

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Workshop Record

Workshop record of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board held at the Waitākere Ranges Local Board office, 39 Glenmall Place, Glen Eden, Auckland on Thursday, 27 June 2024, commencing at 12.45pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson: Greg Presland
Members: Michelle Clayton
Mark Allen
Linda Potauaine
Liz Manley
Sandra Coney

Apologies:

Also present: Adam Milina, Brett Lane, Natasha Yapp, Nataly Anchicoque and Rebecca Winham

Workshop Item	Summary of Discussions
Local Parks Management Plan - Options to progress the plan Jessica Morris, Service and Asset Planning Siri Chandana Venugopal, Service and Asset Planning Kiri Le Heron, Team Leader Service and Asset Planning 12.45pm – 1.45pm	Staff led the discussion on options for progressing the local parks management plan with mana whenua seeking the Board's direction.

The workshop concluded at 1.45pm.

Waitākere Ranges Local Parks Management Plan

Approach to mana whenua engagement

27 June 2024



Purpose

- Recap on the project to date
- Discuss context of the heritage area
- Discuss approaches to mana whenua engagement
- Identify next steps



Process for developing the plan



Note: key decisions for local board in blue

*As required for some classifications and all reclassifications under the Reserves Act 1977

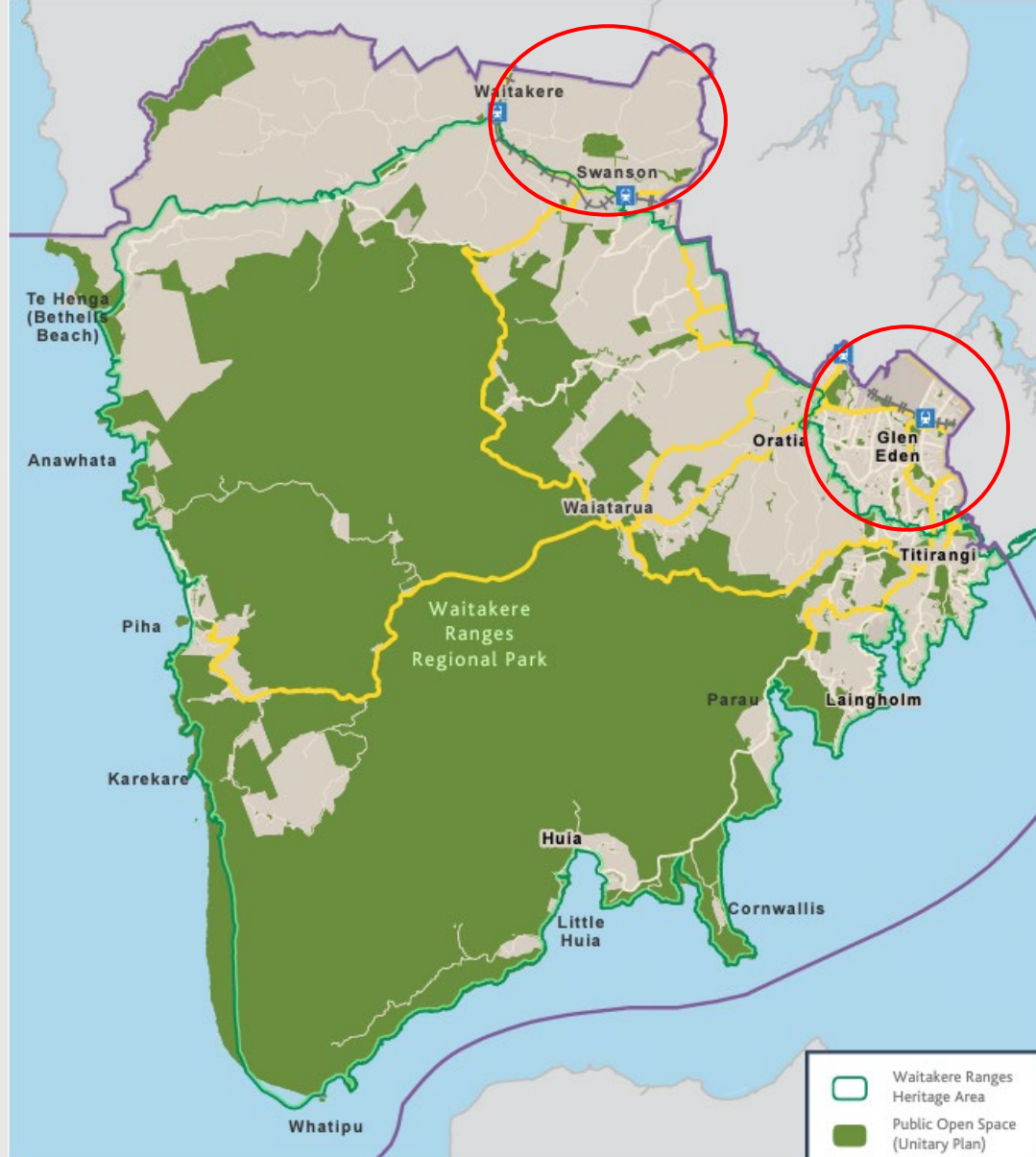


Timeline of the plan to date

Date	Action
FY 2022/2023	Local board approved the local parks management plan project as part of their work programme.
April 2023	Project commenced with the land status review work.
June 2023	Local board workshop to introduce the project and discuss next steps including preparing for the first round of public consultation.
August 2023	Staff attended the Parks and Community Facilities Mana Whenua Engagement Forum to introduce the project and discuss the preferred approach to engagement. Introductory email sent to mana whenua.
September 2023	Local board workshop to discuss the first round of public consultation.
October 2023	Staff attended the Te Kawerau Iwi Tiaki Trust representatives and Auckland Council hui. Local board approved public notification of their intention to prepare the plan.
November 2023	Staff advised the local board to delay the first round of public consultation planned for November/December pending further discussion with mana whenua on a co-design approach.
March 2024	Staff met with Te Kawerau ā Maki to discuss their concerns and explore opportunities to work together.
April/May 2024	Staff developed approaches to mana whenua engagement in the context of council progressing a Deed of Acknowledgement and exploring the request for a forum for the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area.
June 2024	Local board workshop to discuss approaches to mana whenua engagement.



Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area



- Heritage area established by the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act (WRHAA)
- Waitākere Ranges local parks are mostly within the heritage area, except urban Glen Eden and Swanson
- WRHAA requires council to have particular regard to the purpose and objectives of this Act when acting under the Reserves Act
- Provides for Deeds of Acknowledgement, namely with Te Kawerau ā Maki and Ngāti Whātua, to identify opportunities to contribute to the management of council land, such as local parks
- Council must also provide opportunities for Te Kawerau ā Maki and Ngāti Whātua to contribute to the decision-making processes of council in its implementation of the Act
- Local board and Planning, Environment and Parks (PEP) Committee have requested:
 - progress on a Deed of Acknowledgement
 - advice on the formation of a WRHA Forum.



Council process for mana whenua engagement

Statutory context

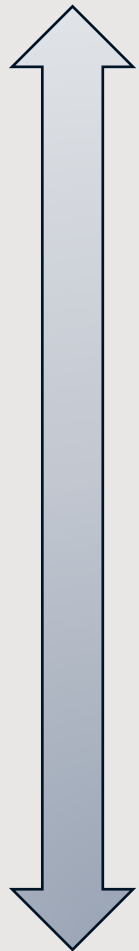
- Reserves Act:
 - subject to First Schedule of Conservation Act – must give effect to principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi
 - engagement is a means to achieve the principle of informed decision-making
- Local Government Act:
 - facilitate Māori participation in council decision-making processes
 - consider the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water, sites, wāhi tapu, valued flora and fauna, and other taonga.

Mana whenua

- Over the entire Auckland region, the council recognises the interests of 19 mana whenua groups
- For engagement processes, council will initially contact those mana whenua groups who expressed rohe and customary interests overlay a project area
- The Waitakere Ranges Local Board area overlaps with the expressed rohe of at least seven mana whenua groups, based on council's current mapping.



Spectrum of Māori engagement



ENGAGE	Auckland Council will seek Māori feedback and input on draft proposals. Auckland Council will ultimately decide. Auckland Council will keep Māori informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how their input influenced the decision.
COLLABORATE	Auckland Council and Māori will work together to determine the issues/ problems and develop solutions together that are reflected in proposals. Auckland Council will involve Māori in the decision-making process, but Auckland Council will ultimately decide.
PARTNER / CO-DESIGN	Auckland Council and Māori will partner to determine the issue/problem, to design the process and develop solutions. Auckland Council and Māori will make joint decisions.



Approaches to engagement

No.	Spectrum of engagement	Approach	Description
1	Engage	Mana whenua invited to participate in local board workshops	Local board invites mana whenua to participate in scheduled workshops to develop a draft plan. Mana whenua can request to meet with staff / local board chairperson at an alternative time.
2	Collaborate	A joint working group of mana whenua and local board members	Local board appoints a working group to develop a draft plan. Local board retains decision-making.
3	Partner / co-design	A committee of the local board with mana whenua and local board members	Local board appoints a committee to develop a draft plan and delegates decision-making for one or more of the following: a) reserve classifications b) consultation on the draft plan c) hearing process d) approval of the final plan.
4	N/A	Project is deferred until mana whenua and council have resolved WRHAA commitments	Local board defers the project for one year until FY2025/2026 while council and mana whenua progress a Deed of Acknowledgement and explore a Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Forum.

Impacts and risks

Mana whenua

- Preference for a co-design approach following progress on WRHAA commitments
- Opportunity for further research on cultural heritage values to inform the plan

Timeframe

- Local board capacity outside workshop schedule
- Following elections the forum chosen may need to be reestablished

Budget

- Additional costs for resourcing engagement
- Cost of cultural heritage assessment

Risks

- Community expectation that the plan will progress



Potential next steps

- Contact mana whenua and discuss their preferred approach to engagement / involvement in the project, and the potential to defer the project
- Discuss mana whenua feedback with the local board

