
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Local Governance

Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing local board agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.

The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 which determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making. There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2020/2021.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is $931,000.
Funding Impact Statement

This prospective funding impact statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of Section 21 (5) of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2000. It covers the year from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and outlines the council’s sources of funding for local activities in this local board area and our plan to apply them.

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<td>Sources of operating funding:</td>
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<td>General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties</td>
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<td>Targeted rates</td>
<td>700</td>
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<td>Subsidies and grants for operating purposes</td>
<td>218</td>
<td>306</td>
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<td>Fees and charges</td>
<td>1,389</td>
<td>879</td>
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<td>Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>463</td>
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<td>Total operating funding</td>
<td>13,641</td>
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Applications of operating funding:
- Payment to staff and suppliers: 10,047, 13,645
- Finance costs: 1,829, 2,420
- Internal charges and overheads applied: 1,413, 1,245
- Other operating funding applications: 0, 0

Total applications of operating funding: 13,289, 17,310

Surplus (deficit) of operating funding: 352, 605

Sources of capital funding:
- Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure: 0, 0
- Development and financial contributions: 0, 0
- Increase (decrease) in debt: 10,176, 4,318
- Gross proceeds from sale of assets: 0, 0
- Lump sum contributions: 0, 0
- Other dedicated capital funding: 0, 0

Total sources of capital funding: 10,176, 4,318

Application of capital funding:
- Capital expenditure:
  - to meet additional demand: 476, 501
  - to improve the level of service: 4,206, 401
  - to replace existing assets: 5,846, 4,021
- Increase (decrease) in reserves: 0, 0
- Increase (decrease) in investments: 0, 0

Total applications of capital funding: 10,528, 4,923

Surplus (deficit) of capital funding: (352), (605)

Funding balance: 0, 0
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Trish Deans member report – July 2020

Report Period: From: 10/06/2020 To: 07/07/2020

Public Issues Arising
- Plan Change 22
- Windsor Reserve Playground
- Patuone Reserve Issues

Plan Change 22

I wish to raise the following concerns:

- Plan Change 22 / Modification 12: I wish to raise concerns associated with this Plan Modification
- Windsor Reserve Playground – it’s a success but there are design issues to be addressed. There is also need for the DTLB to discuss the needs of children with disabilities and our responsibility to be inclusive when designing playgrounds.
- Patuone Reserve: Concerns have been raised by Forest and Bird regarding the impact on the natural environment of the construction of a boardwalk and a concrete path to be constructed at Patuone Reserve

The Devonport Takapuna Local Board supports the inclusion of Takararo (Mt Cambria) to Plan Modification 12.

Background:
The Devonport Takapuna Local Board supports the additional scheduling of this site in order to protect the ManaWhenua cultural values associated with this site. The Board looks forward to adding further sites to the Sites and Places Significant to Mana Whenua.

It should be noted that Takararo, the small volcano located adjacent to Takarunga, has been substantially altered. A group of Welsh Miners purchased the volcano land in 1853 when the Government subdivided blocks related to the Mahurangi Purchase. It continued as a quarry and was administered by the Devonport Borough Council as the scoria was used for road paving purposes. In more recent times Takararo became a reserve and is now a recreational green space used by the public. Both the Devonport Community Gardens and the Devonport Museum are located within the reserve. The Museum is the only museum located on the North Shore, and its community of volunteers actively plant indigenous vegetation and remove weeds.

The previous Devonport Takapuna accepted the inclusion of Takararo as a Site of Place Significant to mana Whenua and that recommendation has been put forward to the Hearing Commissioners. I will speak at the Hearing supporting this recommendation and to answer any questions that the Commissioners raise.

I have raised following questions and sought a response from Matt Gouge, Principal Senior Planner Auckland Council. It should be noted that it is the Board’s understanding that should the Museum wish to add either an extension to its building or erect smaller storage sheds in the future then this is a prohibited activity but a resource consent would need to be sought.
I asked for further advice from the Principal Planner on two points:
- Would extra work or construction on the site trigger the need for a full archaeological survey to be undertaken?
- If further works should be undertaken, then who would be expected to meet the costs?

I was advised that each application is site specific and that the answer would vary according to the site.

**Windsor Reserve Playground**

**Background:**
I wish to acknowledge the hard work of the previous Devonport Takapuna Local Board in its efforts to support and deliver a successful outcome for this playground. However three issues need to be addressed:

- **The following safety concerns and design issues have been raised by the public:**

  All the small pools at the playground have stormwater lines which drain to the sea. One these lines is at a lower level which indicates it’s below the king tide level, and during a king tide sea water will be pushed back up the pipe. This design fault needs to be resolved.

  It should be noted that Community Facilities has assured members that the problem of the slow drainage resulting from the geotextile has been corrected.

  The public have identified the need for the Bean Rock tower to have further safety measures put in place, and these concerns need to be addressed:

  The steps on the ladder are widely spaced and upright, as a result the possibility of a smaller child falling is increased and there is little to protect them.

  On reaching the platform from the ladder there are no useful handholds, so a child struggles to climb onto the platform.

  On reaching of the Beanrock structure the top a child can run towards a in the direction of a gap in the balustrade, while a supervising adult is at the bottom of the climbing net. This element of the design must be resolved.

  Residents have raised concerns about loose screw heads and the possible failure of providing adequate safety for the children using the playground.

  These faults and shortcomings should be regarded as ‘teething’ defects of the design, but as they are known and identified a comprehensive safety check should be undertaken by Community Facilities.

- **Community Facilities need to update the DTLB on the reasons for the delay of this project.**

  It is understood that there were concerns that Watercare raised in regard to the design and these matters need to be reported to this Board.

- **The Playground design specified that asphalt be used as the material for all paving at Windsor Reserve.**

  As a Member of the Board who is recognised as having developed a strong heritage community response to heritage issues, I have been seeking answers to local concerns in regard to the use of concrete paths on the Historic Windsor Reserve.
The Heritage and Archaeological Impact Assessment Report was commissioned as part of the consenting process and that report fully outlines the heritage values associated with this reserve and the significance of this area firstly as a headland, Te Kuraeatura, for the vicinity of this reserve. The Historic significance of the Reserve is undisputed.

Past administrations of the area include the Devonport Borough Council, the Devonport Community Board and the North Shore City Council, and all have understood that any changes to the area should be respectful of the heritage qualities and that specific design details should continue to inform changes to the area. These past administrations ensured that asphalt would be used on all paths as this was the continuous paving material used around the vicinity of the reserve.

As a new member I have questioned the use of concrete with both Community Facilities and Council Officers, and I was assured that this design detail was never included in the playground design. Having requested the Impact Assessment report it has become obvious that the Opus May 2019 Windsor Reserve Playspace design had specified that asphalt be used on the paths. However at some point in the management of the design this detail has been ignored, overlooked or disregarded. This is a poor outcome.

The Reserve is not simply a playspace, a park or green space, as its significance is recognized by the Pouhere Taonga Act which seeks to identify, protect, preserve and conserve the historic and cultural heritage of NZ. The area surrounding this Reserve is noted by Heritage New Zealand as being significant and the following sites have been listed: the Coronation Sea Wall (and the shell path is listed as A* under Schedule 14), the Alison Clock, the Bank of New Zealand, the Post Office, the Esplanade Hotel, the WW1 Memorial and the Victoria Theatre.

The Windsor Reserve plays a significant part in the historic story of Devonport. It is difficult to suggest how this modification can be rectified. However a discussion between the Design Company and Community Facilities should take place with the view to rectify this issue.

- How will the DTLB worked to improve its commitment to provide for the inclusion of children with disabilities at playground sites?

I have been contacted by parents of children with disabilities with concern that the Devonport Takapuna Local Board has not included the needs of children with disabilities in the Windsor Playground design. It is known that numerous organisations, such as the Cerebral Palsy Society are keen to help come up with ideas, but these groups are not often asked for their input. As a Board we must factor in the needs for all children to be catered for during the design process.

These are the comments I received from local families:

On reviewing the finished playground I was disappointed to see very little had been created to provide inclusion.

What this confirms yet again to me is that it’s important for disabled whanau to be consulted. A good cross section of disabled people should be acknowledged, as accessibility is not all about ramps and wheelchairs:

The equipment doesn’t have to be segregated - it can easily be inclusive. This means every child can enjoy each play space or equipment on an equal peer to peer level. Socialising is key to us all and we need a space like a playground to learn that diversity only matters if barriers are put in our way.
A parent suggests a solution: at this point it would be adding a few inclusive items like a carousel, a supportive swing with a paved access to get to it, include sensory boards and music stations like a xylophone. I have many ideas that could create more inclusion for all.

It is incumbent on the DTLB to find solutions to enable children with disabilities and their families to enjoy this public facility.

**Patuone Reserve**

Concerns raised by Forest and Bird regarding the impact on the natural environment of a boardwalk and a concrete path at Patuone Reserve:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the email received 6.7.20 from Forest and Bird regarding their opposition to:
- construction of a boardwalk across the SEA Marine Area 2; the boardwalk will be 2.5m wide and 1.5m above the waterline and with an edge barrier of 1.2m high, which will result in a structure almost 3m high
- the concrete path in a rootzone of pohutukawa which will break up and quickly with root disturbance

This is a SEA Area where Banded Rail, White Faced Heron and Spotless Crake are in residence. Endangered birds rely on mangrove cover to allow them to move safely and avoid predation. A boardwalk will have negative impact on this sensitive environment.

Forest and Bird suggest an alternative approach;

Plant extensively along the western edge to improve options for wildlife, it is the estuary experience that must be maintained. Forest and Bird suggest a cycleway deviation west of the main pohutukawa area.

The following questions must be asked:

Should a boardwalk be constructed where mangroves will be removed disturbing the natural ecosystem where rare birds nest and feed?

Should a concrete path be constructed which is within the coastal protection area and where coastal inundation will have an impact on this shoreline?

Noting that this SEA area is part of Shoal Bay, and designated:

A Significant Ecological Area, a Site of Significant Wildlife Interest, an Area of Significant Conservation Value, as a Significant Natural Heritage Value, it’s an area recognized by the Devonport Takapuna Local Board as being important to the North-West Wildlife Link and it will in the future be assessed for inclusion of Plan Change 22/ Plan Modification 12 as a Site of Significance to Mana Whenua:

Will the resource consent for changes to the natural environment of Patuone Reserve be publicly notified? These designations suggest that there is a special circumstance where the public interest must be given voice.

**Signatories**

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