
Waitākere Ranges Local Board

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board held in the Waitākere Ranges Local Board Office, 39 Glenmall Place, Glen Eden on Thursday, 27 March 2025 at 4:00 pm.

TE HUNGA KUA TAE MAI | PRESENT

Chairperson	Greg Presland	
Deputy Chairperson	Michelle Clayton	
Members	Mark Allen	(online)
	Sandra Coney, QSO	
	Liz Manley	
	Linda Potauaine	

1 Nau mai | Welcome

Chairperson G Presland opened the meeting with a karakia and welcomed those present.

2 Ngā Tamōtanga | Apologies

Resolution number WTK/2025/19

MOVED by Member M Allen, seconded by Member L Potauaine:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whakaae / approve the request for electronic attendance from member M Allen to accommodate the member being at a place that makes his physical presence at the meeting impossible or impracticable.**

CARRIED

3 Te Whakapuaki i te Whai Pānga | Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

Specifically, members are asked to identify any new interests they have not previously disclosed, an interest that might be considered as a conflict of interest with a matter on the agenda.

The following are declared interests of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

Board Member	Organisation/Position
Mark Allen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bethells Valley Fire – <i>Life Member</i> - Waitākere Licensing Trust – <i>Trustee</i> - West Auckland Trusts Services – <i>Director</i> - Pest Free Waitakere Alliance – <i>Board Member</i> - Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Gallery - <i>Chairperson</i>
Michelle Clayton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glen Eden Residents' Association – <i>Member</i> - Glen Eden Returned Services Association (RSA) – <i>Member</i> - Glen Eden Railway Trust – <i>Member</i> - Glen Eden Community House - <i>Member</i>
Sandra Coney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cartwright Collective – <i>Member</i> - Women's Health Action Trust – <i>Patron</i> - New Zealand Society of Genealogists – <i>Member</i> - New Zealand Military Defence Society – <i>Member</i> - Pest Free Piha – <i>Partner is the Coordinator</i> - Piha Tennis Club – <i>Patron and Partner is the President</i> - Piha Wetland Trust – <i>Partner is a Trustee</i> - Huia Settlers Museum - <i>Patron</i>
Greg Presland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust – <i>Trustee</i> - Glen Eden BID – <i>Member</i> - Titirangi Ratepayers and Residents Association – <i>Member</i>

Board Member	Organisation/Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waitākere Ranges Protection Society - <i>Member</i> - Titirangi RSA - <i>Member</i>
Liz Manley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consumer Experiences Council, Te Toka Tumai Auckland, Te Whatu Ora - <i>Co-chair</i> - Clinical Ethics Advisory Group, Te Toka Tumai Auckland, Te Whatu Ora - <i>Member</i> - Titirangi Community Arts Council Board – <i>Member</i> - Titirangi Ratepayers and Residents Association – <i>Member</i> - Literacy Waitākere – <i>Board chair</i>
Linda Potauaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Henderson Rotary – <i>Member</i> - Archtists Limited. – <i>Director</i> - Glen Eden Community Patrol - <i>Member</i>

Member appointments

Board members are appointed to the following bodies. In these appointments the board members represent Auckland Council:

External organisation	Lead	Alternate
Glen Eden Business Improvement District (Glen Eden Business Association)	Michelle Clayton	Greg Presland
Aircraft Noise Community Consultative Group	Mark Allen	Liz Manley
Ark in the Park	Mark Allen	Liz Manley
Friends of Arataki and Waitākere Regional Parkland Incorporated	Michelle Clayton	Sandra Coney
Glen Eden Playhouse Theatre Trust	Mark Allen	Linda Potauaine
Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Gallery	Linda Potauaine	
Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated	Michelle Clayton	Mark Allen

4 Te Whakaū i ngā Āmiki | Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number WTK/2025/20

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Deputy Chairperson M Clayton:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whakaū / confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Thursday, 27 February 2025, including the confidential section, as true and correct.**

CARRIED

5 He Tamōtanga Motuhake | Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

6 Te Mihi | Acknowledgements

There were no acknowledgements.

7 Ngā Petihana | Petitions

There were no petitions.

8 Ngā Tono Whakaaturanga | Deputations

8.1 Deputation: Drowning Prevention Auckland Life Jacket Station Pilot - Te Henga / Bethells Beach

Resolution number WTK/2025/21

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member S Coney:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank Ants Lowe on behalf of Drowning Prevention Auckland for his attendance.**

CARRIED

8.2 Deputation: Crescendo

Resolution number WTK/2025/22

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member L Manley:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank Cat Percy on behalf of Crescendo for her attendance.**

CARRIED

8.3 Deputation: Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Gallery Inc

A PowerPoint presentation was given. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number WTK/2025/23

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member L Potauaine:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank AD Schierning and Emmy Seccombe on behalf of Te Uru Contemporary Gallery Inc. for their attendance.**

CARRIED

Attachments

- A Te Uru Contemporary Gallery Inc, Waitākere Ranges Local Board, 27 March 2025

9 Te Matapaki Tūmatanui | Public Forum

9.1 Public Forum: Lisa Er and John Carapiet, Unitary Plan precaution and protections for risks of GMOs to local communities

Resolution number WTK/2025/24

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member S Coney:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank Lisa Er and Jon Carapiet for their attendance.**

CARRIED

9.2 Public Forum: Christine Glover

Resolution number WTK/2025/25

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Deputy Chairperson M Clayton:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the presentation and thank Christine Glover for her attendance.**

CARRIED

10 Ngā Pakihi Autaia | Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

11 Waitākere Ward Councillors' Update

This item was withdrawn.

12 Local board views on draft plan change to add trees and groups of trees to the Auckland Unitary Plan Operative in Part and to the Notable Trees overlay

Resolution number WTK/2025/26

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Deputy Chairperson M Clayton:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **support the draft plan change to add approximately 169 trees and 27 groups of trees across the region to Schedule 10, and to the Notable Trees Overlay in the AUP maps being approved for consultation.**

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.9.7 Member L Potauaine requested that her dissenting vote be recorded.

13 Waitākere Ranges Local Board feedback on the proposed wastewater environmental performance standards

Resolution number WTK/2025/27

MOVED by Member L Manley, seconded by Deputy Chairperson M Clayton:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **tautoko / support the need to protect and enhance the health and mauri of Aotearoa New Zealand's different categories of waterbody.**
- b) **tautoko / support the four areas to which wastewater standards will be applied**
- c) **tautoko / support tailored treatment requirements for the seven categories of waterbody.**
- d) **tuhi tīpoka / note that the stated purpose of the proposed wastewater environmental performance standards is to set nationally consistent requirements for all public wastewater networks and operators.**
- e) **tuhi tīpoka / note the proposed wastewater environmental performance standards should actively work to improve the water quality of the waterbodies in New Zealand. Any revision to wastewater environmental standards must not be any less than are currently in place.**
- f) **tuhi tīpoka / note concern that the proposal does not provide differentiation for areas of high urban density, which will have the same standards applied as areas where population density is lower.**
- g) **tuhi tīpoka / note that the state and operation of wastewater plants in the Auckland region is better than in most other regions, but that urban growth will place significant pressures on the operation of existing plants.**
- h) **tuhi tīpoka / note concern that there is no provision for ecosystem-specific application of the standards. National wastewater standards may constrain the range of tools available to achieve appropriate environmental outcomes in different receiving environments.**
- i) **tuhi tīpoka / note concern that there is no provision for seasonal variation to wastewater discharge standards. Seasonal effects of some contaminants (nitrogen and phosphorus for example) are more pronounced in warmer weather than colder.**
- j) **tuhi tīpoka / note the lack of integration between the Water Services Act 2021 and the Resource Management Act (RMA). Wastewater standards made under the Water Services Act will prevail over the RMA. The broad framework provided by the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (and other National Environmental Standards) would then not apply to discharges managed under the Water Services Act 2021.**
- k) **tono / request that the implications of this are assessed and reported, and this information informs guidance material to support implementation of the standards.**
- l) **tuhi tīpoka / note that engaging the community is vital for the success of environmental initiatives.**
- m) **tono / request engagement with mana whenua, environmental and community groups, the rural sector, forestry and other commercial interests that have a flow-on effect.**
- n) **tuhi tīpoka / note that 35-year consent terms give council certainty for long-term wastewater management and investment planning.**

- o) tono / request the inclusion of a robust and regular review process over the 35 years to allow for changes to environmental standards where necessary in response to the pressures of climate change.**
- p) āhukahuka / recognise that 57 per cent of the public wastewater network plant infrastructure will require re consenting over the next decade and that a significant proportion of the wastewater plant infrastructure is 30-40 years old, and the current capacity is not aligned to expected population growth and urban development.**
- q) tuhi tīpoka / note that in addition to p), the current infrastructure does not have the capacity to cope with the pressures of climate change.**
- r) tuhi tīpoka / note that as a result of the 2023 Auckland Anniversary floods, the annual average flow at Mangere Treatment Plant that year was higher than regulated. Very high flow volumes can compromise the ability of the plant to cope, and result in raw sewerage being discharged into the harbour. Raw sewerage was discharged into the Manukau Harbour for a 45-minute period during the Anniversary storms. This is likely to continue to happen as one in one hundred weather events become more frequent.**
- s) tuhi tīpoka / note that vastly higher total flows due to hugely significant weather events will have a detrimental effect on contaminant loads and this needs to be closely monitored and accurately reflected in the HEMP report.**
- t) do not support setting all wastewater network overflows as controlled activity. During unplanned, uncontrolled outages of water treatment plants, the plant may be by-passed, resulting in the discharge of raw sewerage.**
- u) question the suitability of high-volume gates which can be closed to water from the central interceptor being designed on a one in one-hundred-year basis. Severe storms will happen with greater frequency.**
- v) tuhi tīpoka / note the potential for considerable capital cost if we don't build in more protection.**
- w) āhukahuka / acknowledge on-going land instability issues at the coast and along waterways which will continue due to climate change, and which may impact on receiving environments.**

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.9.7 Member L Potauaine requested that her dissenting vote be recorded.

14 Waitākere Ranges Local Board views on the draft Contributions Policy 2025

Resolution number WTK/2025/28

MOVED by Member L Manley, seconded by Chairperson G Presland:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **provide the following views on the draft Contributions Policy 2025 for inclusion in the Governing Body decision report on 1 May 2025:**
 - i) **tautoko / support the proposed changes to the Contributions Policy to assist in paying for infrastructure.**
 - ii) **tautoko / support the growth funded projects in Schedule 8 that will benefit our area, such as the Parris Park skatepark and upgrade of Koroī / Clayburn Park; and in neighbouring areas of Whau and Henderson-Massey, the planned Whau Recreation Centre and swimming pool facilities and the Northwest Aquatic and Recreation Centre.**
 - iii) **tuhi tīpoka / note that, while the Waitakere Ranges is a low growth area overall, Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson on the urban edge are experiencing rapid growth, without notable investment to improve key infrastructure.**
 - iv) **seek the addition of the following capital projects to the growth programme when it is next reviewed:**
 - A) **Glen Eden town centre regeneration**
 - B) **Glen Eden level crossing upgrade**
 - C) **Glen Eden to Sunnyvale shared path to connect residents in two growth centres to parks, facilities and services**
 - D) **Park and ride on the western line for Waitākere Ranges residents**

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.9.7 Member L Potauaine requested that her dissenting vote be recorded against a) iv) C).

15 Allocation of 2025/2026 Local Board Transport Capital Fund

Resolution number WTK/2025/29

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson M Clayton, seconded by Member L Manley:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **toha / allocate it's remaining 2025/2026 Local Board Transport Capital Fund of \$796,891 to the following projects:**
 - i) **\$250,000 to the 297 West Coast Road Pedestrian improvements.**
 - ii) **\$273,445.50 to the Parris Cross Road pedestrian improvements.**
 - iii) **\$273,445.50 Seymour Road crossing improvements.**
- b) **whakaae / approve that any cost savings from the Local Board Transport Capital Fund projects and/or any new additional funding that becomes available be applied to its active projects if they require additional funding to complete within the current three-year local board programme.**

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.9.7 Member L Potauaine requested that her dissenting vote be recorded.

16 Local board input into Auckland Council's submission on the Term of Parliament (Enabling 4-year Term) Legislation Amendment Bill

Resolution number WTK/2025/30

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member M Allen:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) tautoko / support the extension of the parliamentary term to four years in principle.
- b) tautoko / support the need for a binding referendum before any change to the parliamentary term is introduced.
- c) tautoko / support an investigation into the implications and impact of aligning local and central government elections and the other recommendations of the electoral review.

The motion was put to the vote by a show of hands and was declared EQUAL by 3 votes to 3 votes .

The Chairperson did not exercise their casting vote, so the motion was LOST

17 Auckland Council's Quarterly Performance Report: Waitākere Ranges Local Board for quarter two 2024/2025

Resolution number WTK/2025/31

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Deputy Chairperson M Clayton:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **receive the performance report for quarter two ending 31 December 2024.**
- b) **reallocate \$3,000 from the 2024/2025 Dark Sky Project (work programme ID 4442) to the 2024/2025 Event Partnership Fund (work programme ID 461).**
- c) **approve funding to the following events from the 2024/2025 Event Partnership Fund (work programme ID 461):**
 - i) **Piha Matariki community event \$1,500**
 - ii) **Oratia Matariki community event \$1,500**
 - iii) **Matariki at Arataki event/s \$5,000**
 - iv) **Te Kawerau ā Maki - matariki school artwork at Arataki \$5,000.**
- d) **Reallocate \$900 from the 2024/2025 film revenue budget to the 2024/2025 Anzac Budget (work programme ID 458) to be paid to the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association to support preparation for the Piha ANZAC Day event 2025.**

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.9.7 Member L Potauaine requested that her dissenting vote be recorded

18 Auckland Transport Kōkiri Quarterly Update - March 2025

Resolution number WTK/2025/32

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson M Clayton, seconded by Member L Manley:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the March 2025 quarterly update on the Kōkiri Agreement 2024/2025.**

CARRIED

19 Kōkiri - Setting priorities for Auckland Transport project and programme engagement

Resolution number WTK/2025/33

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson M Clayton, seconded by Member M Allen:

That the Waitakere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **request Auckland Transport to apply the following levels of engagement to the projects in the Forward Works Programme 2025-2026 (Attachment A):**

i) **Collaborate**

- A) **Footpath Glenmall Place upgrade**

ii) **Consult**

Auckland Cycling Programme

- A) **Kelston New Lynn and Kelston Cycle Focus Area**

Community Response

- B) **Great North Road midblock at-grade signalised crossing - 4165 Gt North Road near the burger king entrance/cemetery**
- C) **54 Victory Road pedestrian improvements**
- D) **Annison Avenue New Footpath - from Withers Road to Coey Place**
- E) **Atkinson Road pedestrian improvements -Near Kaurilands Domain access on Kaurilands Road**

Parking and Compliance Programme

- F) **Glen Eden Town Centre Review**

Capital Projects

- G) **National Ticketing Systems (Auckland)**

Climate & Environment Updates

- H) **Input to the AT Sustainability Strategy**

iii) **Inform**

Level Crossing Programme

- A) **Glen Eden and O'Neils Crossing**

Waitakere Ranges Slip Repairs

- B) **Monthly Updates**

Road Corridor Renewals Programme

- C) **Road Resurfacing Renewals**

D) Pavement Rehabilitation

E) Footpath Renewals

Katoa Ka Ora –Implementation – Regional -Implementation of Speed limit changes

F) Speed Reversal Updates

Public Transport Programme

G) Current public transport network in the Waitākere Ranges local board area.

iv) **Advocacy Issues**

Community Response

A) Advocate for Auckland Transport (AT) to collaborate with Greenpark Retirement Village to enhance the safety of their vehicle crossing on Glengarry Road. Additionally, support AT in investigating and implementing a comprehensive safety improvement plan for Glengarry Road, Glen Eden.

Active Modes

B) Funding for a shared path from Glen Eden to Sunnyvale.

Public Transport

C) Trialing a rural bus service (Piha) to give our residents and visitors access to public transport.

Advocate for gates at the Glen Eden Station

D) A solution to the conflict between traffic and trains at the level rail crossing in Glen Eden to manage congestion in the town centre when train frequency increases.

E) Park and Ride in Glen Eden and Sunnyvale stations – parking buildings or more levels- expansion.

Advocate for Glengarry Road Safety

F) tono / request a report on a review of the 2013 report 'Auckland Transport Glengarry Road, Glen Eden Safety and Stormwater Review', given the increase in population, recent storm events and continued accidents.

G) tono / request AT to report back on matters raised from the february 2025 meeting regarding Glengarry road.

Advocate for pedestrian improvements for Kaurilands Road

H) improve safety for the school children crossing on Kaurilands road near Atkinson road.

Advocate for Glenesk Road Safety

I) traffic calming options are investigated for Glenesk Road, Piha to encourage slower speeds to allow walkers and motorists to safely share the narrow road space in what is a popular visitor destination as well as being a well-used route for local residents to walk to the beach, parks and facilities.

CARRIED

20 Chair's Report - Greg Presland

Resolution number WTK/2025/34

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member L Manley:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive Chair Greg Presland's March 2025 report.**
- b) **tono / request staff to consider options relating to the remediation of storm affected properties acquired by Council, the best way to research and determine the best response for different parts of the local board area and also assessing the likely amount of resources required and their source to properly remediate affected areas.**
- c) **seek a report back from staff, within one month, relating to point b).**

CARRIED

Note: Pursuant to Standing Order 1.9.7 Member L Potauaine requested that her dissenting vote be recorded

21 Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance Forward Work Programme

Resolution number WTK/2025/35

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Deputy Chairperson M Clayton:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the Hōtaka Kaupapa / Governance Forward Work Programme for March 2025.**

CARRIED

22 Workshop Records

Resolution number WTK/2025/36

MOVED by Chairperson G Presland, seconded by Member L Manley:

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) **whiwhi / receive the workshop records for 13 February and 20 February 2025.**

CARRIED

23 Te Whakaaro ki ngā Take Pūtea e Autaia ana | Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

6.08 pm

The chairperson thanked members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

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CHAIRPERSON:.....