

HUTT CITY COUNCILPOARI HAPORI O ŌKIWINUI  
EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the East Harbour Women's Clubrooms  
145 Muritai Road, Eastbourne on  
**Tuesday 16 April 2024 commencing at 7:15 pm**

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**PRESENT:** B Moss (Chair) F Vickers  
M Gibbons B Spedding  
Deputy Mayor T Lewis

**APOLOGIES:** E Keddell

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Dyer  
J Kingsbury, Director, Economy and Development  
A Saker, Senior Advisor Climate and Solid Waste  
J Clarke, Advisor Waste Minimisation  
R Lemalu, Project Delivery Manager, Transport  
J Rowe, Owner Interface Manager – Tupua Horo Nuku  
P Hewitt, Head of Transport  
J Randall, Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	<i>Cease the winds from the west</i>
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	<i>Cease the winds from the south</i>
Kia mākinakina ki uta	<i>Let the breeze blow over the land</i>
Kia mātaratara ki tai	<i>Let the breeze blow over the ocean</i>
E hī ake ana te atakura	<i>Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.</i>
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	<i>A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.</i>
Tihei mauri ora.	

**2. APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED:** ( B Moss/ F Vickers)

**Minute No. ECB 24201**

*“That the apology received from E Keddell be accepted and leave of absence be granted.”*

Under Standing Order 16.1, the Chair allowed comments from residents on items not on the Order Paper.

**Robert Ashe, a representative of The Pipes Restoration Project Group** (the group), tabled a local restoration project plan to improve ‘The Pipes’/Paraoranui picnic area beyond Burden’s Gate on Pencarrow Road. He asked the Board to endorse the plan, which involved planting native plants on the site. He highlighted the popularity of the

site as a classic surfing spot. He advised the restoration project had received support from Hutt City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council and local iwi. The plan is attached as pages 9-10 to the minutes.

In response to questions from members, Robert Ashe confirmed the plants would be sourced from the 'Hem of Remutaka' restoration project and fenced to prevent damage from goats. He advised there were no immediate plans to install toilets at the site. He said the need for toilets would be assessed at a later date.

Murray Gibbons suggested installing milestones to guide visitors to the site. The Chair recommended that the group submit to Council's Long Term Plan to ask for toilets at the site.

**Helen Mulgan** said the York Bay bus stop would be inaccessible for herself and other elderly bus users if it were to be temporarily re-located 400m away as proposed. She suggested that the bus stop should remain in its current position, with cones placed to prevent vehicles from passing buses at the bus stop.

**Linda Ridle** expressed frustration about the prolonged water main works at Point Howard. She noted that the main road was still closed daily, causing inconvenience to the residents. She said the road workers' hours varied each day but with no communication with residents. She believed that an on-site project manager could help address these issues.

Council's Director of Economy and Development acknowledged concerns regarding the water main replacement project at Point Howard. He agreed to investigate and to keep the Board updated.

**Jenny Caughlay, a representative of the East Harbour Kindergarten**, said that the kindergarten had requested a raised pedestrian crossing at 99 Muritai Road in February 2024. She said the kindergarten was awaiting a response to its request.

**Joy Baird** expressed frustration at the lack of information provided to locals regarding the temporary relocation of the bus stop to Mahina Bay. She suggested using the landward bus stop at York Bay in both directions during the construction of Tupua Horo Nuku, with workers assisting people across the single lane and around the bus.

Council's Project Delivery Manager, Transport said officers were considering moving the York Bay bus stop 100m north on the seaward side and providing a temporary bus shelter. She clarified that placing the bus stop on the landward side was not feasible.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

### 4. PRESENTATIONS

#### a) Presentation: Waste management

The Senior Advisor Climate and Solid Waste shared an electronic presentation that

can be viewed here: [Waste Minimisation presentation](#). He made the following points:

- Council's waste minimisation efforts were aimed at recovering resources. New Zealand ranked third in the world for waste production per person.
- Silverstream Landfill (the landfill) was approaching capacity and required new slopes to extend its life.
- in September 2023, Council had adopted a strategic plan to manage and minimise waste. Council was working with neighbouring councils on waste management. A voucher scheme had been introduced at the landfill as part of its efforts. People could exchange vouchers for reusable items, and Earthlink representatives stationed at the landfill would check for reusable items.
- Council was seeking feedback on a proposed food and green organic waste collection service as part of its Long Term Plan. This service aimed to divert food and green waste from the landfill. By doing so, it would help extend the life of the landfill while also reducing methane emissions.
- where possible, enforcement action was taken against litter and illegal dumping. Sustainable Coastlines was funded to monitor littering on the coastline.

b) **Presentation: Tupua Horo Nuku and bird protection areas update**

Speaking under public comment, **Eddie Mills** asked for changes to the design and construction of Tupua Horo Nuku at Point Howard for better beach access. He expressed frustration with the lack of information from the Tupua Horo Nuku Alliance.

Speaking under public comment, **Bernard Gresham** expressed concern there would be poor access to Point Howard beach due to the design of the Tupua Horo Nuku path. He requested that the Tupua Horo Nuku Alliance ensure safe access and adequate car parking for beach visitors.

Eddie Mills and Bernard Gresham tabled documents attached as pages 11-14 of the minutes.

Council's Transport Project Delivery Manager offered to discuss this further with Eddie Mills and Bernard Gresham.

Speaking under public comment, **Janet Andrews** asked for clearer stencilling on Tupua Horo Nuku's path. She asked that officers replace the existing stencils with new ones that read 'Keep Left.'

Council's Project Delivery Manager for Transport agreed to the replacement of the existing stencils with new ones that read "Keep Left."

Speaking under public comment, **Ross Jamieson** expressed disappointment with the spacings between the concrete barriers on Tupua Horo Nuku. He pointed out that the gaps were too narrow for cyclists to easily move on and off the path. He asked that the construction plans be revised to allow for larger spacing to accommodate the needs of the cyclists.

Bruce Spedding explained the reason for the narrow gaps in Tupua Horo Nuku was to reduce the risk to vehicles of flipping if they caught the barriers. He said the Alliance was considering increasing the spacing on straight sections, but there was no sign of this happening. The gap remained consistently small on all sections.

John Pritchard, Construction Manager Waka Kotahi and Ryan Hammond, Communications and Engagement Advisor, Tupua Horo Nuku were in attendance for the item.

Council's Project Delivery Manager, Transport provided a verbal presentation. She made the following points:

- Council officers were monitoring traffic to ensure reasonable delay times and encouraged residents to contact officers if there were issues.
- there was currently a two-week delay in the Sunshine Bay sewer replacement project. Officers would be taking measures to minimise the disruption to residents.
- construction work on the northern end of the Whiorau to Lowry Bay section of Tupua Horo Nuku was scheduled to begin in early May 2024. The boat sheds would remain in their current location, but some bus stops might be affected during construction. Officers would be providing regular updates on any changes that might occur.
- the relocation of the Atkinson tree in York Bay and the bus stops, along with foundation work, would commence in late April 2024.
- Bay Specific Urban Designs were expected to be certified within the following weeks.
- stairs were in place at Windy Point.
- Council was leading the development of Bishop Park and HW Shortt Park bird protection areas. Invitations would be sent to residents and the Board for a walkover to discuss the placements.

Council's Project Delivery Manager, Transport agreed to share a presentation with the Boards to cover the discussed issues.

In response to a question from a member, the Director of Economy and Development stated that officers were still developing plans for the section of Tupua Horo Nuku linking Sunshine Bay to Days Bay.

c) **Presentation: Long Term Plan update**

Cr Dyer and Deputy Mayor Lewis shared an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Long Term Plan presentation](#).

5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: ( B Moss/B Spedding)

**Minute No. ECB 24202**

*"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastbourne Community Board held on Tuesday, 13 February 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record."*

7. **EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

Report No. ECB2024/2/41 by the Democracy Advisor

**RESOLVED:** (B Moss/F Vickers)

**Minute No. ECB 24203**

*"That the Board:*

- (1) *receives and notes the amended minutes of its meeting held on Tuesday, 28 February 2023;*
- (2) *agrees to the amendments as shown as track changes in Attachment 1 attached to the memorandum; and*
- (3) *adopts the minutes of its meeting held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 as a true and correct record of the meeting attached as Attachment 1 to the memorandum."*

8. **ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY CHAIR**

Memorandum dated 29 March 2024 by the Democracy Advisor

**RESOLVED:** (B Moss/ F Vickers)

**Minute No. ECB 24204**

*"That the Board:*

- (1) *notes that the Deputy Chair for the 2022-2025 triennium is selected on a rotational basis; and*
- (2) *elects E Keddell to the position of Deputy Chair from 16 April 2024 until the Board's meeting in February 2025."*

9. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Report No. ECB2024/2/42 by the Chair, Eastbourne Community Board

**RESOLVED:** (B Moss/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

**Minute No. ECB 24205**

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*"That the report be received and noted."*

10. **DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Report No. ECB2024/2/43 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (B Moss/F Vickers)

**Minute No. ECB 24206**

*"That the Board receives and notes the report."*

## 11. INFORMATION ITEM

### Greater Wellington Regional Council - Councillor update

Report No. ECB2024/2/44 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (B Moss/M Gibbons)

**Minute No. ECB 24207**

*"That the report be received and noted."*

## 12. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

### Report back from representatives for local organisations

Report No. ECB2024/2/45 by the Democracy Advisor

Speaking under public comment, **Allison Gandy, President of the Point Howard Residents' Association**, expressed frustration regarding the lack of proper programme management for water main replacement work at Point Howard. She emphasised the inconvenience and stress the residents experienced when the road was closed for nine hours per day, and the work was six weeks over schedule. She noted that the road closure schedule had been inconsistent, varying significantly from day to day. She asked for better programme management, clear communication with residents and coordination of capital works with good communication across all stakeholders in the future.

Speaking under public comment, **Anna Sutherland, Chair of the York Bay Residents' Association**, expressed concern regarding the temporary closure of the bus stop at York Bay. She stated that the proposed location of the replacement bus stop was dangerously exposed and too far for the elderly to access. She asked for better communication so that the York Bay Residents' Association could be consulted and a solution could be found together.

Speaking under public comment, **Ginny Horrocks, a representative of the Days Bay Residents Association**, expressed appreciation for the recent Community Resilience Expo held in Eastbourne. She also appreciated Council's efforts on the old caretaker's house site in Williams Park. She asked that Council adjust the placement of the 50km/hr and the 30km/hr speed signs along the bays to ensure that the traffic on both sides of the road was moving at the same speed. She also asked about progress on installing a raised crossing at Days Bay.

Council's Director Economy and Development said Council's work programme for 2024-27 included a raised crossing at Days Bay. He advised that officers were waiting for government direction before progressing the work further.

#### a) Okiwi Eastbourne - Bays Community Trust

Murray Gibbons confirmed that the Trust was running smoothly and said community grant applications would close in May 2024.

b) **MIRO**

Frank Vickers said the first stage of radio network trapping had begun, and members were waiting for a list of trap lines. He said membership was steady.

c) **Eastern Bays Climate Response Network**

Bruce Spedding was thanked for organising a successful Sustainability Expo in March 2024.

d) **Eastbourne Youth Worker Trust**

There was no update.

e) **Eastern Bays Residents' Associations**

Updates were heard from representatives of Point Howard, York Bay and Days Bay residents' associations during public comment.

f) **Wellington Region Emergency Management Office**

Bruce Spedding confirmed he would provide a Sustainability Expo report to the Board, including exhibitor and attendee feedback. He would meet with Waterloo and Epuni residents to discuss a similar event.

g) **The Historical Society of Eastbourne**

Murray Gibbons advised about a meeting with Iwi regarding the historic Eastbourne jail. He tabled a letter from the Historical Society of Eastbourne (the Society) to Council attached as page 15 to the minutes. The Society had expressed concern over the changes to a Williams Park lightbox. He advised the Society had disagreed with removing the pre-European information that had been created in consultation with Te Āti Awa. He asked for a response from the Board.

The Chair asked that Murray Gibbons arrange a meeting with the relevant Council officer, the Board, and the Historical Society of Eastbourne to discuss the matter further.

13. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

14. **CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

Unuhia!	<i>Release us from the supreme sacredness of our tasks</i>
Unuhia!	<i>To be clear and free</i>
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui	<i>in heart, body and soul in our continuing journey</i>
Kia wātea, kia māmā	<i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i>
Te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i te	<i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>
ara takatū	<i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>
Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia ake ki	<i>Good and peaceful</i>
runga	
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	
Ae rā, kua wātea!	
Hau, pai mārire.	

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.03 pm.

B Moss  
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record**  
**Dated this 18th day of June 2024**

## The Pipes Restoration Project

### The dream

To make the small area at The Pipes surf break into something beautiful over the next ten years, so our kids can have a beautiful place to surf.

### The plan

The forest will largely recover by itself, especially when the goats and possums are controlled. Until that happens, we have an achievable plan to:

- Plant a number of goat-protected amenity trees at the main picnic area.
- Visit regularly to keep the sites free of litter.
- Control any invasive weeds nearby.
- Advocate for the area and respect for it (it's highly vulnerable to fire).



An aerial image of The Pipes picnic area in the thin strip of land owned by HCC.

### The who

Robert Ashe, Hugh Walcott, and Dion Howard are up for the challenge. A few more committed people would be ideal.

### Required resources

We'll need permission from the landowner, Hutt City Council, to work on their land. We'll provide our own hand tools and PPE to do the work. Robert can eco-source appropriate native seedlings for the winter planting. We'll need protection for the new plantings. Vehicle access for the first planting would be helpful.



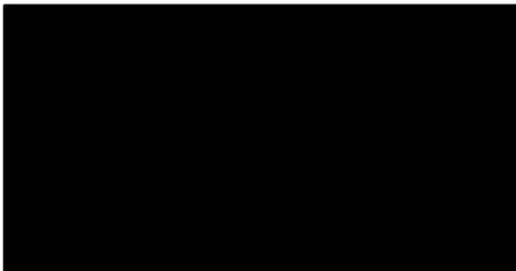
The Pipes at its best. You can count on one hand the days of the year like this.

For people who live along Muritai Road, you know the surf's up when you hear a chorus of mopeds at full throttle heading south early in the morning.

Before European settlement of the Bays, the Pipes were known as Paraoa-nui, as recorded by Elsdon Best. Middens, ovens, and artifacts were discovered here as part of a likely fishing village, recorded in 1956. The site was subsequently destroyed by the earthworks for the sewage project in the 1960s. Best recounts: "Ati-Awa attacked the local people (Ngati Kahungunu and Ngati Ira) at Parawanui (or Paraoa-nui) and drove them away to Wairarapa." The name means 'large sperm whale'.

[\[Source\]](#)

Contacts:



Cover Note for Eastbourne Community Board meeting  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

My name is Eddie Mills ,my wife and I have been residents of Point Howard for over 50 years ,have been active in the community filling a number of rolls.

I have been a summer time PH beach user most years swimming on most warm/hot afternoons .

The beach is well used by locals from both PH and other parts of Eastbourne ,also lots of people from the Hutt Valley and hill suburbs, I have come across people from Island Bay WadesTown ,Silverstream.

I have recently made the acquaintance of an ad-hock group of PH beach users who have made a number of approaches to the organizers of the Walk/cycleway around the bays regarding the Point Howard portion

The "Alliance " seems to be the amalgamation responsible for the design and construction on behalf of The Greater Wellington Region Council and The Hutt Valley Council.

The result to date has mainly been an unwillingness to compromise or adept in any way ,

My reason for being here tonight is to ask for your help in obtaining a reply from the above three ,that goes beyond Thank you we will get back to you I will leave with you a copy of correspondence that was sent on the 25th March to the Walkcycle Way Project Team "Alliance " requesting some feed back on our suggested compromise for the western end of the PH Potion of the construction.





Good Afternoon Ryan ,Rona,and Jamie

Re the shared Walkway,Cycle way Project team

**Please see attached letter** signed by three people who

represent a number of other concerned users

of Point Howard Beach

also attached a slightly modified image of the western end of

PH beach ie the section that falls into Centre Port area that has

not not been finalized .

Plus an image that clearly demonstrates the difference between parallel and angle parking

Please reply to my self and Bernard Gresham

Regards

Eddie M Mills

Letter to.jpg

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## SUBMISSION RE TUPUA HORO NUKU EASTERN BAYS SHARED PATH

Attention: Ryan, Rona and Jamie

The Shared Path is a given. The section along Point Howard Beach to the headland will be used for beach access by more than 1000 beach users over a year – many multiple times, some over 100 times.

Beach users need parking and want safe access on their “beach access track”.

**PARKING**

The parking places on both sides of the Marine Drive are premium sites.

We would like to explore, with you, the possibility of a straight line shared path outside the Marine Reserve Zone from the rear of the bus shelter to the shared path crossing at the access to the CentrePort area -or at least past the current parking area. Please consider the attachment.

In our view Pohutukawa roots are not good companions of shared paths or rock revetment. Also little penguins could be happily relocated away from humans, dogs and vehicle threats.

Retention of the new worksite parks should be modified and retained.

Dialogue with CentrePort should be progressed so that former multiple sites in the site area, and more, are available to beach users when the current development is completed.

**SAFETY**

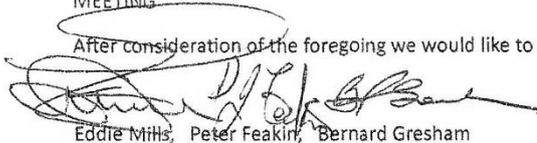
Safety features need to be included from the entry to the CentrePort area through to the beach access steps. The closer these steps are to the bus shelter the better because the highest risk is from the pedestrian crossing to the beach access steps. We have thoughts to share regarding resource consents.

To protect those on this section of the Shared Path, and those on the beach, a roadside barrier (currently the Armco) from the crossing to just east of the steps is very important. The barrier will also deter individuals from jay walking or being careless or spooked whilst sharing the path.

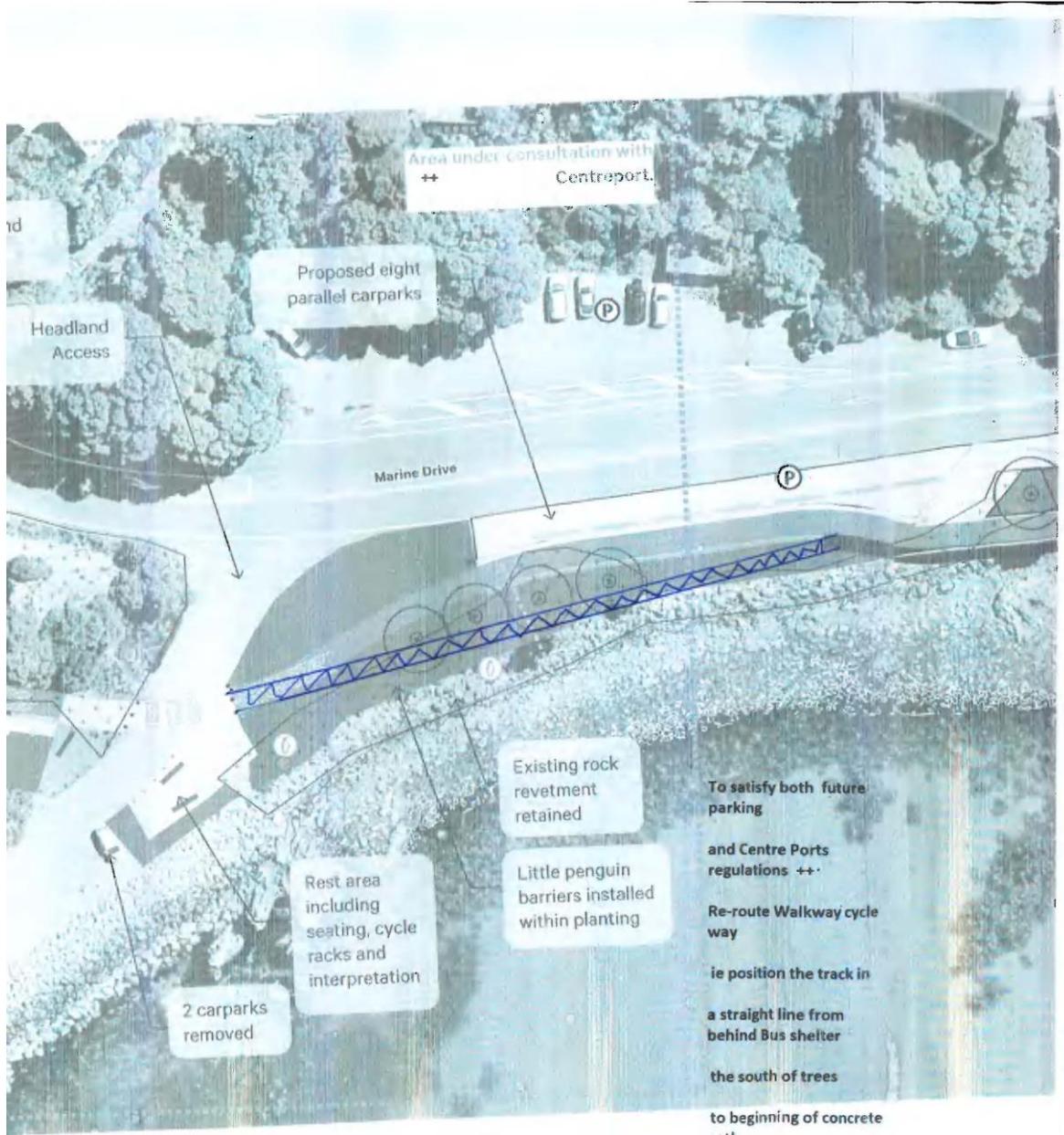
Prominent cautionary signs at both ends of the “Beach Users Track” would moderate users on wheels.

**MEETING**

After consideration of the foregoing we would like to meet you again to discuss possibilities.



Eddie Mills, Peter Feakin, Bernard Gresham



Jodie Mills 021376170 March 2024

To satisfy both future parking and Centre Ports regulations ++

Re-route Walkway cycle way

ie position the track in a straight line from behind Bus shelter the south of trees to beginning of concrete path behind rock





DRAFT (JS 15/4/24)

reply to Hutt City Council letter from [joshua.Ambler@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:joshua.Ambler@huttcity.govt.nz)

Re: historical information displays in Williams Park Days Bay

Tena koe Joshua and thank you for your letter of 5 April 2024 advising us of proposed changes to the historical display at Williams Park.

I do note that you start by expressing your interest in “revamping” the lightbox display. But it emerges later that you are actually proposing to remove it entirely, replace it with a different structure and then maybe put the information from the lightbox somewhere else at a later date.

Your letter provoked a useful discussion at our committee meeting today. Among those present were members who knew about the origin of the current lightbox text. That text was written some years ago by Don Long, a Days Bay historian. Don has emphasised to us that the panel on the pre-European presence in Days Bay was written in full consultation with Mana Whenua, including Te Atiawa. Don’s own research on the subject has found no evidence that Te Atiawa were ever in Days Bay.

We very much support your idea for a “four-sided contemporary pou figure reflecting the people who have occupied the area” and feel it would enhance the knowledge and understanding of visitors to the park (which is after all the aim of the structure). The various options for the shape of the pou are appealing and merit further exploration with a wider audience.

However we do not see why the installation of the pou requires total removal of the information on the lightbox. Rather, it offers an opportunity for an innovative bicultural solution. It would be totally appropriate to place a contemporary pou on the current site, and design it so that the information on the four sides summarises and complements that presently offered. The vague suggestion that the “current wording” in the lightbox is “likely” to be placed “elsewhere” indicates that a new location has not been incorporated in the redevelopment planning.

We would be very pleased to be involved in the creation and verification of the historical material in the new display proposal, and would be happy to meet your designer on site and talk through the various options.

Please keep us in the communication loop. Sincerely *HSE President*