

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū
Banks Peninsula Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Monday 12 April 2021
Time: 10am
Venue: Lyttelton Community Boardroom,
25 Canterbury Street, Lyttelton

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Tūi New Entrant Class,
Governors Bay School,
1 Jetty Rd,
RD1 LYTTTELTON 8971

August 2020

The Heritage and Reserve Teams
Christchurch City Council,

Dear Brendan Smyth,

We have been learning about Hilda Frame at school.
She was born exactly 120 years ago on 23rd August 1900.
She looked after over 100 children in Governors Bay for over 50 years as their foster mother, she is well remembered by older people in the bay. She was even given a medal (B.E.M). She planted all the trees that stand on the reserve.
She died almost 40 years ago on 18th March 1981 and she gave her home and garden to the children of Governors Bay, then it was Mount Herbert County Council, her cottage became a preschool.
built.
This year the C.C.C. have built a skate bowl right by where her old cottage once stood (this was originally the stables for an existing historic house called Ellerslie).

We went and had a look at the "Frame Reserve" and made sketches of it, we hope you like them. (see attached). We were very surprised that this reserve does not have a sign like other reserves do!

Please will you put a memorial plaque with a sign about Hilda Frame at the Frame Reserve and put it up so everyone who goes there knows about her?
We attach photos of Miss Frame and her cottage. These are kept in the old 1868 Governors Bay School. Thank you for looking at this and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

The Terrific Tūi Team: Alex, Alexia, Anouk, Arthur, Ashton, Bella, Cleo, Finn, Heidi, Lucy, Murdoch, Sylvan, Tom, Zoe G, Zoey S and Mrs Rossie.

Korimako Class
Governors Bay School
1 Jetty Road
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Tuesday 1st September

Mr B.Smyth
Christchurch City Council Heritage Team
53 Hereford Street
Christchurch Central
Christchurch 8013

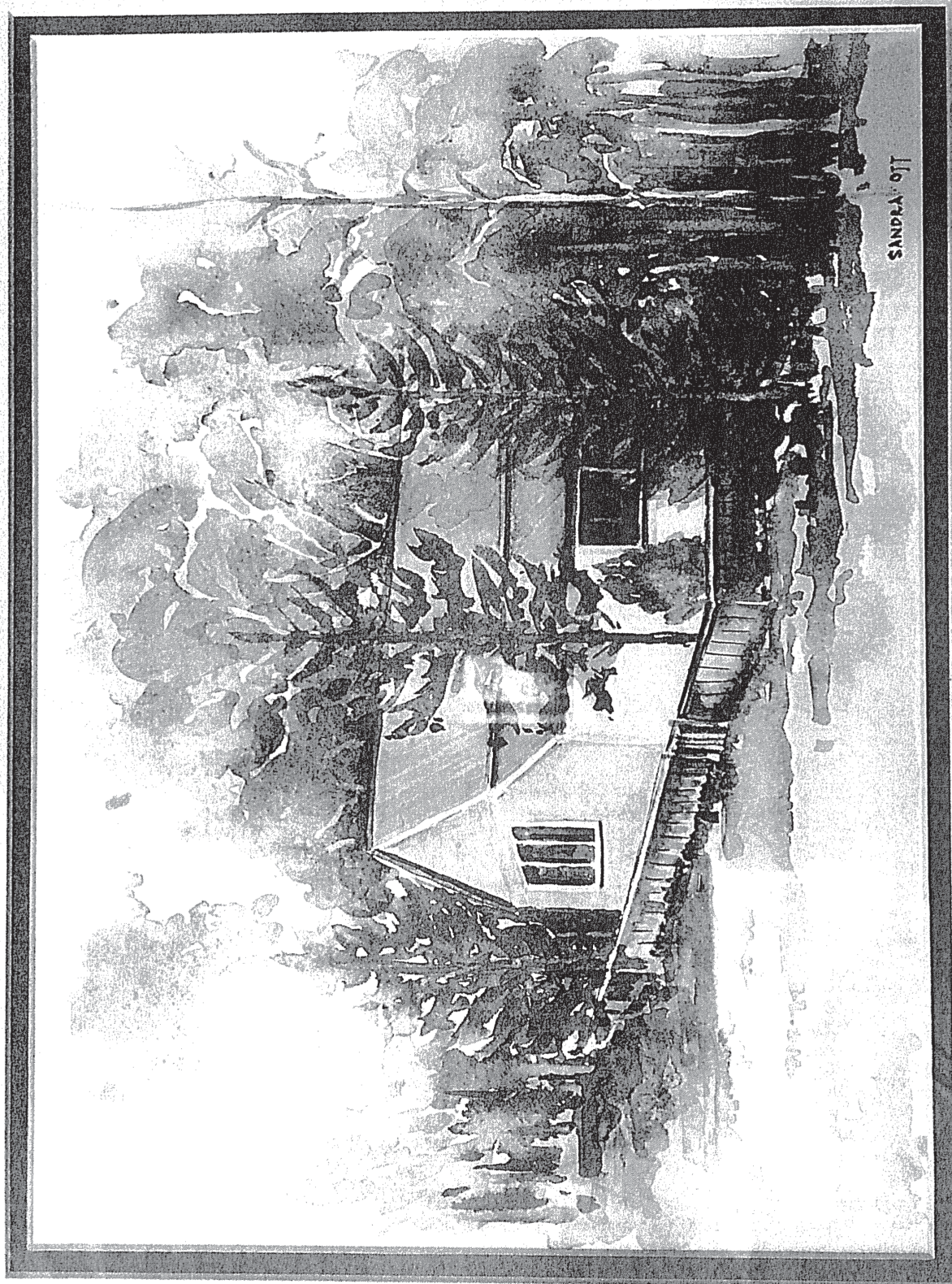
At Governors Bay School the junior children have been learning about what makes our community special. We discovered that the reserve with the our community centre, swimming pool, skatepark and playground is actually part of 'The Hilda Frame Reserve'. None of the Juniors knew this until now because there isn't a sign. We believe it is important that there is a sign so that locals and visitors know that it is a special reserve and was given to the council by Hilda Frame. People might then want to learn and find out more about the amazing things she did in the community. Could we please have a sign?

We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Korimako



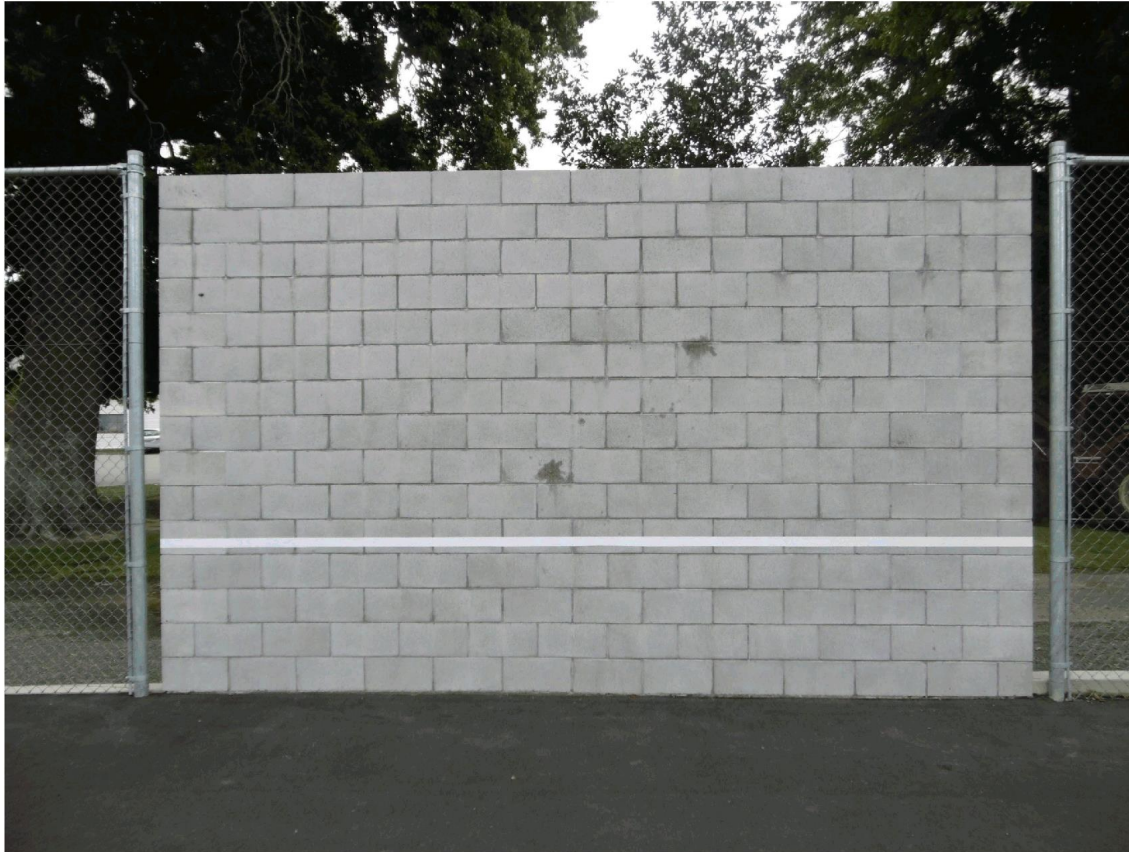


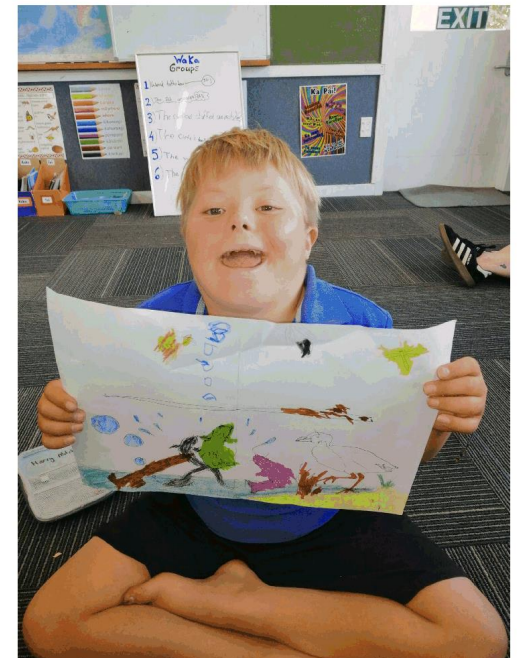


Tennis Court Mural Process

Little river 2021









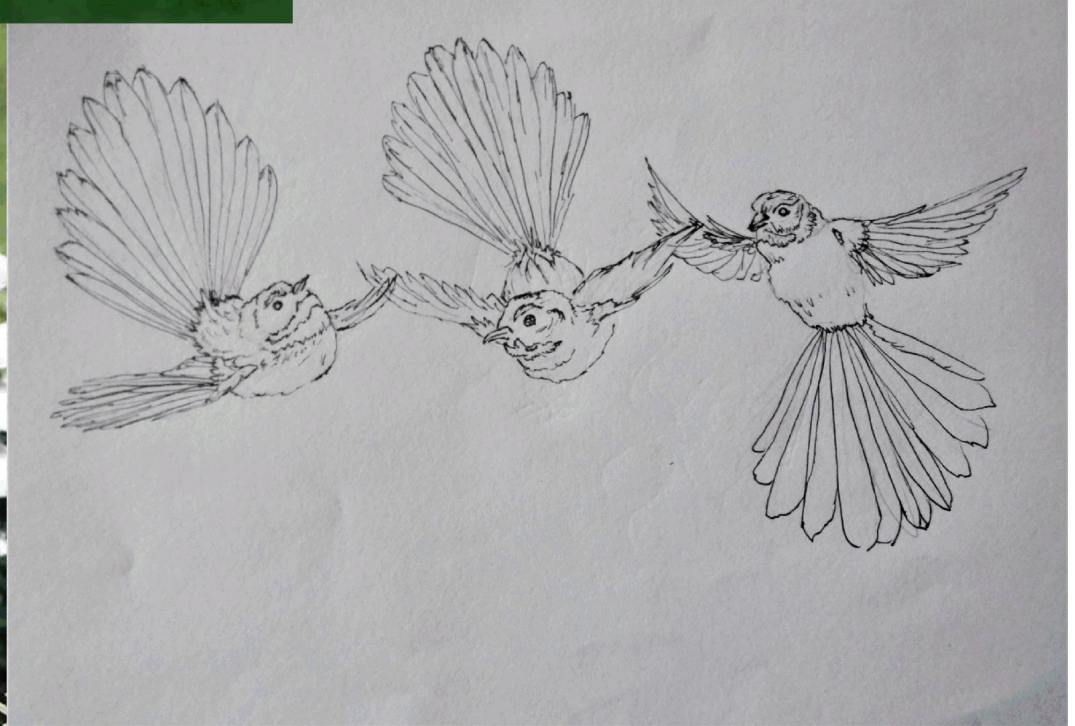
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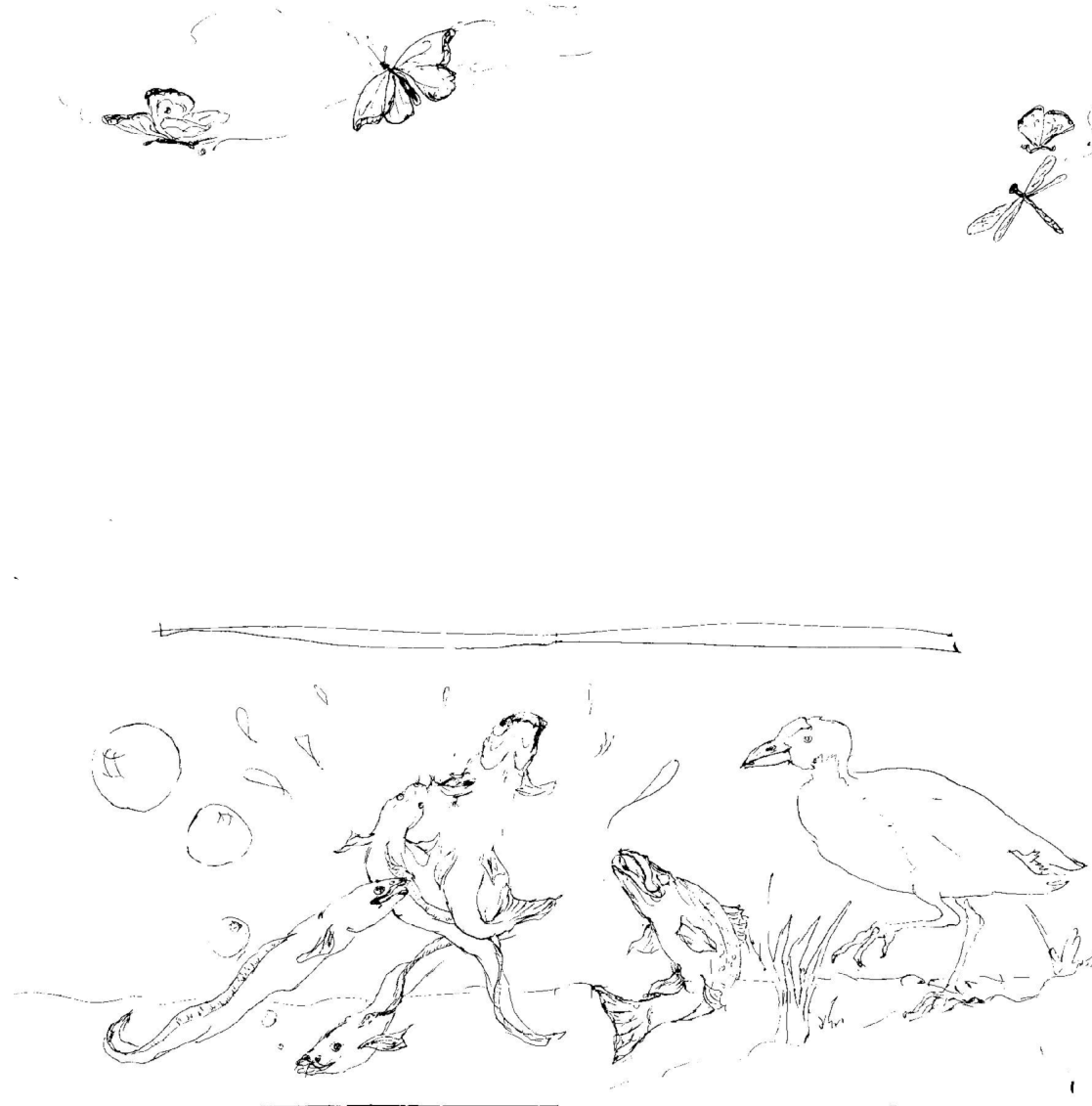




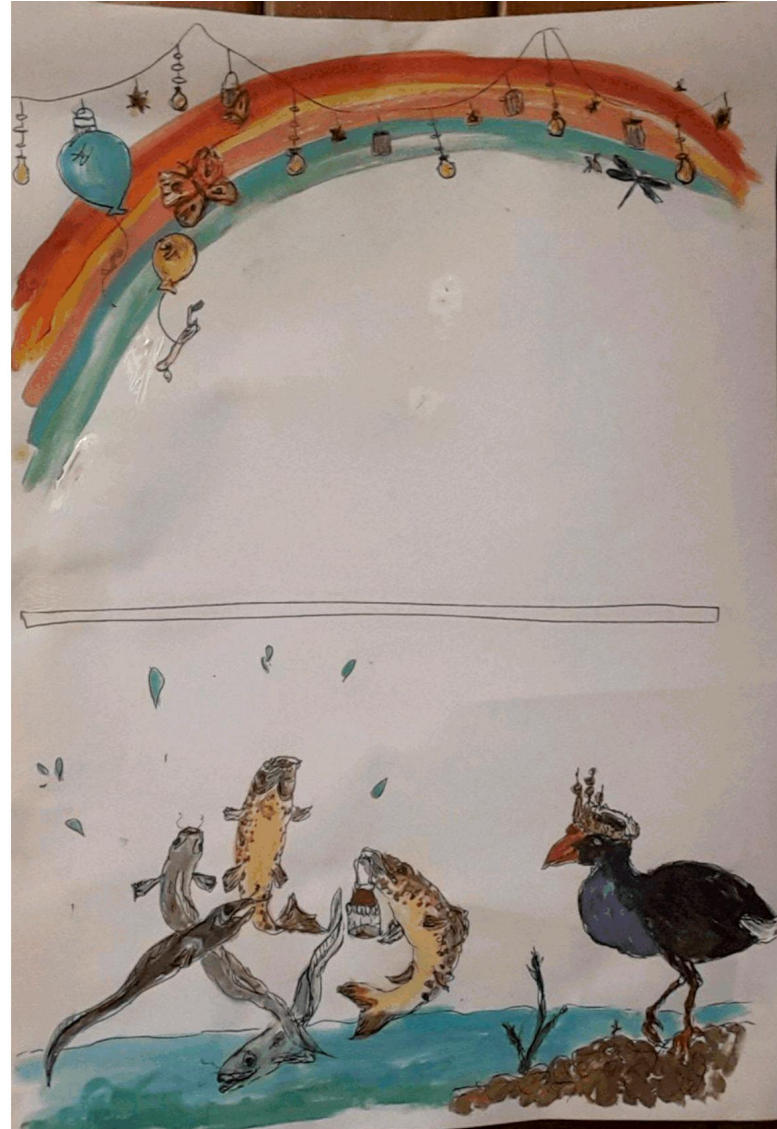














Dates

May 3 - 7th (base coats)

May 8th or 9th (open day - organised by wairewa community trust committee)

.tree planting - weeding working bee - base colours go on - tea or
sausage sizzle?

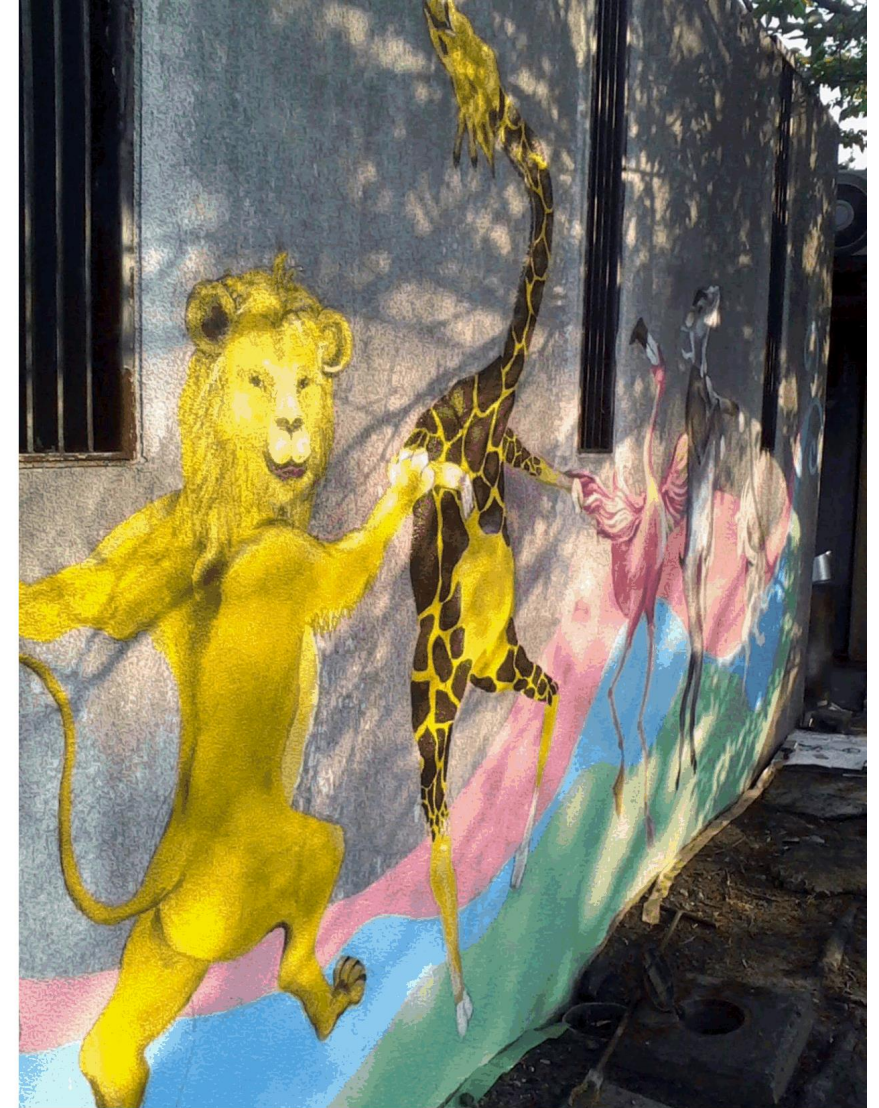
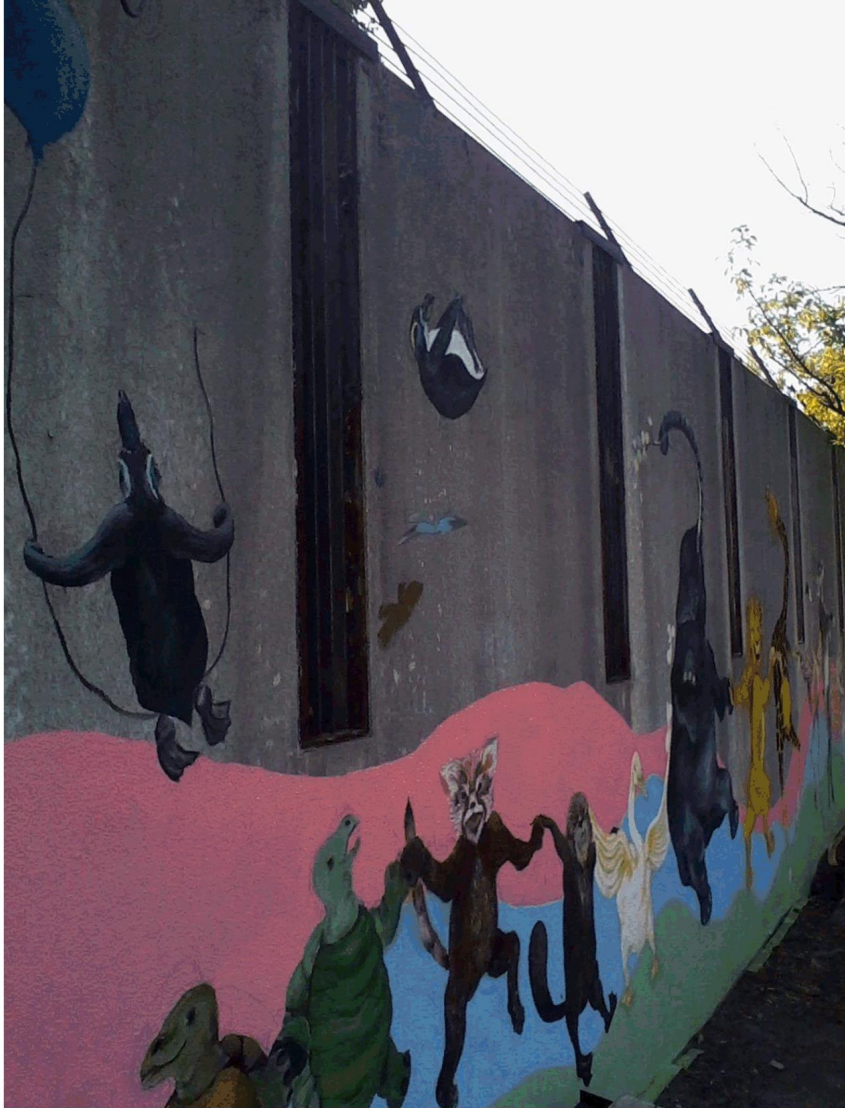
May 10th - 21st - painting on school days - opportunity for Tara and Maitai children
to visit see process and talk

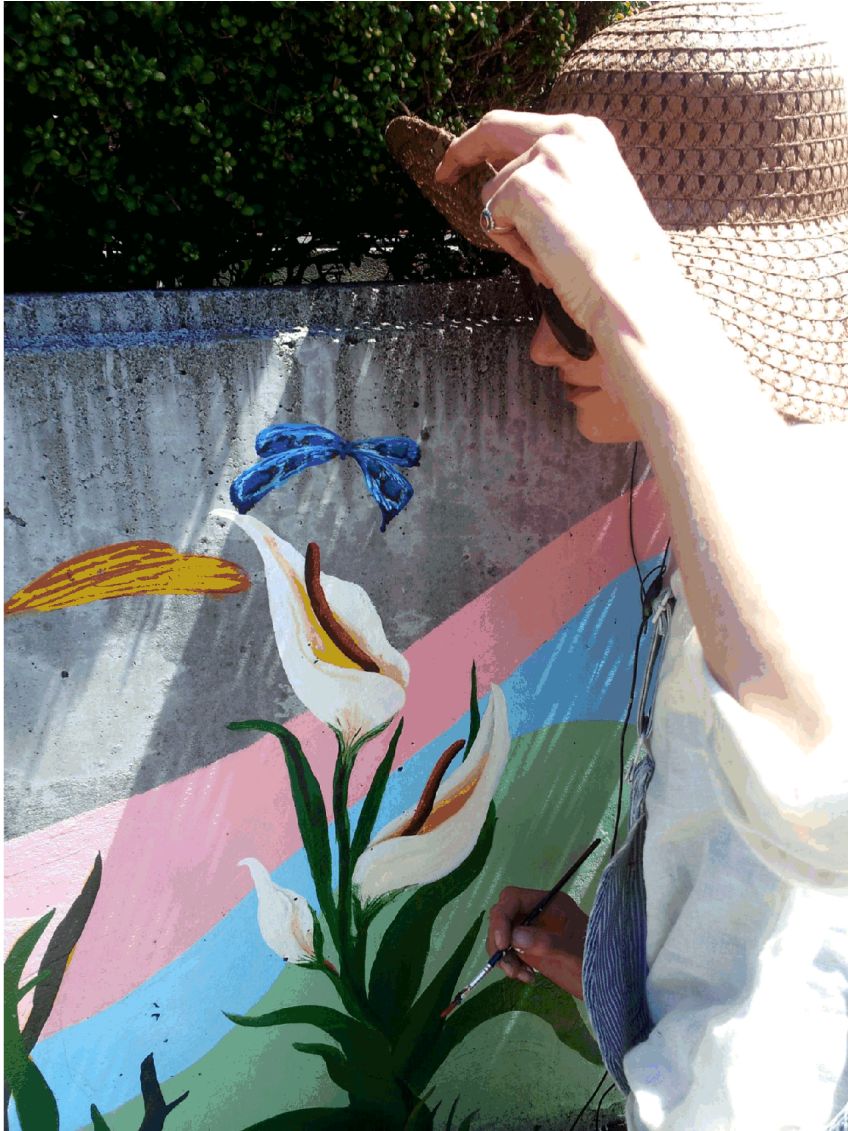
(May 24th = afternoon tea with children and parents as a final closure of project)







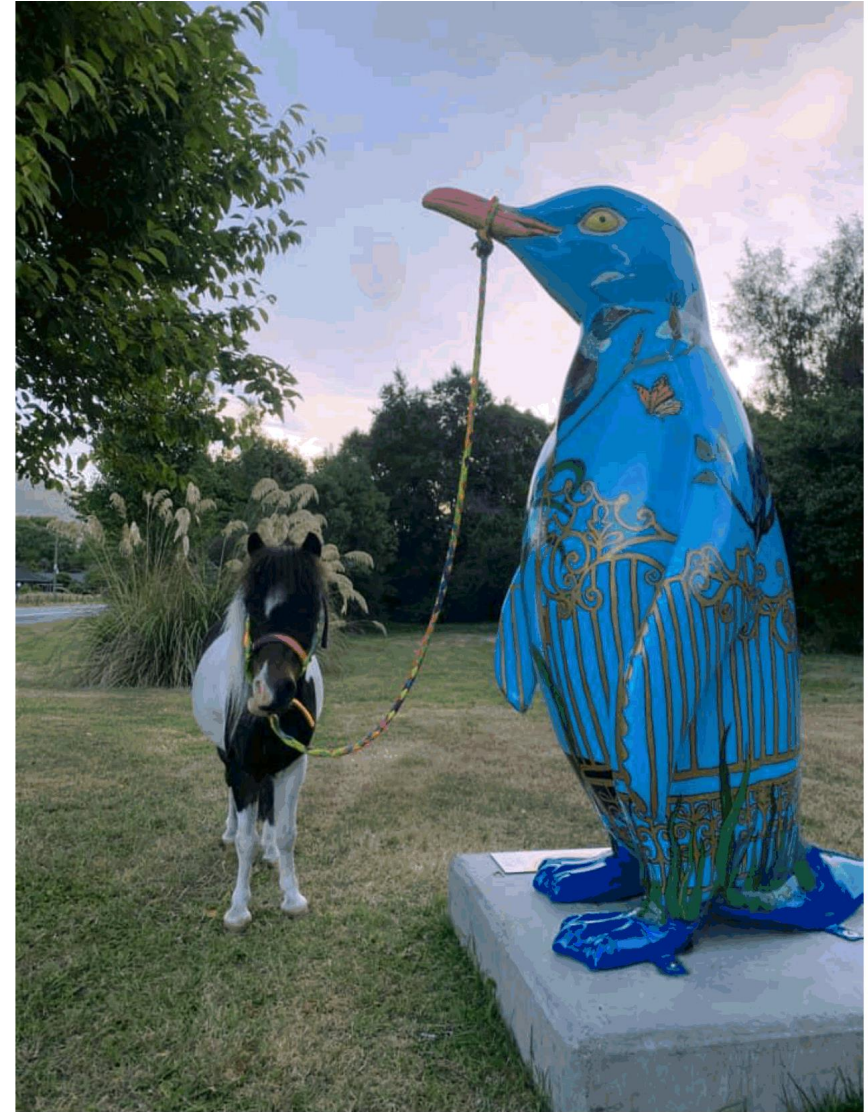




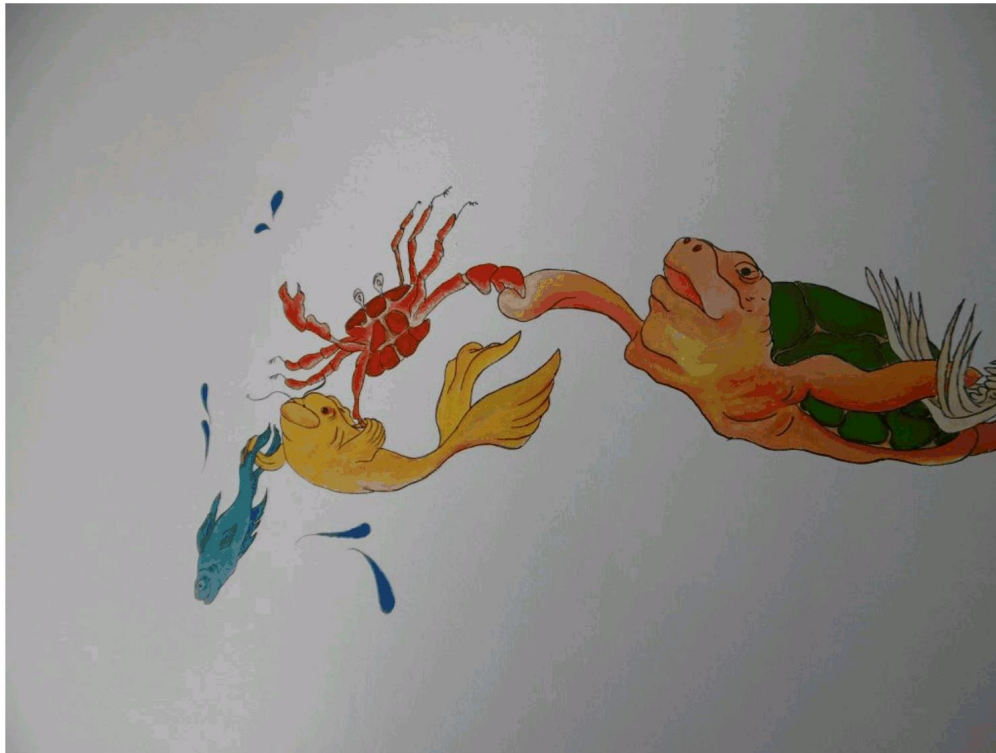














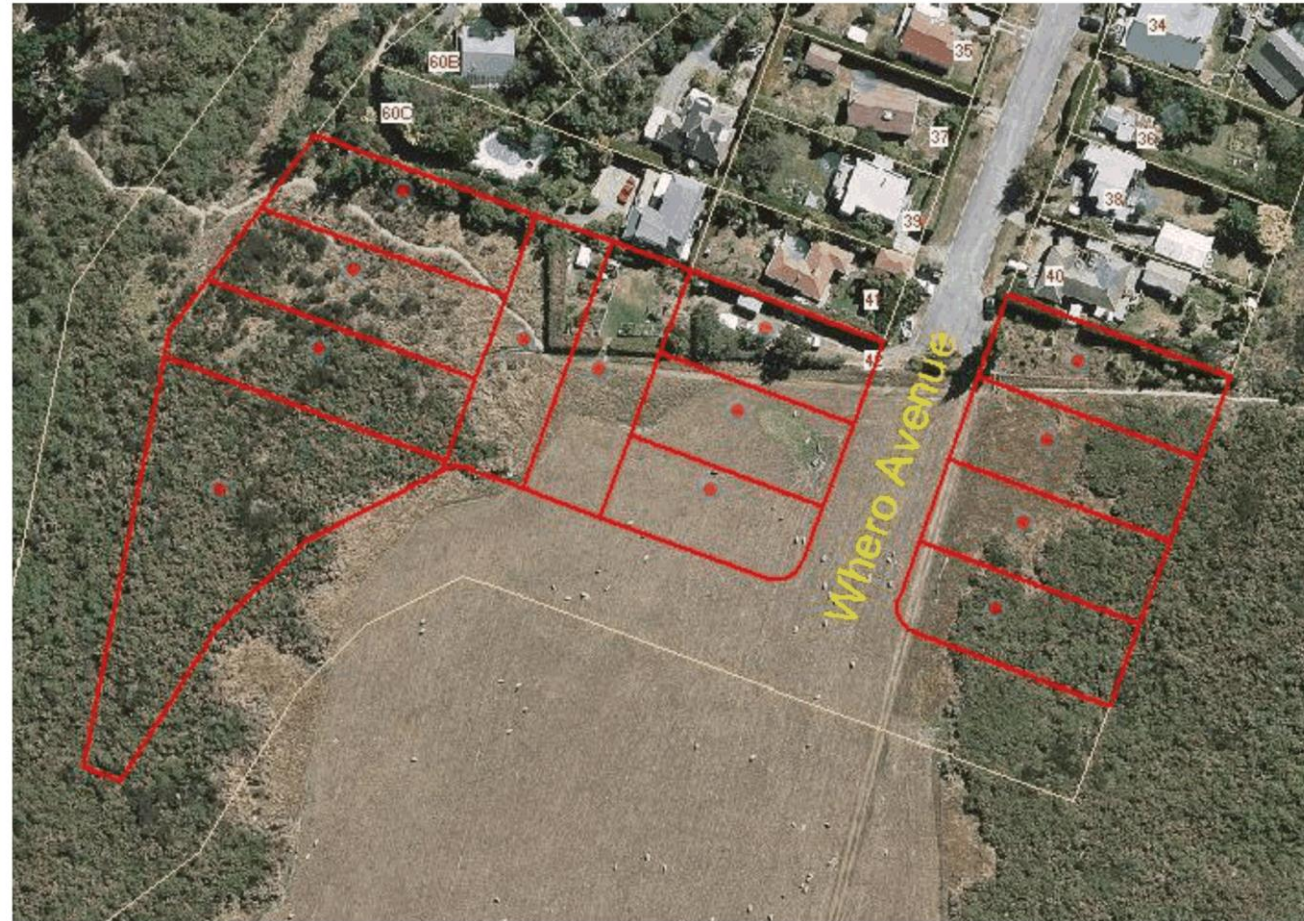
Diamond Harbour Land Disposal

CCC Long-Term Plan April 2021

27 Hunters Road



42 Whero Avenue



Problems with the process

- Previously made a strategic asset by the Community Board in 2019
- LTP Submission process is inadequate to take into account the range of community views and complex issues.
- The current process does not adequately meet the requirements of Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 (Principles of consultation).
- No opportunity for community input at the subdivision stage
- Any future decisions to proceed with the sale of the land should be made by the Council on the recommendation of the Community Board.
- The two pieces of land should be withdrawn from the 'Potential disposal of Council Land' in the LTP.

The complex issues

- The Gullies are not yet protected. They should be reserves
- Boundaries are unworkable. Areas are occupied by private gardens.
- Protection of the school track
- Future expansion of the school
- Vehicle access (Ngatea Road and Whero Ave are difficult)
- Infrastructure upgrade needed
- Phasing of the sale in separate parts?
- Multiple potential uses – not just standard housing subdivision

Pam Richardson An unfair rate - 12th APRIL 2021.

How would you react to a new proposed targeted rate where you suddenly found you were receiving a rate account based on capital value of your property – for \$13,000.

- Rural ratepayers are in danger of suffering big rates increases over the next three years. This is because the Council wants to extend its land drainage targeted rate beyond properties, currently serviced by its land drainage infrastructure - stormwater drainage and flood protection, to all properties in the district regardless of whether there is any service to those properties.
- There will be no additional spending on land drainage – all the change will do is cut the existing cake differently, shifting a little bit of the rates burden off urban ratepayers but causing a major shift onto remote rural properties.
- The Council will apply the rate set on capital value. In 2021/22 people not currently serviced will be charged 33% of the serviced rate and this will increase to 67% in 2022/23 and 100% in 2023/24. This means owners of high value properties, like farms, will very quickly pay much, much, more than typical urban residents who are fully serviced. The transparency is appreciated but a targeted rate should reflect the benefit derived.
- To illustrate, a farm with a capital value of \$2.5 million currently unserved will go from not paying the land drainage rate to paying \$340 in 2021/22, \$680 in 2022/23, and \$1,020 in 2023/24. If your farm is valued at \$5 million you can double those amounts. If you have a \$26m property and there are several large properties today, you will pay \$13,000. By contrast a typical urban residence (average capital value of \$508,000) will pay around \$210 each year.
- This will be a big hit to farmers' rates. - the Council says in its consultation paper that a typical rural property will have an overall rate increase of 5.8% in 2021/22, compared to 5.0% for an average urban resident. This is misleading as it assumes the typical rural property already pays the land drainage rate. Very few pay the rate so for most the actual increase they will face will be at least 10% with further big increases over the following two years.

The process

- There appears as there was no pre-consultation either formal or informal on the proposed change. This was despite the issue being identified when I was the Chair of the Banks Peninsula Community Board.
- It is unclear if the Banks Peninsula Community Board was aware of the implications of the proposed change. I would have thought that there should have been a special briefing seeing the impacts were so major and covers a wide area - maybe 90,000 ha.
- There are many issues around the consultation document and in a letter that has only recently been sent to landowners. The letter does not include any reference to 'how much' and suggests farmers should go elsewhere to find the answers - with a link to the CCC website.
- The consultation document and letter to landowners did not include a map showing the affected properties. It relied on a GIS map available through the Council's website – this is not useful for many remote rural people who do not have great internet connectivity.
- The consultation document only included the City Council's preferred option and did not raise alternative options. The letter provided two options .
- The City Council belatedly written letter to affected property owners informing them of the proposal and two alternative options did not provide any information on the rates impact of the change - targeted rate of 0.013602 cents per dollar of capital value.

The engagement process on this proposed change has not been thought through and should have been done a lot better.

You will have to wait for the North Canterbury Federated Farmers submission for further info.

North Canterbury Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to explore options with the Christchurch City Council at the hearing for our submission.

From the Consultation document.

Land drainage targeted rate

We want to change who pays the land drainage targeted rate to better reflect the population that benefits from the Council's land drainage work. This rate funds the operating costs of the Council's stormwater drainage and flood protection and control works. Now the only ratepayers who have paid this rate have been those with properties in the 'serviced area' – all the developed land within the district or where there is a land drainage service. The rate is calculated as a number of cents per dollar of capital value. However, because these services enable all of us to get around more easily without surface flooding and make our city a pleasant place to live, we think all of Christchurch benefits from these works. To make things fair, we want to move to all ratepayers meeting this cost over the next three years. The other option would be to leave the way we charge this rate unchanged, but we don't think this is fair to all ratepayers. If we don't make this change, we'd need to consider expanding the way we measure developed land, which we haven't always rated consistently. We'd also need to expand the way we measure the 'serviced area' to cover the full range of land drainage services such as swales, wetlands, river clearing and flood protection – not just stormwater pipes. We're proposing that ratepayers who already pay this rate will continue to do so, but the cost will be shared across all ratepayers. The remaining ratepayers who haven't been paying this rate would now start paying this rate, starting at 33 per cent of the full targeted rate for 2021/22. This will increase to 67 per cent of the full rate for 2022/23 and reach 100 per cent for 2023/24 onwards. This will better share the cost over all ratepayers. You can see which properties are in what category on the map at [ccc.govt.nz/longtermplan](https://gis.ccc.govt.nz/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=29d0962815df475bb48d3c1ba9e1fcad).

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Christchurch City Council

| Item | Factor For Calculation | Value of Factor | % Rate/\$ Charge | Amount (GST incl) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Rural | Capital Value | 1,920,000 | 0.224008 | \$4,300.95 |
| General Charge | Per Unit | 1 | 132.000000 | \$132.00 |
| | Per Unit | 1 | 20.000000 | \$20.00 |
|) | Per Unit | 1 | 6.520000 | \$6.52 |
| Total for Christchurch City Council | | | | \$4,459.47 |

Regional Council

| Item | Factor For Calculation | Value of Factor | % Rate/\$ Charge | Amount (GST incl) |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | Area | 66 | 0.587000 | \$38.95 |
| | Area | 19 | 0.352000 | \$6.80 |
| Class E | Capital Value | 1,344,000 | 0.005609 | \$75.38 |
| | Land Value | 1,790,000 | 0.001180 | \$21.12 |
| District | Area | 86 | 0.131000 | \$11.22 |
| | Capital Value | 1,920,000 | 0.000230 | \$4.42 |
| Class B | Land Value | 1,432,000 | 0.057090 | \$817.53 |
| Class D | Land Value | 358,000 | 0.026866 | \$96.18 |
| | Capital Value | 1,920,000 | 0.038319 | \$735.72 |
| | Capital Value | 1,920,000 | 0.001666 | \$31.99 |
| Class B | Land Value | 1,432,000 | 0.000653 | \$9.35 |
| Class D | Land Value | 358,000 | 0.000307 | \$1.10 |
| Charge | Per Unit | 1 | 25.600000 | \$25.60 |
| Waiho | Capital Value | 1,920,000 | 0.000120 | \$2.30 |
| | Land Value | 1,790,000 | 0.004281 | \$76.63 |
| Area | Area | 86 | 0.144000 | \$12.29 |
| Peninsula | Land Value | 1,790,000 | 0.004782 | \$85.60 |
| District | Area | 86 | 0.830000 | \$71.04 |

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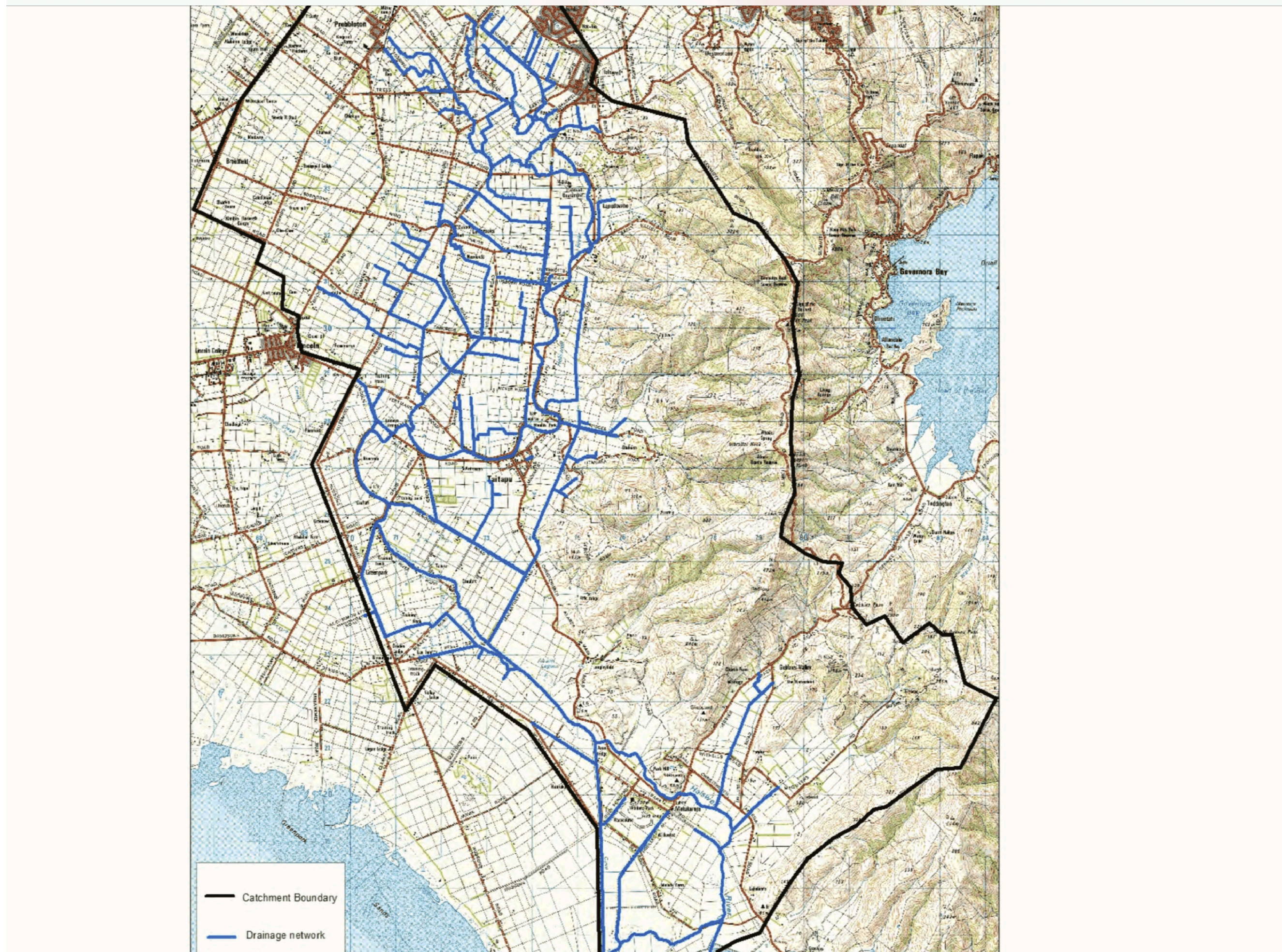
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After 3 yrs



Halswell River/Huritini floodplain investigation

2.3 Halswell Drainage Scheme

Drainage works began in the low-lying Halswell floodplain area in the late 1800s.

The drainage system, within the Halswell Drainage District, (refer Figure 2-1), which has been progressively extended and upgraded includes: 114 km of drains, 42 km Halswell River/Huritini, and 22 control structures.

The objectives of the Halswell Drainage District are:

1. To maintain the drainage system to provide for efficient and economic drainage of the Halswell Drainage District.
2. To control lateral and bed erosion of drains.
3. To maintain the cross section shape and grade of the drains.

The main purpose of the drains is to remove rain water from the land following “normal” rainfall and to control groundwater levels. The Drainage Scheme is not a flood control scheme and some flooding can occur almost yearly in the lowest lying ponding areas, with more extensive flooding every 3-5 years on average.

The Christchurch earthquakes in 2010 and 2011 resulted in the loss of channel capacity due to bank slumping and liquefaction. Significant dredging and channel widening on the main Halswell River/Huritini and main tributaries has restored scheme capacity and initial elevated water levels have now returned to normal levels.

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Adrianna Hess
Support Officer
Community Governance Team
Christchurch City Council

25 March 2021

Dear Adrianna

Re: Submission to the consultation on the Long-Term Plan

As Chair of the Diamond Harbour Reserve Management Committee, I wish to advise you of our current priorities, which we would like the Council to take into account in the forthcoming Plan.

1 – We would appreciate the Council's continued support for reforesting reserve areas with native plant species and for the complementary eradication, or substantial control of pest vegetation.

2 – We support the revocation of reserve status of a small part of the Stoddart Point Reserve for the purposes of a commercial hospitality venture that will benefit the wider community. The area in question (approximately 1500 m²) is located adjacent to the Godley House site, and has already been the subject of significant public consultation. This re-designation of the land's status should also lead to a revision of the Stoddart Point and Coastal Reserves management plan, inclusion of the remaining area of the Godley House site into the recreation reserve and an immediate implementation of that plan.

3 – We view with concern the current proposal to sell off the large block of land bounded roughly by Marine Drive, Hunters Road and Bayview Road. Given that there may be significant impacts on our reserve areas, the community and local infrastructure, such a sale should be preceded by a comprehensive consideration of options and a detailed analysis of costs and benefits. The current proposal contained in the LTP does not include such consideration of these matters but delegates the authority to sell that land as staff see fit. We also question whether the proposal contained in the LTP meets the decision-making requirements of s76-79 Local Government Act 2002 for this property and could potentially be liable to subsequent challenge. We therefore request that the proposal to sell this land be removed from the Plan, and that if it is reconsidered in the future it should be subject to a full consultation process including consideration of all infrastructure, community, and environmental perspectives.

4 – In association with point 3, we note that the covenant proposed for Morgan's and Sam's Gullies – which form part of the above residential block, has yet to be finalised. The covenant would provide essential protection for the gullies which have been the focus of substantial community reforestation efforts over the past 7 years. Not only is the proposed covenant not yet complete, but the proposal to grant authority to sell without direct discussion with the residents regarding the impact on this community work, demonstrates a lack of respect for the work undertaken and the people involved.

5 – We support the extension of the Head to Head Walkway by the sea wall route from Traffic Cop Corner to Orton Bradley, and we support the Working Group's request that funding for this

section of the walkway be found from the Council's transport budget. The maintenance and extension of the sea wall at this location is a vital part of the adaptation process to protect the public road from sea level rises, and the Walkway could be easily accommodated on the improved structure.

6 – We also support ongoing upgrade of the Head to Head Walkway on the southern side of the Harbour to address health and safety and accessibility issues and its future extension back to Governors Bay and to Camp Bay and beyond.

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate our priorities and we look forward to the results of your consultation.

Kind regards
Graeme Fraser, Chair
Diamond Harbour RMC

Garden of Tane
Reserve Management Committee
Submission
Christchurch City Council Draft Long Term Plan
March 2021



“Lumiere d’Akaroa held last night at the Garden of Tane was a huge success... We saw many members of the community and visitors young and old – all enjoying this event – the comments we overheard on our walk around were nothing but positive and encouraging . . . we hope this becomes an annual event.”
David and Amanda, Mt Vernon Lodge

Submitter Information:

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| Submission lodged by: | Suky Thompson, Chairperson, |
| Organisation: | Garden of Tane Reserve Management Committee |
| Submission supported by: | Committee members John McIlroy, Patsy Dart, Alan Hemsley, Lynda Wallace, Leigh Hickey, Steffan Kraberger, Marie Rhodes |
| Address: | c/o 59 Tizzards Road, Robinsons Bay, Akaroa |
| We wish to be heard in support of our submission | |

Submission Summary

The Garden of Tane Reserve Management Committee:

1. Thanks Christchurch City Council for the capital funding of the Garden of Tane development program to date.

- a. Projects to implement the Reserve Management Plan adopted in 2010 and improve the Garden of Tane have been developed and lead by the Reserve Management Committee with support from CCC Project Manager Steven Gray
- b. We express our thanks to Steven Gray for his work and support of the Committee
- c. These improvements have changed perceptions of the Garden of Tane from a gloomy, neglected and run-down asset into the premier reserve for Akaroa.
- d. They have enabled events such as the high profile and successful Lumiere d' Akaroa to be developed. This ran for the first time in 2019 and is to be repeated in May this year.

2. We support the budget allocated to the Garden of Tane in the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 capital program.

- a. We understand from Steven Gray that this is:

| July 2021-22 | July 2022-23 | July 2030-31 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| \$50k | \$50k | \$100k |

- b. We would find the process more transparent if these figures were shown as a budget line item.
- c. The fund in 2021-22 and 2022-23 will be used to support the continued implementation of our reserve management plan and two major new projects.
- d. New projects are the installation of a nature play area close to the existing traditional playground which will be retained, and the installation of a carving of Tāne to create a focal point for the Garden and introduce a cultural element
- e. We submit that the funding allocated for July 2030-31 would be better used if it was brought forward and smoothed out over the intervening years.
 - It would be difficult for the committee to manage \$100k worth of projects in one year
 - Capital infrastructure improved since 2012 is likely to need renewals prior to July 2030
 - We suggest that these funds would be used much more effectively they were allocated at the level of \$12,500 per annum from July 2023 – 31
 - This will enable the committee to prioritise renewals and minor projects and continue improving the reserve at a level it can manage

4. We request that any capital funding remaining from the current 2020-21 financial year is carried forward.

- a. Our efforts to progress projects have been slowed by the constant changes in Council staff and delays in responses. This year both the structural engineer and arts advisor working with us on our Tane carving project have left, and this has delayed the project by several months.

- b. We were only made aware just prior to Christmas that our Nature Playground project would require public consultation and this has introduced an unexpected delay meaning construction is unlikely to commence this financial year.

5. We urgently request that Maintenance Service Levels are clarified and increased:

- a. We appreciate improved communication and response to problems since the addition of the Banks Peninsula Regional Parks Ranger and the locally based Community Parks team.
- b. We appreciate the Regional Parks Ranger John Fitch attending our meetings and his commitment to assisting the Garden of Tane.
- c. We express our ongoing concerns that:
 - i. There is no clear maintenance plan for the Garden of Tane
 - ii. That it is unclear whether the asset falls as a Regional or a Community Park
 - iii. That there appears to be no system for maintaining the improved assets we have created with the capital funding (shingled tracks, culverts, bridges, seats etc)
 - iv. There is no agreement with us as the voluntary committee about what maintenance tasks we are to carry out and what tasks the Council maintenance staff are to carry out.
- d. We request that a Memorandum of Understanding is developed between the appropriate parks unit and the Reserve Management Committee to address this.
- e. We recommend that the Council carry out the following:
 - i. Check all tracks twice per year and work to cut back vegetation, spray weeds and clear culverts, and resurface as required to keep tracks in good order
 - ii. Check all structures annually so that their ongoing renewal can be factored in to the capital program
 - iii. Leaf blow all tracks under deciduous tree canopy in autumn to prevent a build up of mulch on the track surfaces that makes them slippery and hastens deterioration
 - iv. Arborist check scheduled once per year and maintenance work carried out in areas where capital arborist work is completed
 - v. Weed monitoring scheduled once per year and follow-up control work carried out in areas where capital funded weed control work has been completed.
- f. We suggest that the Committee carry out the following:
 - i. Working bees to maintain planted areas in good condition
 - ii. Trimming vegetation along tracksides with handtools to keep tracks open
 - iii. Monitoring culvert drainage performance during heavy storms and clearance to prevent blockages at such times
 - iv. Cleaning of signs and benches
 - v. Planting of bird food species in the perimeter
 - vi. Planting of trees to replace any specimens that are lost
 - vii. Ongoing pest monitoring and trapping

6. We request the Council find ways to support the Reserve Management Committee and delegates more powers and freedoms for us to manage the Reserve.

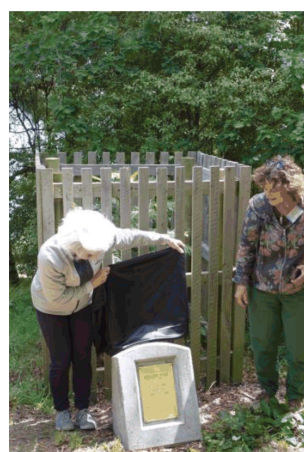
- a. Please review the legal status of Reserve Management Committees to find a way for them to hold funds and directly control and manage their capital budgets.
 - i. We submit this would result in a much more cost effective use of Council funds and increased volunteer morale and participation.
- b. We have been frustrated this year that because we no longer have a bank account, we are having to use a third party community organisation to carry out fundraising for our Tāne carving project. This makes the job unnecessarily complex.

7. Please do not close the Akaroa Service Centre. Leave it in the existing old Post Office building.

- a. Having locally based Parks staff has been a great improvement for the area. It has brought back the local rural touch to the service. As volunteers we know the staff personally and they know us and that makes everything so much easier, efficient, pleasant and happy.
- b. We cannot understand why having taken this good step, the Council now wants to close our Service Centre. This will be a false economy and very bad for the Akaroa community.
- c. As a committee we are currently able to do things like collect keys from the Service Centre and interface with our local governance and support staff who we know, not be stuck on hold waiting for an answer from staff at the Civic Office who then have no idea what we are talking about.
- d. We would like to see the Council develop the Old Post Office building, on which so much has been spent, into a proper community asset and retain the Service Centre there.
- e. We submit that the effectiveness of Reserve Management Committees demonstrates how rural communities, when appropriately supported, can save the Council money by helping to implement projects cost-effectively. We seek more devolution of power to our local area to make local decisions, not increased centralisation and standardisation. Things are done differently in rural areas we would like more autonomy, not less.

8. We wish to be heard in support of our submission

The remainder of this submission gives a background to the Garden of Tane, the achievements made since the adoption of the Reserve Management Plan and appointment of the Reserve Management Committee, and looks forward.



Planting the rare Wollemi pine donated in 2014. Unveiling the plaque in 2020 after it has successfully established reached the top of the protective cage.

Background

9. The Garden of Tane is a 4.9ha scenic reserve situated at the southern end of the Akaroa township, less than a five minute walk away from the main wharf. It offers visitors and residents the opportunity to experience peace and shade, birdsong and mystery on a myriad of easy and relatively flat interlinked tracks, making it the most accessible of Akaroa's town reserves.
10. The Garden facilities also include a playground, viewpoints over Akaroa Harbour, ceremonial trees and a parking area off Onuku Road. The Garden has good pedestrian access from Beach road near the Akaroa main wharf. It also provides a pedestrian connection between Akaroa's historic cemeteries which flank it.
11. The area was originally known as the Akaroa Domain and planted with an arboretum of exotic trees from the 1870s, and managed as a semi-formal park. Later during the World War II, a lack of manpower to maintain the formal park meant that an understory of regenerating native plants and many weeds established under the exotic canopy.
12. A clean up and replanting began in 1964 when retired farmer Arthur Erikson came to live in Akaroa. An eccentric but brilliant visionary, Arthur worked for years to inhibit the spread of exotic seedlings in the area, clear weeds and foster the growth of the native understory.
13. In 1986 the area was formally registered as a Scenic Reserve under the name Garden of Tane. However, as Arthur aged, maintenance in the Garden of Tane ceased, and the area became once again neglected, overgrown, the paths in poor condition and the ever-growing exotic canopy devoid of arborist attention.
14. In 2010 Christchurch City Council adopted a Reserve Management Plan for the Garden after public consultation.
15. The Reserve Management Committee was established by the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board in 2012. A group of local volunteers stepped up to the daunting challenge of restoring this beautiful reserve to achieve its potential as laid out in the Reserve Management Plan. These volunteers have professional skills in project management, ecology, landscape design, heritage, earthworks excavation, botany and education.
16. The committee was initially shocked to learn that although the Council had developed a good Reserve Management Plan no funding had been allocated to enact it.
17. This was rectified through the submission process, and the Reserve has since been adequately funded to progress capital projects
18. The Garden is now welcoming and easy to access for residents and visitors alike. Almost all tracks have received attention and been brought up to a good standard, arborist work has been carried out on most of the magnificent trees and they look in much better shape, a weed eradication and control program has been implemented and signage is in progress. Committee members also carry out pest control and hold events in the Garden.
19. The Garden of Tane is now recognised as a unique and premier asset for Akaroa and much more heavily used by both visitors and local residents. The 2019 Lumiere d' Akaroa attracted over 2000 visitors and attracted regional attention.



Lumiere d' Akaroa 2019 light installation

Achievements of Reserve Management Committee

21. The Reserve Management Committee has worked steadily to implement the projects identified in its project plan.
22. It has taken a staged approach, starting at the Main Entrance, and aiming to improve the general condition of the vegetation, tracks and facilities in the northern half of the area and then moving on to the southern half of the area - the wilder part of the garden, with fewer notable exotic trees and more native vegetation.
23. To date the following have been completed, or are in progress.

| Project | Status |
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| Improvements to the Main Entrance on Rue Jolie | <p>Completed:</p> <p>Removal and stabilisation of unsightly and dangerous sequoia logs</p> <p>Repair of gates and installation of traffic bollard to protect them after damage by boy racers twice</p> <p>Tar seal of entrance including resolving drainage issues</p> <p>Planting of interpretative gardens featuring plants of importance to Maori and as discovered by early French Botanists</p> <p>Installation of three interpretative panels introducing the Garden and explaining the interpretative gardens in their wider historical context.</p> <p>Repainting and tidy up of entrance gates and existing signage</p> <p>In Progress</p> <p>Volunteer planting of donated reinga reinga lillies to improve the roadside bank</p> |
| Enhancing the main circular track for use by mobility impaired | <p>Completed:</p> <p>Grand Avenue, Ceremonial and Tank Tracks</p> <p>Improvements to cope with stormwater drainage through the Garden from the storm drains taking all surface water from Lighthouse and Onuku Roads</p> |
| Map panel at Beach Road entrance | Completed |
| Installing simple park furniture | <p>Completed</p> <p>Installation of three large picnic tables made from sequoia logs retrieved from the garden.</p> <p>Some smaller benches have been added by the Council</p> |
| Heritage benches | <p>Completed</p> <p>Two heritage benches have been designed to match the original benches that were sited in the Garden.</p> <p>These have been installed near the Akaroa Health Hub. These are being used by elderly people from the residential care unit and the committee was recently heartened to hear from one of the nurses how much the residents appreciated being able to get in touch with nature.</p> <p>In Progress</p> <p>Further benches are to be added later this year</p> |

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| Enhancing the track linking the two historic cemeteries | Completed |
| Enhancing the circular track around Fern Gully, the northernmost gully in the reserve | Completed |
| Fern Gully planting | Completed: Two areas have been planted in ferns at the head of the gully and an area further down where dead trees have been removed, a swampy area cleared and tree ferns and nikau palms planted and thriving |
| Irrigation | Completed: Rain water catch tank installed, irrigation pipe laid to Entrance gardens and Fern Gully |
| Planting maintenance | Ongoing: Weeding and watering of planted areas by volunteers |
| Arborist work | Completed: Tree work along the Main circular track, along Fern Gully tracks and Upper and Lower Nikau tracks, Tui Valley, Katote Valley, Macrocarpa ridge and around the main car park and the new nature play area Ongoing: Arborist work will always be ongoing given the number and size of the canopy trees. |
| Lovers Lookout | Completed: A safety barrier was erected at the Kanuka Fence lookout after a large macrocarpa tree was removed by the Council exposing a dangerous cliff face. New bench seating is installed Ongoing: Improving surface with mulch |
| Pest control program | Ongoing: Monitoring of bird numbers and pest trapping program carried out by volunteers since 2014/15 Low pest numbers (mostly rats) present. |
| Weed control | Ongoing: To date control of periwinkle in entrance area has been largely achieved and Old Man's Beard knocked back along the boundary with Aylmers Valley Road. Work to eradicate Old Man's Beard, Asparagus fern and more periwinkle will be ongoing. |
| New Ceremonial Trees | Completed Three new ceremonial trees have been planted. A rare specimen Wollemi pine, Turkish Red pine descended from Lone Pine ridge tree planted by Governor General, Walnut planted by Comte de Paris association to commemorate arrival of French settlers. A ceremony to unveil the Wollemi plaque was held in 2020. Ongoing: |

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| | Protective cages are to be removed from these trees and used for new ceremonial trees when the opportunity arises. |
| Increased publicity for the Garden. | <p>Ongoing:</p> <p>The Garden enjoys a much higher profile locally through articles submitted to the local paper by the Committee. Links have also been forged with the nearby school and other organisations. The improvements in the Garden are being increasingly noticed and commented upon. The Garden is now well used by visitors and locals including families with children and cruise passengers. A sculpture exhibition is in the early planning stages.</p> <p>The Lumiere d' Akaroa is planned as a biennial event and a major drawcard for Akaroa that will alternate with the French Festival.</p> |
| Onuku Road "Tennis Court" car park surface | <p>Completed:</p> <p>Reshingled, compost depot area created, boulders installed to deter boy racers</p> |
| Playground development | <p>Commenced</p> <p>Work to develop a new natural play area utilising logs recovered from arborist work, and timber planks recovered from Robinsons Bay Wharf is in progress. Weed control and area preparation is complete.</p> <p>Plans for the nature playground are in process of being approved and prepared for public consultation.</p> |
| Installation of Tāne Carving | <p>Commenced</p> <p>A talented carver based at Onuku approached the Committee with the concept of adding a carving of Tane to the reserve. This has been approved by the Committee, Onuku Runanga and the Community Board.</p> <p>A large totara log has been donated by a local farmer and delivered to the carver.</p> <p>Work is in progress to finalise the design once Council staff have determined structure requirements for mounting, and then a local fundraising campaign will commence to pay for the work.</p> |
| Map signage | <p>In progress</p> <p>With tracks leading from all entrances now upgraded, entrance map signs will be added to three more entrances</p> |
| Directional signage | <p>In progress</p> <p>Some directional signage has been introduced and well received by the public. Further directional signage will be added this year.</p> |

Looking Forward

24. The following work will be required to complete the goals of the Reserve Management Plan

| Project | Status |
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| Resolve drainage issues | <p>In Progress</p> <p>Resolve stormwater drainage issues through the Garden caused by surrounding road storm drains sending water through it in an undirected manner is an ongoing issue</p> |

| Project | Status |
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| Playground | Complete the new Nature play area extending the playground |
| Track work | Complete track work to improve the standard on all remaining tracks to a Walking Track level. Currently about 90% completed |
| Tāne Carving | Complete and install the Tane carving |
| Arborist work | Continue arborist work. |
| Weed control | Continue weed control work |
| Track signage | Develop and install basic track signage in an appropriate Akaroa / Garden of Tane heritage style |
| Bird food planting | Plant the garden fringe (including areas where slips have occurred above Beach Road) in a range of native species providing native bird food sources |
| Points of interest | Add points of interest in the form of compatible sculptures, interpretation panels and a guide to the Garden. |

25. The Reserve Management Committee anticipates that this work will take another 2 years to complete based on the current rate of progress and funding levels.
26. As noted above, once this “deferred” work to restore the Garden to its full health and potential after so many years of neglect is complete, there will be a need for ongoing maintenance and renewals of the trees, tracks and drainage systems to ensure that the area does not deteriorate once again.

Conclusion

27. The Garden of Tane Reserve Management Committee has played a vital role in improving this beautiful and historic reserve to achieve its potential. The work by volunteers has meant Council funded projects have been implemented in a much more cost-effective way, and one that is sensitive to the needs and sensibilities of the local community and visitors.
28. In order to complete the Garden of Tane Reserve Management Plan, the Committee seeks capital funding allocated for a further six year period, and the Traffic and Roading department to fund the costs of dealing with stormwater issuing from nearby roads.
29. The Committee asks the Council to review the way it manages its relationship with Reserve Management Committees to ensure that it keeps volunteers motivated, makes the best of their skills and makes the most cost-effective use of the capital and maintenance funds.
30. Ongoing maintenance will always be required for the Garden of Tane. As a living place this is not a place for one-off capital investment. Once the Garden has been developed in accordance with its management plan, its tracks, trees and other assets will require regular ongoing maintenance to retain a high standard.

Attachment B

