

Pou Tu o Te Rangi Harding Park Operations Update

Meeting: Pou Tu o Te Rangi Harding Park Committee
Date of meeting: 30 November 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 August 2020 - October 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 August 2020 to October 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 August 2020 to October 2020.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Health and Safety:

- Signage has been installed warning Mountain Bike Track users of risks; these are temporary until we can get the main signage sorted.

General:

- Kaipara District Council and Kaipara Cycling have agreed a Memorandum of Understanding for the maintenance of the Mountain Bike Tracks. (Attachment A)
- Staff have been approached by a member of the public to look at creating a 'Friends of Old Mt Wesley Cemetery Group' Staff are supporting this person to hopefully get a group started that will look after the graves and headstones.
- Unfortunately, we were not successful with securing plants through the Integrated Kaipara Harbour management group program.
- Staff have been in discussion with Department of Conservation (DoC), they have indicated they are keen to help where needed with any plant revegetation programmes, this is labour only. Staff will continue to work with DoC on this.
- Squeeze gates have been installed to the Mountain Bike track to ensure vehicles aren't able to access the tracks.
- Staff have been focusing on the Te Tai Redeployment Package works, now this is ending we will focus on the agreed Capital Works projects with Council's project delivery team.

Te Tai Tokerau Redeployment Package:

- Work has continued throughout the Park with the eradication of pest plants in and around the Pa Site, the area under the Museum and around the pond. Some of the species that have been removed include; Cotoneaster, Wild Ginger, Privet and Asparagus Fern along with some other pest plants. This will leave us in a much better position to implement the pest plant plan.
- Plants have been secured under this funding from Nga Uri O Hau Nursery and they will hold them for us until next planting season (March 2021-August 2021)

Te Tai Tokerau Redeployment Package	Budget	Spend to date
Turf Tamer	\$17,000	\$16,700
Downer	\$52,000	\$51,318
Nga Uri o Hau Nursery	\$31,500	\$31,457
Andrew Younger Contracting	\$44,000	\$44,109
Total	\$144,500	\$143,584

Capital Works Programme for 2019/2020

Council approved \$100,000 per annum for capital works, and the Committee adopted the 2020/2021 Works Programme.

Project 11023 Budget \$100,000	Budget	Spend to date	Comments
Mountain Bike Track Carpark	\$30,000	\$0	
Paths tracks as per previous landscape plan (Stage 1)	\$50,000	\$0	
Firefighting water tanks	\$15,000	\$0	
Contingency	\$5,000	\$0	
Total			

Next Quarter

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.

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Mountain Bike Track MoU