

**Date:** Tuesday 28 May 2024  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Meeting Room:** Local board office  
**Venue:** 2 Glen Road  
Browns Bay

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## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

# OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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## *The Story of Dacre Cottage & the Weiti Block*

A fundraising appeal to publish the history of Dacre Cottage, the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest building in Auckland, the people, and the place.

May 2024

Kia ora

The Dacre Reserve Management Committee is raising funds to publish the book (production and printing costs), telling the story of the Cottage, the Dacre family, and the natural history of this stunning coastal strip between the Whangaparaoa Peninsula and the Long Bay Regional Park.

Dating from 1855, the Cottage is the second oldest existing building in Auckland. It was built by Captain Ranulph Dacre for his young son Henry to farm the Weiti block of land, once the kauri trees growing there had been harvested.

Felicity Goodyear-Smith has recently written a fully-illustrated book, **Dacre Cottage & the Weiti Block: Preserving our Heritage.**

The book tells the story of Captain Dacre, his adventures and enterprises, and the lives and deeds of his descendants. These tales are an important part of the history of this region, of Auckland, and of Aotearoa New Zealand. It includes stories of Dacre's notable contemporaries, including Chief Eruera Patuone, Sir John Logan Campbell, Governor William Hobson, Sir George Grey, and many others.

The book also tells the story of the many community groups and individuals who have fought to preserve the Cottage and grounds and Dacre's original Weiti block. Protecting the forest, the land, the estuary, the beach and the wildlife from human degradation and development. Their endeavours have led to the Long Bay Ōkura Marine Reserve, the limiting of coastal housing in the area, pest control, thousands of native trees planted and new walking access. Today dotterels and oystercatchers still breed at Karepiro Bay, and godwits arrive every spring back from their northern migration. Stingrays live in the estuary, and orcas often visit to feed on them.

Dacre Cottage and its surrounds are maintained by a team of local enthusiastic volunteers under the direction of the Dacre Reserve Management Committee for the Auckland City Council.

The team, mainly self-funded, has been active in various forms since the Cottage was restored in 1984.

**The funds raised will go towards the following expenses**

***Estimated costs***

	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Service details</b>	<b>GST incl</b>
Images	Alexander Turnbull Library; Ministry for Culture & Heritage	Purchase of digital image copies for publication	\$500.00
Production	Punaromia Publications Ltd	Based on 31,000 words & 150 illustrations: copy-editing; proof corrections; design & layout of text & cover; print proof check; independent proof-read; independent index	\$12,362.50
Printing	Benefitz Print	Full colour cover; coloured illustrations; 252mm x 190mm; 176 pages; 200 copies delivered to Auckland address	\$3,708.75
Total			\$16,571.25

**Proceeds from the sale of books**

All proceeds from sales of the book will go to the Dacre Reserve Management Committee to contribute to their ongoing maintenance and improvement programme for the Cottage and the Historic and Esplanade Reserves.

Please help us with your support.

Cheers



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**Donations**

Dacre Cottage account number is 03-0180-0167915-00  
(put **Book** in reference box)

Dacre Cottage Management Committee is **not** a registered charity.



All who donate more than \$100 will receive a free copy of the book and have their name listed in the book as a donor.

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Attachment A: Item 16 - Local government elections 2025 – order of names on voting documents

Council authorities identified in the report using random order of names in voting documents in 2022			
	2019 overall turnout %	2022 overall turnout %	% change
Bay of Plenty Regional Council	43.2%	36.6%	-6.6%
Christchurch City Council	41.8%	44.4%	2.6%
Dunedin City Council	46.9%	49.9%	3.0%
Hamilton City Council	39.4%	29.2%	-10.2%
Hawkes Bay Regional Council	48.5%	39.2%	-9.0%
Hutt City Council	42.8%	41.0%	-1.8%
Invercargill City Council	53.7%	53.2%	0.5%
Manawatū Whanganui Regional Council	44.9%	43.5%	-1.4%
Napier City Council	50.8%	40.1%	-10.5%
Nelson City Council	53.4%	53.2%	0.1%
Otago Regional Council	48.6%	48.8%	0.2%
Palmerston North City Council	37.9%	36.7%	-1.2%
Porirua City Council	41.0%	37.3%	-3.7%
Southland Regional Council	52.5%	51.9%	-0.6%
Upper Hutt City Council	43.9%	43.9%	0.0%
Waikato Regional Council	44.1%	38.7%	-5.4%
Wellington City Council	41.2%	45.5%	4.3%
Average change %			-2.3%

Council authorities identified in the report that alphabetise names in voting documents in 2022			
	2019 overall turnout %	2022 overall turnout %	% change
Auckland City Council	34.8%	35.2%	0.7%
Northland Regional Council	40.2%	42.5%	2.3%
Taranaki Regional Council	46.0%	44.5%	-1.5%
West Coast Regional Council	60.9%	52.2%	-8.4%
Average change %			-1.7%

\* Data collected from www.dia.govt.nz Local Authority Election Statistics 2019, and 2022

\*\* Tauranga City Council was omitted for the purposes of this comparison as they did not hold local elections in 2022.

\*\*\* This comparison does not account for Council authorities that may have changed from alphabetical ordering to random ordering of names between 2019 and 2022.