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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
AKAROA/WAIREWA COMMUNITY BOARD  
8 APRIL 2009**

**PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION**

**1. APPROVAL TO RELEASE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE GARDEN OF TANE SCENIC RESERVE**



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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval to release the Draft Management Plan for the Garden of Tane Scenic Reserve, **separately circulated**, for public consultation.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. In line with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977, the local community were consulted in July 2008 as to what they considered to be the main issues in relation to the management of the Garden of Tane. The information collected from this issues gathering stage plus the technical information provided by Council staff (including tree survey, botanical survey etc) resulted in the production of the Draft Garden of Tane Management Plan.
3. The Reserve Act states that the Draft Management Plan needs to be made available to the community for two months to enable them to comment on its content. Prior to this occurring, approval to undertake this consultation is being sought from the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board and subsequently from Council.
4. The proposed schedule for this Management Plan is as follows:
  - (a) Approval from the Council for the Draft Management Plan to go out for consultation.
  - (b) Approval from the Council for the Draft Management Plan to go out for consultation.
  - (c) Public consultation period (two months with an advertisement in the Press and the Akaroa Mail) May/June/July 2009.
  - (d) Hearings Panel in September 2009.
  - (e) Council adopt the Management Plan during the October 2009 Council Meeting.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5. The costs for the implementation of the Management Plan are itemised in Section 5.2 of the attached Draft Management Plan. The total cost of implementing all proposals is estimated at \$300,000.

**Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?**

6. The Works schedule within the Draft Management Plan are not covered in the draft LTCCP 2009-2019. The outcome of the Plan consultation will be used to inform the 2012/22 LTCCP.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

7. The Reserves Act 1977 establishes a requirement for a Management Plan to be produced and sets out a clear process of public consultation that has to be undertaken prior to the Council adopting the Management Plan for implementation.

**Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?**

8. In line with the requirements of the Reserves Act, the public issues gathering stage was completed in July 2008. In line with the Council's process we are now seeking the Community Board and subsequently the Council's approval to issue the Draft Management Plan to the public. If this is attained the Draft Management Plan will then be released for public consultation for two months in accordance with the Reserves Act. Notification of its availability will be advertised as required by the Act.

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#### ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. The production of this Management Plan aligns with the 2006-2016 LTCCP which sets an objective of providing a network of parks, open spaces, waterways and wetlands that meet community and environmental needs. In the LTCCP the Council indicated that it intended to continue to maintain its parks, waterways and wetlands in a clean and tidy condition. The Management Plan will provide the framework for this to occur.

#### Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

10. The recommendations within the Management Plan are in line with the level of service stipulated in the 2006-2016 LTCCP for the Council to maintain its parks, waterways and wetlands in a clean and tidy condition.

#### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

#### Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. The Draft Management Plan aligns with the following strategies:
- (a) Draft Open Space Strategy.
  - (b) Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy 2002 – Objective 2.4 Physical recreation and sports programmes and activities are accessible to people with disabilities, older people, ethnic groups, parents with small children.
  - (c) Biodiversity Strategy.

#### CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Initial consultation (issues gathering) was undertaken with the public in line with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977 in July 2008. It is intended that the Draft Management Plan, once approved by the Community Board and the Council will also follow the requirements set down by the Reserves Act 1977 in that it will be available for comment for two months and its availability will be advertised as required.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board recommend to the Council:

- (a) That the Draft Garden of Tane Management Plan is approved for release for public consultation.
- (b) That the outcome of the consultation process be used to inform the 2012/22 LTCCP Programme.

#### BOARD CONSIDERATION

In general the Board was pleased with the draft plan and appreciated that staff had closely followed the suggestions from the comment gathering meeting. However, Board members did make some comments regarding the presentation of the plan and some suggestions for changes before it is released to the public:

- Overall appearance of plan is "bland" and maps appear too small
- Page 1 – Location Plan (Figure 2) has been omitted
- Sections 3.2.4 and 3.4.2 – replace "Banks Peninsula" with "Council" i.e Area Contract Manager of the Banks Peninsula Council
- Project Costings Page 14 – need an indicative timeline

The Board also discussed whether it wished to nominate a representative to be considered for appointment to the Hearings Panel for the submissions on the plan.

#### BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board **resolved** to adopt the staff recommendation.

The Board further **resolved** to recommend to the Council that Board member Pam Richardson be the Board's nominee for the Hearing Panel to consider submissions to the Draft Garden of Tane Management Plan.