

Environment and Sustainability Forum
Tuesday 27 November 2018, 1.30-3.30pm
The School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue

Forum Members Present	Mary Dillon (Acting Chair/Envirohub BOP), Eddie Orsulich (Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust), Mel Arnold (Toi Te Ora Public Health), Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society), John Garwood (Fruit Growers Association), Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society), Gray Southern (Carbon Action Group)	
SmartGrowth	Megan Rumble (Minutes)	
Other	Laura Wragg (Envirohub BOP), Liesel Carnie (Envirohub)	
Partner Staff	Cayley McLean (TCC), Joel Peters (TCC)	
Apologies (forum members)	Jo Wills (Sustainability Options), Buddy Mikaere (Combined Tangata Whenua Forum)	
Previous minutes and matters arising		<p>The minutes of the 16 October 2018 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record All previous actions have been addressed.</p> <p>It was queried if a new forum chair has been elected or when this would be happening. It was noted that Mary Dillon has been asked to chair E&S forum meetings in the interim until further notice.</p>
E&S Forum Submission to the Future Development Strategy and Tauranga Urban Strategy		<p>The group noted the E&S Forum submission to the FDS and TUS. Julian Fitter commended the forums submission. Mary noted forum contributions have been well received and how these will be used will be clearer in due course. The proposed FDS will be submitted as it is before Christmas to meet the statutory requirement with further work being done in the first half of 2019.</p>
Tauranga City Council Resource Wise Education Programme	Presentation/ Update	<p>Cayley McLean from Tauranga City Council spoke to her presentation on the Resource Wise Education Programme. The programme was established in January 2018 and is based on the community based social marketing model – view Cayley’s presentation here.</p> <p>Cayley provided an overview of the five areas of the programme – Community, Events, Schools, Homes, Business. The community fund is funded via waste levy funding.</p>

		<p>Cayley noted the new approach to the business programme – businesses sign up to four years rather than one year, which ensures accountability in reducing their waste. Over the next 12 months, the team will be approaching more businesses.</p> <p>Question and discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion around how to be proactive: Encouraging the community to pitch in to collect litter, signs at the beach ‘three per day’. Cayley noted the Sustainability and Waste team are working together with the waters team who are focussing on avoiding litter in the storm water. - Commercial sector – excessive packaging – lack of legislation. Cayley noted this is complex in NZ given no consistency around recycling from town to town. Small steps as consumers pushing corporates to rethink their decisions e.g. plastic bags. - Supermarkets – accountability around waste – it was noted ‘best before date’ items are going to Good Neighbour to redistribute across the sub-region. Four tonne of food is currently being redistributed across the community each week. Good Neighbour have also recently received \$20k in funding. - Mid next year, making a decision on what the council led curb side recycling will look like. Research to be completed mid next year with recommendations to councillors. - The Ministry for the environment does not support waste energy at this stage and have recommended Council’s firstly look into setting up effective kerbside systems before looking into waste to energy solutions. - Building industry waste – transfer stations need to be equipped to deal with this, sorting, volume. - Kiwifruit and Rural. Needs to be consistent services. C&S waste resource facilities. Cayley noted council welcome independent applications. - Approaching more businesses over the next six months. Looking to approach Mount Mainstreet as a collective – overarching objectives for all businesses within the collective to work toward – e.g. Bayfair has its own waste scheme. - Resourcing within council – is there enough? Tricky as council does not own any of the recycling/waste services. Moving forward it will become easier to educate and prioritise messaging. - Investigation around coming summer of glass collection – particularly Mount Maunganui. Council asked their glass contractor for a proposal but they were not able to meet requirements in time – Council using this coming summer as a trial to gauge what they are dealing and evaluate the service. Transfer station hours over summer will be extended. The group noted there is a need for a balance between what works for the organisation and what work for the environment over the holiday period. - Overconsumption – talking about different messages we give to the community – part of the messaging is living with less. - Overall waste assessment – looking at new strategy to be adopted in 2020.
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	Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TCC Sustainability and Waste team to provide regular Waste Management updates – Megan to arrange. - Invite a member of Western Bay of Plenty District Council to speak at a future meeting around waste post note: Megan in touch with Ilze Krius from WBOPDC and will arrange update in 2019
Bay of Plenty National Park	Presentation/ Update	<p>Laura Wragg and Liesel Carnie from Envirohub Bay of Plenty presented to the forum on the Bay of Plenty National Park initiative. This is at the scoping stage and the team are getting the word out and looking at how people receive it. Laura and Liesel shared an overview of the thinking so far. Thinking and consciousness – A journey to greenness, health – Looking to follow the same process as Adelaide and London have recently. Read more here: London National Park City and Adelaide City National Park</p> <p>Questions and discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dependence on the natural world so essential – we can't do without it – paramount to our wellbeing and health – biodiversity talk (UN biodiversity principal noted). - Urban development – intensification causing loss of trees etc. How do we manage this along with intensification? Getting developers to plan for this. Shared green spaces is a goal of intensification. Range of reserves within Tauranga – marry this up with the reserves act to bring nature in. - Discussion around regulations. - Timeframe in comparison to other examples. London started three years ago and are looking to launch next year. The BOP is at the thinking/scoping stage only. - Boundary? Legislation. It is an aspirational goal. - 'Focussing first on the environment then the people'. - National park in a city setting.
	Action	<p>Megan to circulate further information on the Bay of Plenty National Park initiative to the forum post note: See information attached.</p>
Feedback from 21 November SmartGrowth Leadership Group Meeting	Discussion	<p>John Garwood was present at the 21 November SLG meeting and provided an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Kaituna link on hold – lack of funding – TCC wishing to defer it. <p>SLG agreed to staff looking at how they can protect the corridor. The Fords are concerned that the main thoroughfare to Te Tumu is a two-lane highway. John noted however after speaking to TCC staff, it is confirmed</p>

		<p>the two corridors (The Boulevard and Te Okuroa Dr) are designated four lanes. Johns own view is the four designated lanes will be more than adequate. TCC staff did say also the Kaituna link could still be looked at in years to come if major development takes place in the Western Bay when the funding issue (who funds it) would not be such an issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary noted and reminded that as a forum we did not support the Kaituna Link. - Gray: Doesn't seem to be enough detail around the viability. - Mary: in terms of David Cunliffe and team being involved – reports and information are on the SmartGrowth website now. The approach has changed so they wanted to align their language and approach with central govt first. Trying to get consensus in terms of planning and funding. - Bill is meeting with Glen Crowther and transport stakeholder group this coming week. - Emphasis on roading – not prepared to proceed with unsustainable four lane corridor. Sustainability principles coming through – positive. - Awful lot of concern within council around cost of what is needed. There is certainly broader thinking. - City Transformation Committee are meeting 3 December – Tauranga Urban Strategy recommendations - Discussion around sea level rise and flooding. Joel noted planning is creating resilience through the area.
	Action	Nothing to note
SmartGrowth Partnership Report – November 2018	For reading and info	For reading and information.
	Action	Nothing to note
General Business	Discussion	Discussion around community involvement within the Property Developers Forum. This is where the TUS comes in. Mary noted Phil Twyford much more open to review of urban boundaries.
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Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		The E&S forum are looking forward to hearing the next stage of the Future Development Strategy process and how the forum submissions will be incorporated.

Meeting closed 3:17pm. Next meeting: Tuesday 5 February 2019, School House, Historic Village 1:30-3:30pm

Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

1	November	TCC Sustainability and Waste team to provide regular Waste Management updates – Megan to arrange.
2	November	Invite a member of Western Bay of Plenty District Council to speak at a future meeting around waste <u>post note:</u> Megan in touch with Ilze Krius from WBOPDC and will arrange update in 2019
3	November	Megan to circulate further information on the Bay of Plenty National Park initiative to the forum <u>post note:</u> See information attached.
4	November	Note discussion around community involvement within the Property Developers Forum.



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Whaia e koe kit e iti kahurangi; kit e tuohu koe, me maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

The first Regional National Park in New Zealand

Bay of Plenty National Park is inspired by great National Parks but it is not the same as a National Park, it is part aspirational goal, part choosing how we live. We humans are at our best in beautiful surroundings, and we think the Bay of Plenty is mostly at a National Park status already, even where our towns and cities are based. There already exists spectacular natural beauty in our region, in our reserves, in our cities and in our suburbs. We want to encourage everyone to work together to protect and enhance our region's natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage and live more sustainably.

Making our region...

- greener - with more trees and plants
- more sustainable - with more focus on local products and produce, minimising our waste and reducing our reliance on cars
- with more biodiversity - more native plants and animals, with pest plants and animals reduced
- a healthier place for people, plants and animals - our region is a better place to be for every living thing

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Growing a movement

- involving everyone - everyone has a part to play, no matter how small or big their contribution
- connecting environmental/sustainability projects and initiatives - the goodworks currently happening all contribute to the same overarching goal; there is no right or wrong way to contribute to this goal
- re-wilding streets and neighbourhoods - more natural habitat in more places
- creating eco-corridors - connecting existing green spaces through the development of new green spaces to allow our wildlife to thrive and move more freely between them
- recognising, preserving, enhancing, using and enjoying our green spaces - identifying the spaces around us and making them better and more usable
- planting waterways - more planting to protect our waterways and provide habitat for wildlife and plant species
- using Rongoa Maori/native plants to heal the land and us - planting the right plants in the right places as they would historically have existed to heal the whenua, and using these plants in traditional Maori medicine
- creating sanctuaries for bees and other wildlife - recognising the important part bees and other insects have in our eco-system and encouraging a reduction in pesticide use so they can thrive
- minimising waste - eliminating single-use plastics, dealing with foodwaste etc and minimising what is sent to landfill
- encouraging active transport methods throughout the region
- Biophilic principles for our cities and suburbs - deliberately building more nature into our built up environment to satisfy our inherent human inclination to affiliate with nature and the benefits this creates

Places to visit

We have a multitude of places we can visit to enjoy our environment within the Bay of Plenty, each of these places has its own environmental qualities. Many National Parks in the world have large towns within them. We already know that many of the world's National Parks have greater populations, greater visitor numbers, higher environmental loads and larger infrastructural needs than already present in the Bay of Plenty; this is about creating something special for our own unique region.

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Things to do

There are lots of things to do within the Bay of Plenty region; how do these activities include or impact on the surrounding environment and how could they be improved and made more accessible.

- Promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of our areas and our community's special attributes by everyone
- Conserving and enhancing natural beauty, wildlife, culture and historical heritage, and
- Seeking to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the Bay of Plenty
- Providing a profile of 'For Export' initiatives, where good-deeds are self-promoted but used to grow a movement that self-perpetuates
- An opportunity for alignment with other sectors' efforts, e.g., Tourism, Sustainable infrastructural Growth, Cultural presence and Social well-beings, etc.

An environment to enjoy

- enjoying our existing green spaces and inspiring the creation of more of them.
- enjoying our region and all it has to offer
- enjoying a more sustainable way of living

What would it be like to live in the Bay of Plenty as a National Park?

Fundamentally, like any park, Bay of Plenty National Park recognises both the daily reality of living on our planet as communities, but doing so alongside the value of urban life, habitats, landscapes, people and culture. The region would be a more connected place to be, and through the aspirational vision of the project get better every day.

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Demonstrating commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

A few years ago New Zealand signed up and made a commitment to mobilise efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change. Bay of Plenty National Park directly addresses a number of these goals.



- **Clean Water and Sanitation:** Ensure access to water and sanitation for all
- **Sustainable Cities and Communities:** Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- **Responsible Consumption and Production:** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- **Climate Change:** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- **Life Below Water:** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources
- **Life on Land:** Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss

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What will Envirohub do?

Work with people, agencies, groups, communities and partners to facilitate a ground up community-led initiative encouraging everyone to:

- Enjoy the Bay of Plenty's great outdoors more, on land or water
- Make the Bay of Plenty Region environmentally better off, more sustainable, higher-valued everywhere in the environment, and break down beliefs that the environment starts at the human habitation limits but in fact is all around us, and is created by people themselves through their actions; making our built areas greener, healthier and more fun to be in
- Promote Bay of Plenty's environmental identity as a National Park Region as a whole
- Make people feel at ease about still operating regular activities and industry in the Bay of Plenty, but with an eye on the future. We will do this by communicating that just because we've already modified an environment doesn't mean we cannot see it as a park and make ground-up improvements immediately
- Create a campaign and provide leadership 'making it safe' to believe we are living in a National Park setting
- Lead a regional engagement process with community groups and use software and social media to fuel the movement.

Similar to the very successful London National Park City, this is not just about joining up everyone under a top-down agency, in fact the opposite. Bay of Plenty National Park would not have a traditional single top-down authority, instead a partnership and a large number of contributors. In our case this could become thousands of people. Existing Parks' agencies in this case would simply see aspects of their work projected and occurring from the ground up, without the extra resource demand. Bay of Plenty National Park is all about recognising the 'way we do things around here' in New Zealand, and recognising the critical mass of people's actions, community initiatives and those of respective community groups. All of these things would continue to organically operate as they would in any community, but with support services and a place of reference at key times provided by Envirohub.

- Envirohub would be the lead-organisation curating and coordinating programmes and social media conversations under the Bay of Plenty National Park concept. Free events and a range of activities would be profiled as well as acting as a recognition vehicle and ongoing conversations for small acts and large ideas.
- Envirohub would be the lead-organisation to facilitate an on-line portal to seek interest from people who are interested in becoming Bay of Plenty National Park makers and volunteers. Anyone can help improve life and the environment in the Bay of Plenty with small or large ideas and actions, be they backyard or street initiatives. Overall, Bay of Plenty National Park is about getting people outdoors and making the Bay of Plenty more fun, sustainable, greener, healthier and wilder.

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Community Led Development

Working together to create and achieve locally owned visions and goals.

- shared local visions or goals drive action and change
- use existing strengths and assets
- many people and groups working together
- building diverse and collaborative local leadership
- adaptable planning and action informed by outcomes.



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An on-going campaign

Bay of Plenty National Park has as its overarching goal to improve the region's environment for everyone's benefit, it is an aspirational, illimitable vision in perpetuity. Everyone can be involved in moving towards the vision for a Bay of Plenty National Park; our land, our people, our environment: our bay of plenty.

An invitation

- to join us on this journey to greenness,
- to connect more people to nature
- to safeguard our environment, for everyone now and in the future.
- to be a part of it
- to join the movement

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(* coming soon!)

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