



Community Liaison Group

Date of Meeting: 28th August 2024

Attendees:

Name

Danielle Hamilton
Alistair Shanks
Angus Cathcart
Cliff Morris
Ken Turner
Sean Freeman
Anna Fomison
Sandra Jones
Liz Manley
Jason Bourhill
Belynda Groot
Katherine Muchna
Sarah Flynn
Jeremy Elley-Brown
Supun Carthelis

Affiliation/Interest

Facilitator, Watercare
Secretary
Resident
Resident
Ward Councillor
Tree Council
Waitakere Ranges Protection Society
Waitakere Ranges Protection Society
Waitakere Ranges Local Board
Waima to Langholm Pest Free
Titirangi Protection Group
Boffa Miskell
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Watercare
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Apologies:

Fiona Drummond
Amber Ewing
Mels Barton
Jessica Meurant
David Meurant
Megan Fitter
Gerald Hinton
Jacquie James
Ross Mitchell
Mark Harvey
Paul Jones
Nikhil Sursala
Tom Scott

West Auckland Historical Society
Auckland Council Environmental Monitoring
Titirangi Residents and Ratepayers
Resident
Resident
Titirangi Protection Group
Resident
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Waima to Langholm Pest Free
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Venue:

Lopdell House
Titirangi

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
1.	Introductions The members of the group, the Watercare team and the facilitator and secretary introduced themselves.	
2.	Apologies These were received.	
3.	Minutes of Meeting on 17 July 2024 These were approved as a correct record, subject to the following additions suggested by Megan Fitter by email on 25 th August: - that Mark Harvey's apologies be recorded - under General Business add the following: The tunnelling under the homes between upper Konini and Tawini Roads is being reviewed following the preferred route of a Kaurilands Road route, rather than a Shetland Road route. It was asked if Watercare had formed a position on using the Fast Track Bill for the other components and was told no decision or position had been taken. Under section 7 of the Minutes add: Mels Barton and the Titirangi Protection Group had a different recollection and understanding of when the deposit was to be made to the Biodiversity Trust.	
4.	Matters Arising from the Minutes The Group would like to see a portal/document repository set up for easy access to the various documents associated with this project and ongoing activities. Watercare reported that this will be provided, but the timing is unclear as the digital team at Watercare has a backlog of work. Watercare will facilitate the meetings for the next period of time. The idea of an independent chair could be reconsidered in the future. An update was given on the Biodiversity Trust and the timing for the \$8.25 million deposit. Section G in the Resource Consent states that Watercare must establish the trust as soon as practicable after the granting of the consent and before commencement of works but this excludes site investigations, demolition, and establishment of fences and entranceways. The consent states that the \$8.25 million is to be provided by Watercare to the trust at least three months prior to the	

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	commencement of construction.	
	A Deed of Trust has been established by lawyers Simpson and Grierson.. Trustees are still being nominated. The establishment of the trust is a work in progress and is likely to take about six months to complete.	
	The Titirangi Protection Group and Tree Council are to formally request from Watercare an understanding and update on this process.	
5.	Terms of Reference for the CLG	
	The Terms of Reference document for the CLG had been updated to include the comments from the last meeting. This had been recirculated to the Group. As no further comments were received, the document will now considered to be finalised.	
6.	Draft Ecological Management Plan and Draft Lizard Pest Management Plan	
	Copies of these plans had been circulated to the Group before the meeting. It was requested that if possible these should be sent out at least a week before the meeting.	
	Katherine Muchna from Boffa Miskell gave a presentation on the plans. The plans are draft and will be finalised after receiving feedback from the community. Written feed back should be provided to Watercare within one week.	
	The plans are for geotechnical investigations only, not for construction works. The plans are to minimise risks to native birds, bats, kauri snails, lizards and Hochstetter's frogs during the site access and borehole works for the geotechnical investigations.	
	Two slides were presented of the site showing the vegetation types, and the test areas and access tracks to them.	
	A slide was shown of the fauna management process for tree work and ground clearance. The tree work could affect birds, geckos and bats. An ecologist will check the identified trees for nests and bat roosts, and for geckos. The tree work when completed will be signed off by the ecologist. Any ground clearance could affect skinks, kauri snails and frogs. The areas to be cleared will be checked by an ecologist. Any lizards and snails found will be released to the dedicated release site. If Hochstetter's Frogs are found the works will be stopped. The ground clearing will be signed off by an ecologist once it is completed.	
	A slide was shown of the proposed lizard and snail release area. Site.pest management of this area will include for rats, mice, mustelids, hedgehogs and wasps. It was asked how long the	

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pest management will continue.

There was discussion on the access to this area off Exhibition Drive. Concern was raised about the access to the existing water solids dump area when it is used for spoil disposal during the construction works. This will be considered later when the construction works are discussed. The current proposal is only for relocating lizards and snails.

There was discussion about if several release sites should be provided. It was considered that it was better to have one site with good pest management. Also large numbers of lizards and snails are not expected to be relocated.

It was explained that any destroyed vegetation will not be used for firewood, to reduce the risk of spread of kauri dieback.

Mark Harvey had emailed Watercare outlining four items, which he requested be raised at the meeting. His items were:

- 1) There is no mention of the insects in the area and there needs to be, as well as a plan for preserving and if needed transferring rare and endangered species safely, such as the flightless wasp that has only been found in that vicinity.
- 2) For the lizard management plan - possums, cats and Argentine ants need to be mentioned as well, as both of them have been found to eat them (cats especially, both wild and domestic).
- 3) Is there going to be a native bird management plan? If not he suggests there is as well.
- 4) Is there going to be plan with the awa around nearby and that run off from under this area of land? If not he suggests there is as well.

In response to these items the following was discussed:

Item 1 The flightless wasp is parasitic, is small and hard to find and lives in the forest litter. It was considered it should not be relocated as it could contribute to spreading Kauri dieback.

Item 2 These are included in the management plan. Argentine ants are not proposed to be controlled.

Item 3 Native birds will fly away and nests will be protected, so bird management is already included in the plan.

Item 4 This plan is only for the geotechnical investigation. For the construction works there will be a sediment control plan for control of run-off.

7. General Business

Concern was raised about truck movements near Woodlands Park School. Before construction works are undertaken, Watercare will prepare a Traffic Management Plan and a

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	Construction Communications Plan and engage with the community on these matters.	
	It was asked about bird management. Birds are to be surveyed near the release site. It was asked if bird movements will be recorded.	
	It was noted that Green Bay High School students have been involved in pest control. This has been good for the students. Fiona Drummond is the contact for this.	
	It was asked about the progress on the slips close to the raw water pipes. Investigations are continuing, looking at different options.	
	It was suggested that meetings for updates on progress should be held every three months,	
	The Group were reminded that all the management plans related to geotechnical investigations are peer reviewed.	
8.	Next Meeting	
	The geotechnical investigations will be undertaken later this year. No further activities are planned this year.	
	It was suggested that the next meeting be after the geotechnical investigations are undertaken, later this year or early 2025.	