

**Date:** Wednesday 26 April 2023  
**Time:** 4.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Local Board Chambers  
**Venue:** 35 Coles Crescent, Papakura

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## **Papakura Local Board**

# **OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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**To:**

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Paora Puru, Ngaati Te Ata Waiohū  
Ben Leonard, Ngāti Tamaoho

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**Affirming Papakura Local Board's enduring commitment to partnering  
with iwi mana whenua  
on Te Kete Rukuruku and other initiatives**

Tēnā koutou

The members of the Papakura Local Board sincerely appreciate you meeting with us at the local board office on 19 April 2023.

At the meeting, the Papakura Local Board members were unanimous in an apology for the misunderstanding, and for confusing two separate matters in our partnership on Te Kete Rukuruku, a shared initiative under way to reflect the true richness of our heritage in the naming of our parks and public places.

The local board seeks an enduring relationship with iwi mana whenua, and regrets causing any offence. The local board gives assurance of its understanding of this valued project now and into the future, as follows:

- Papakura Local Board is committed to work with mana whenua to ensure parks and other public spaces better reflect our area's rich Māori heritage
- Te Kete Rukuruku is showcasing the Māori history and stories of Papakura, and indeed of Tāmaki Makaurau
- One element of Te Kete Rukuruku is to add names significant to Māori to local parks and community places
- The stories emerging from this initiative are rich and varied, and will in the future be told in ways far more complex than simply words on a sign
- Te Kete Rukuruku is part of a broader plan to ensure more reo Māori is seen, heard, learnt and spoken in Papakura and across the Auckland region
- The scope of Te Kete Rukuruku does not include telling the full history of the park or its existing European name. The Māori name and narrative stands on its own within the park

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- It is recognised that historical accounts, including the naming of places by local government (and others), have often ignored or marginalised Māori history, language and traditional names. Te Kete Rukuruku is an initiative where iwi and the local board are partnering in an enduring way, to address this imbalance.

Our local board members are very much looking forward to coming together with you for the whakarewatanga (launch) of Otaawhati / Ray Small Park on 18 May 2023.

Furthermore, the Papakura Local Board is committed to an ongoing partnership with you in the restoration of Māori names and narratives throughout Takaanini, Papakura and the wider area, as well as on other projects such as a Papakura heritage trail.

Ngā mihi nui  
Nāku, nā



Brent Catchpole  
**Papakura Local Board Chair**

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Attachment A