

Mangawhai Community Park operations update – December 2020 to January 2021

Meeting: Mangawhai Community Park Governance Committee
Date of meeting: 22 February 2021
Reporting officer: Hamish Watson, Parks and Recreation Manager

Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To report on the Operations and Capital Works programmes to support governance of the Master Plan.

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That the Mangawhai Community Governance Committee:

- a) Notes the Mangawhai Community Park operations update - December 2020 to January 2021.

Context/Horopaki

The Mangawhai Community Park Governance Committee (MCPGC) is the body which oversees the implementation of the Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan (the Master Plan) for the Mangawhai Community Park (MCP). The revised MCP 2015/2025 Work Programme was adopted in June 2016 and amended in May 2017.

The Master Plan was developed after public consultation and feedback and adopted by Council on 25 November 2014. The Vision for the Park is:

Mangawhai Community Park will be a visible, predominantly natural, public space at the entrance to Mangawhai Heads, used (freely) by the community for recreation and enjoyment of the outdoor environment.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Health and Safety

The tree removal that occurred as part of the Te Tai Tokerau Redeployment Package has caused a lack of protection when a westerly wind is blowing through the Mangawhai Activity Zone. This wind has caused sand to accumulate on the skate park and it also affects the comfort for users if the temperature is low, predominantly affecting the café and skate park.

Staff are currently looking at options for a wind break to resolve this temporarily, until trees can be planted and become established. Budget for this will be covered by the Redeployment Package funding.

General

- Public toilets are still on track for a March/April installation.
- Staff have engaged FlowNZ to provide a transport planning and engineering advice report to support the design and subsequent lodgement for a resource consent for day to day operations within the Park. This information will also be able to be used by organisations to support their application for any events requiring resource consent within the park.

- Stellar and staff are continuing to work on the wetland development plan that will guide the Governance Committee, staff and other parties with any future proposals within the park and provide a proposed work plan for developing and maintaining the wetlands. Engagement with Northland Regional Council (NRC) and other parties as required will be undertaken as part of this work.
- New concept plans for the shared path have been created showing the new layout **(Attachment A)**. This was investigated after the tree removal identified another potential route that follows the ridgeline around the wetland and allows for better accessibility. This option also requires less fill to create the path. The community were consulted on this option and no objections were received.
- Stellar have been contracted to create one central plan for the park that shows all existing buildings, wetlands, proposed paths, potential new developments, carpark areas. This will also take into account current plans and future projects that we are aware of
- Staff have been approached by the Piroa/Brynderwyn weed action group wanting to clear some of the new pest plant growth. We are waiting on their plan and will work with the group to complete this. They have also shown an interest in helping with planting when that is ready to happen.
- At the Friends of Mangawhai Community Park meeting held on 23rd November 2020, a proposal to install a 3 on 3 basketball court at the Mangawhai Activity Zone (MAZ) was approved by the committee. Staff are now working with MAZ to get a report to the next Governance Committee meeting with all the required details for a decision.
- Staff are working with the Museum, Arts group and Daring Trust who have proposals for new buildings to mark out their respective buildings to see how all the buildings fit with each other, including the shared path and public toilets. Once this is finalised we will have this surveyed.

Resource Consents

- Staff have separated the shared path to two separate Resource Consents (RC). The section one consent, which covers the area from The Club to the stormwater outlet by the road above the Historic Village, has been applied for with the sandhill removal and relocation to be used to build up the ground for the shared path. NRC have approved the consent and we are waiting for KDC approval. The section two consent covers the area from the stormwater outlet through to the Historic Village including the new bridge structure. Stellar are still working on this application before lodgement. **(Attachment B. Section 1 red line, section 2 purple line)**

Te Tai Tokerau Redeployment Package

Work has continued with the Te Tai Tokerau Redeployment Package. This has included minor pest plant removal, spraying and general weed control to manage the site until planting can be undertaken.

Sandhill removal has halted until the resource consent is fully approved, however, some sand has been removed, the water tank has been relocated and a temporary tank installed.

Budget spend to date for this work has been \$556,799.

Capital Works: 2020-21

Description	Budget	Spend to date	Comments
Wetland development plan	\$30,000	\$5,496	Working with NRC and stakeholders to gather information
Develop area behind Fire Station/St John's	\$30,000		Concept plans being designed

Resource Consent & Bridge above Historic Village	\$40,000	\$13,541	Ongoing
Carry over works: Urban landscape design and Traffic assessment Golf Club/Club entrance	\$31,000	\$5,879	Continued work on the Urban Landscape Design Plan
Total spend	\$131,000	\$24,916	

Note: Carry overs have been approved. Financials have been adjusted to show new balance.

Next Quarter

- Continue with toilet installation
- Redeveloping area behind St Johns and Fire Station
- Shared path development
- Wetland plan
- Ongoing pest plant control
- Resolving the wind issue across park

Financial implications

The financial budgets are set within the Long-Term Plan (LTP) and respective Annual 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

Continue to implement the Works Programme and Master Plan

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Stellar development concept plans
B	Shared path resource consent sections