

Pou Tu o Te Rangi Harding Park Operations Update

Meeting: Pou Tu o Te Rangi Harding Park Committee
Date of meeting: 18 August 2020
Reporting officer: Hamish Watson, Parks and Recreation Manager

Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To report to the Combined Pou Tu o Te Rangi Joint Management Committee and Harding Park Committee on the operations by providing an update for the April 2020 - July 2020 period and the Capital Works Programme.

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

Below is a summary of activities, operations and maintenance work carried out over the months of April 2020 to July 2020.

Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That the Combined Pou Tu o Te Rangi Joint Management Committee and Harding Park Committee:

- a) Notes the Parks and Recreation Manager's report 'Pou Tu o Te Rangi Harding Park Operations Update'.

Context/Horopaki

The Committee is charged with implementing the July 2012 Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park Reserve Management Plan (RMP). Activities undertaken by Council include operations and maintenance work carried out over the months of April 2020 to July 2020.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Health and Safety:

- Signage to be arranged for the mountain bike track to advise users of track grades and general health and safety guidelines.

Cultural aspects:

- As part of the clearance work that was undertaken in the Pā site, an archaeologist representing Iwi was consulted as per the archaeological agreement. The approved archaeologist was onsite to oversee the works while they were being undertaken.
- Representatives of the Mountain Bike Park have signalled an opportunity for naming of the tracks.

General:

- Council received external funding from Central Government for park clean-ups and vegetation removal through the Te Tai Tokerau Redeployment Package. To date that work has included completing the Mountain bike track, clearing around the dam, clearing the Pā of pest plants, future works will include wider pest plant control and planting. Due to this funding, the Committee will need to reassess the approved 20/21 work plan, which is addressed in a further report in this agenda.
- The mountain bike track has been completed. \$20,000 was funded through the 2019 round of the Contestable Reserve Contributions Fund, with the remaining costs funded from the Te

Tai Tokerau Redeployment Package as above. Staff are currently working with the Bike the Kaipara Trust to form a formal maintenance agreement (likely a Contract for Service).

- The walking track to provide access around the Pā site has been constructed, after completion it was agreed that a handrail needed to be installed on the switch back from a usability perspective.
- Planting of the gullies in the Old Mt Wesley Cemetery section of the park has started, with just some infill planting required.
- Staff have been engaging with Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group about the possibility of sourcing plants through their program.

Capital Works Programme for 2019/2020

Council approved \$100,000 per annum for capital works, and the Committee adopted the 2019/2020 Works Programme. This update is to end of financial year 30 June 2020.

Project 11023 Budget \$100,000	Spend to date \$	Comments
Implementation of Landscaping plan	\$30,124	Complete
Traffic Improvement feasibility	\$12,067	Stage 1 complete
Install speed bumps	\$4,942	Complete
Drinking fountain	\$1,961	Complete
Reshaping of carpark for sealing	\$29,890	Complete
Walking track around Pā	\$16,521	Complete
Total	\$95,505	



Next quarter

Continue planting cleared areas.

Start implementing the 20/21 approved work plan.

Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via agenda on the website.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

Council staff will continue to implement the RMP.