



# AUCKLAND CONSERVATION BOARD

*Te Rūnanga Papa Atawhai o Tāmaki Makaurau*



**Annual Report 2020-2021**

*Tāmaki Makaurau*  
*Herenga waka*  
*Herenga Tangata*  
*He waka eke noa*  
*Mai i ngā wai rere*  
*aTopuni tae noa ki te*  
*mahana o Pukoru*  
*Kainga ngā ika katoa*

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**Auckland Conservation Board**  
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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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Tēnā koe Edward

I submit, in terms of section 6O of the Conservation Act 1987, the annual report of the Auckland Conservation Board (the Board) for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. The Conservation Act requires that the Board report each year to the New Zealand Conservation Authority on its operations.

In the reporting year, the Board set itself an ambitious plan aimed at addressing strategic environmental priorities and delivering on Ministerial expectations, whilst still keeping a vigilant watch on protecting and supporting biodiversity needs for Tāmaki Makaurau.

Over time, our capacity to meet demands and fulfil our goals became challenging for the Board, partly due to a lack of additional technical support and resourcing to assist Board members. However, despite these setbacks the Board delivered a diverse range of actions and deliverables of which we can be proud.

As the incoming Chair, I want to acknowledge the significant leadership and valuable contributions made by our outgoing Chair Lyn Mayes and fellow past members whose passionate drive for real results and vision for a thriving Tāmaki continues to inspire.

Nō reira

E noho ora mai

Nicola MacDonald  
Chairperson  
Auckland Conservation Board

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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Section 6(O) of the Conservation Act requires conservation boards to provide the New Zealand Conservation Authority (**Authority**) with an annual report as soon as practical after 30 June each year. In recognition of this requirement the Tāmaki Makaurau – Auckland Conservation Board (**Board**) submits this annual report.

Conservation boards are independent advisory bodies, established by statute. They represent the community and offer interaction between communities and the Department of Conservation (**Department**), within their area of jurisdiction.

Conservation board members are appointed by the Minister of Conservation under section 6(P) of the Conservation Act 1987 (**Act**). Board functions are outlined in section 6(M) and the powers, which enable the conservation boards to carry out those functions, are under 6(N) of the Act. The Board has several statutory roles under various Acts, including:

- the recommendation of the Auckland Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) to the Authority for approval
- advising the Department and the Authority on how conservation management strategies and plans will be put into practice, and reporting on the implementation of the CMS
- the recommendation of national park management plans to the Authority for approval
- advising the Department and Authority on conservation matters, and proposed changes to status of land of national and international significance
- liaising with the regional Fish and Game Council on conservation matters
- carrying out other powers delegated by the Minister of Conservation, the Conservation Act or any other Act.

Conservation boards also have several functions under section 30 of the National Parks Act 1980. These functions include recommending the review or amendment of national park management plans and recommending approval of these plans by the Authority.

## 2. ROHE

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The Auckland Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction covers an area of just over 2,400,000 hectares. This area extends from the west coast to the east coast in the narrowest part of New Zealand. The entrance to the Kaipara Harbour marks the north-western corner of the region and Mangawhai Heads marks the north-eastern point. In the south-west, the boundary follows the north bank of the Waikato River, and the south-eastern boundary is on the Firth of Thames at Pūkoro/Miranda. The Board's district also currently includes the Kermadec Islands, located 800-1,000km northeast of the North Island.

The area also extends out to the 12-nautical mile limit with respect to coastal and marine issues, and out to the 200-nautical mile limit with respect to protected species.

Public conservation land and waters make up 44.97% of all the Board's total district. This consists of:

- 36,727 hectares of Public Conservation Land
- 336,858 hectares of Sanctuaries to Protect Marine Mammals
- 729,606 hectares of Marine Reserves, including the 716,509 ha Kermadec Islands Marine Reserve.

These areas constitute approximately 8.38% of all public conservation areas in New Zealand.

## 2.1 Tangata whenua

The Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland region has a strong and varied iwi landscape. 19 iwi groups have recognised interests in the district:

- Ngāti Wai
- Ngāti Manuhiri
- Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua\*
- Te Uri o Hau
- Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara\*
- Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei\*
- Te Kawerau ā Maki\*
- Ngāti Tamaoho\*
- Te Ākitai Waiohua\*
- Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki\*
- Ngāti Te Ata\*
- Te Ahiwaru Waiohua
- Waikato-Tainui
- Ngāti Pāoa\*
- Ngāti Whanaunga\*
- Ngāti Maru\*
- Ngāti Tamaterā\*
- Te Patukirikiri\*

13 iwi, indicated by \*, are represented by Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (the Tāmaki Collective), which signed the Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Deed with the Crown in 2012.

## 2.2 Conservation features of the area

The Board's district is a unique one in that it comprises the highly urbanised environment of the Auckland metropolitan area with one third of New Zealand's population, as well as extensive rural areas and remote offshore islands. The Board recognises the importance of making conservation real for the 1.6 million people living in Auckland and, notwithstanding the impact of COVID-19 on international and domestic tourism, delivering a first-class conservation experience for visitors to Auckland each year.

The Tāmaki Makaurau – Auckland region encompasses areas of very significant European historical importance as well as areas of ecological, natural, and amenity value such as the Firth of Thames, Kaipara Harbour, Te Hauturu-o-Toi / Little Barrier Island, Tiritiri Matangi and Motuora, the inner Gulf Islands including Rangitoto, Motutapu and Te Motu-a-

Ihenga/Motuihe, Mansion House on Kawau Island and the coastal defence installations at Fort Takapuna and Stony Batter on Waiheke Island.

The area also extends out to the 12-nautical mile limit with respect to coastal and marine issues, and out to the 200-nautical mile limit with respect to protected species. The marine environment is an especially important part of the Board's district and areas of interest. The Hauraki Gulf/Tīkapa Moana/Te Moananui-ā-Toi contains 40 pest-free sanctuaries and is a stronghold for a huge number of indigenous species found nowhere else in the world, including threatened seabirds, shorebirds, marine mammals, fish and marine invertebrates.

The Board's area also includes the Cape Rodney to Okakari Point Marine Reserve (New Zealand's first marine reserve at Leigh), Motu Manawa / Pollen Island Marine Reserve in the Waitemātā Harbour, Long Bay-Okura Marine Reserve and Te Matuku Marine Reserve at Waiheke Island. Tāwharanui Marine Reserve, on the eastern coast of the Rodney district, is the newest reserve and was gazetted in August 2011.

The main features of Public Conservation Land and Waters within the Board's boundaries are:

- Aotea Conservation Park - 12,896.05 ha
- 173 Scenic Reserves - 23,829 ha
- 15 Historic Reserves - 312.53 ha
- 33 Recreation Reserves - 3,384.45 ha
- 73 Stewardship Areas - 64,825.43 ha
- 218 Marginal Strips - 943.18 ha
- 6 Marine Reserves - 729,605.96 ha
- 1 Sanctuary to Protect Marine Mammals - 336,858.35 ha



*Mansion House Bay, Kawau Island, November 2020  
Photo: Laura Chartres, DOC*



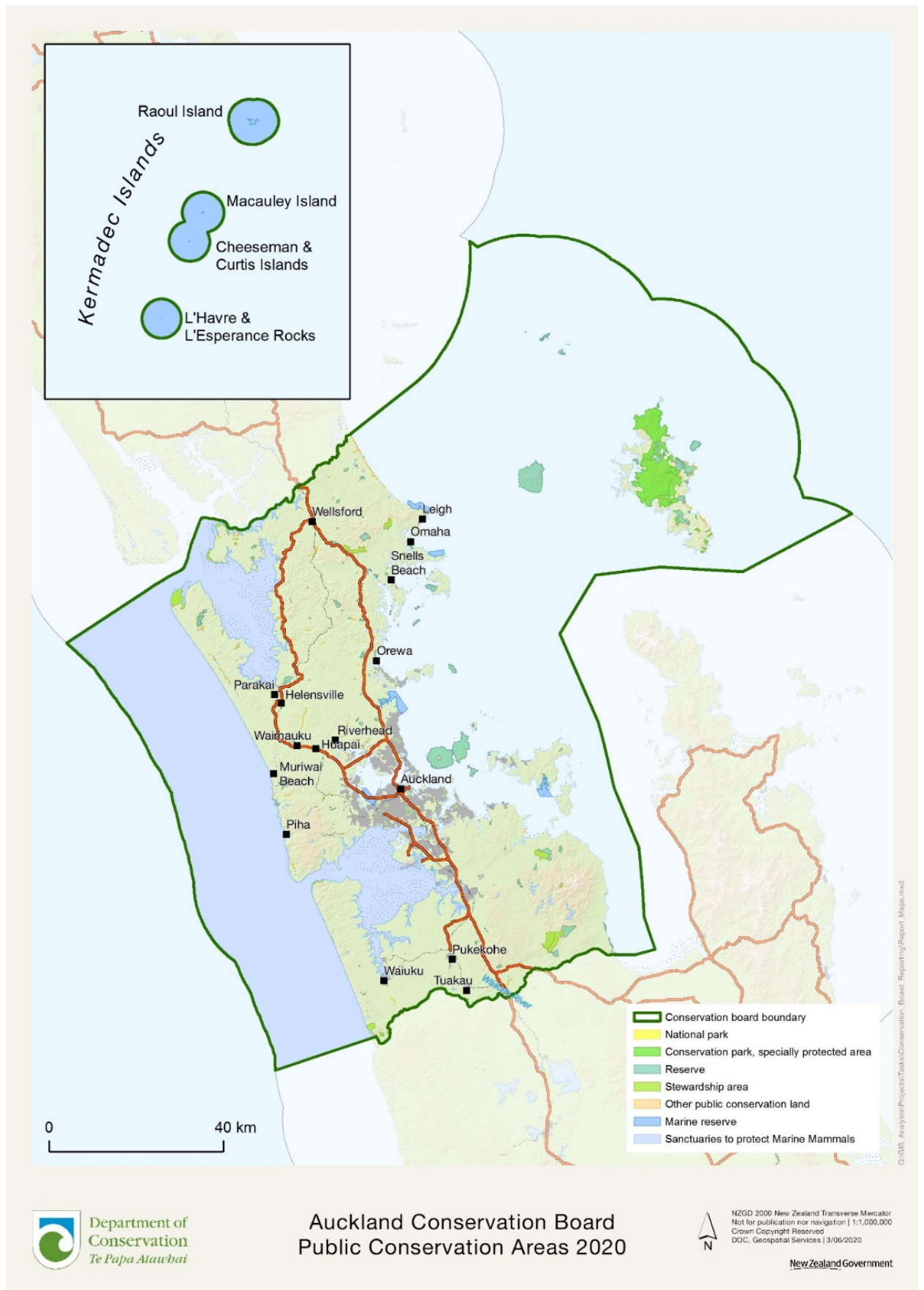


Figure 1. Auckland Conservation Board Jurisdiction

## 3. FUNCTIONS

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### 3.1 Board functions under section 6M of the Conservation Act 1987

The functions of the Board are:

- 1) To recommend the approval by the Authority of conservation management strategies, and the review and amendment of such strategies, under the relevant enactments
- 2) To approve conservation management plans, and the review and amendment of such plans, under the relevant enactments
- 3) To advise the Authority and the Director-General on the implementation of conservation management strategies and conservation management plans for the area within the jurisdiction of the Board
- 4) To advise the Authority or the Director-General on any proposed change of status or classification of any area of national or international importance
- 5) To advise the Authority or the Director-General on any other conservation matter relating to any area with the jurisdiction of the Board
- 6) To liaise with any Fish and Game Council on matter within the jurisdiction of the Board
- 7) To exercise such powers and functions as may be delegated to it by the Minister under this Act or any other Act.

### 3.2 Board powers under section 6N of the Conservation Act 1987

- 1) Every conservation board shall have all such powers as are reasonably necessary or expedient to enable it to carry out its functions.
- 2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), each conservation board may -
  - i. Advocate its interests at any public forum or in any statutory planning process; and
  - ii. Appoint committees of members and other suitable persons, and delegate to them functions and powers.
- 3) The power conferred by subsection (2)(i) shall include the right to appear before courts and tribunals in New Zealand and be heard on matters affecting or relating to the Board's functions.

### 3.3 Board functions under section 30 of the National Parks Act 1980

- 1) to recommend management plans, and the review or amendment of such plans, for parks within the jurisdiction of the Board in accordance with sections 45 to 47:
- 2) to consider and determine priorities for the implementation of management plans for national parks:
- 3) to make recommendations to the Minister for the appointment of honorary rangers under section 40:
- 4) to review and report to the Director-General or the Authority, as appropriate, on the effectiveness of the administration of the general policies for national parks within the jurisdiction of the Board:
- 5) to give advice to the Director-General or the Authority—
  - i. on the interpretation of any management plan for a park; and

- ii. on any proposal for the addition of land to any national park or the establishment of a new national park; and
- iii. on any other matter relating to any national park, within the jurisdiction of the Board.



*Board meeting at DOC Okiwi Office, Aotea/Great Barrier, May 2021  
Photo: Kirsty Prior, DOC*

#### 4. MEMBERSHIP

The Minister of Conservation appoints Board members under section 6P of the Conservation Act 1987. The process of appointment ensures that a range of perspectives, life experiences, and knowledge contribute to the advice provided and decisions made by the Board.

Board members are appointed for terms of up to three years and may be re-appointed. There were 11 Board members for the reporting year. In February 2021 Nicola MacDonald was elected Chair, taking over from Lyn Mayes, and Fale Lesā was elected Deputy Chair, taking over from Andrew Jeffs. One member, José Derraik, resigned from the Board in January 2021, after having been on a leave of absence from Board duties since July 2020. The Board carried one mana whenua vacancy from the Waiohū Tāmaki rōpū.

The following table lists the membership of the Board between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021:

Board Member	Area	Term start	Term end	Years Served
Nicola MacDonald	Auckland	2018	2021	3
José Derraik*	Bucklands Beach	2019	2021	1

<b>Natalie Hansby</b>	Te Atatū Peninsula	2019	2023	2
<b>Andrew Jeffs*</b>	Auckland	2015	2021	6
<b>Pengbo Jiang</b>	Auckland	2019	2022	2
<b>Nathan Kennedy</b>	Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau - Marutūāhu rōpū	2014	2023	7
<b>Mervyn Kerehoma</b>	Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau - Ngāti Whātua rōpū	2020	2023	1
<b>Andrew (Fale) Lesā*</b>	Auckland	2018	2021	3
<b>Carolyn (Lyn) Mayes*</b>	Albany	2014	2021	7
<b>Malcolm Page</b>	Botany	2017	2023	4
<b>Kate Waterhouse</b>	Auckland and Aotea	2019	2022	3

\*denotes members who departed the Board by 30 June 2021

#### 4.1 Members' profiles

**NICOLA MACDONALD** (Ngāti Rehua, Ngāti Wai, Te Rarawa, Te Atiawa, and Ngāti Maru ki Taranaki): Nicola is a current member of several governance bodies, including the Hauraki Gulf Forum, the Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee and the Māori Women's Welfare League. She has experience in leading environmental programmes such as the Restore Rakitū and Bring Back Kōkako projects.

**DR JOSÉ DERRAIK** (outgoing): José has a Masters degree in Ecology and PhD in Public Health. He was previously a senior human health advisor at MAF Biosecurity NZ and an invited member of the Royal Society of NZ Biodiversity Committee. José is a senior research fellow at the University of Auckland, having worked there for 11 years on clinical and epidemiological studies. He is passionate about the natural world, a keen hiker and climber, having acquired considerable knowledge on the interface between public health and the environment, biodiversity, and conservation.

**NATALIE HANSBY**: Natalie is an experienced senior manager in conservation, local government and tourism, with experience in strategic planning, risk management, operationalising strategy and community empowerment. She has eight years' experience as a senior manager at Auckland Zoo and is a former board member of Girl Guiding New Zealand.

**DR ANDREW JEFFS** (outgoing): Andrew is a marine scientist at the University of Auckland and managing director of Two Fathom Ltd. He has broad scientific, environmental and business knowledge, as well as a prior knowledge of the Department of Conservation's work and functioning. He holds a PhD in Marine Science and a Post Graduate Diploma in Commerce.

**PENGBO JIANG**: Pengbo is an experienced board member and advisor in public and not-for-profit sectors. He holds a Masters degree in Management and has a Certificate in Māori Studies. With a background in volunteering, he is a recipient of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers in recognition of work in the community.

**DR NATHAN KENNEDY** (of Ngāti Whanaunga, Marutūāhu, and Ngāti Hei): Nathan is nominated by Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau / Marutūāhu rūpū. Nathan is a Treaty negotiator for Ngāti Whanaunga, GIS (geographic information systems) analyst, and was environment officer for Ngāti Whanaunga for over 15 years. He is currently engaged as the senior Māori heritage technical specialist within Auckland Council's Chief Planning Office. He holds a PhD in Geography.

**MERVYN KEREHOMA** (of Ngāti Karaua and Ngāti Whanaunga): Mervyn is nominated by Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau / Ngāti Whātua rūpū. He has experience in cultural engagement and as a relationship liaison. He has knowledge of ecology restoration planning, pest management and biodiversity monitoring.

**ANDREW (FALE) LESĀ** (outgoing): Fale is a policy consultant for the Asian Development Bank and board member of Unitec. He studied environmental management at the University of Auckland and worked on a marine biodiversity project with the World Wildlife Fund. In 2009 he was elected to the Manukau City Council's Pacific Affairs Advisory Committee. He takes great pride in helping to revive Waka Ama in South Auckland and offers a perspective as a New Zealand Samoan.

**CAROLYN (LYN) MAYES** (outgoing): Lyn is a company director and founder of Mad World Ltd in 2001, an environmental consultancy dedicated to building networks and collaboration to improve NZ's environmental performance through best practice best cost outcomes. She is a strong advocate for wider industry engagement in conservation programmes, her recreational interests include Olympic Weightlifting. Lyn is a New Zealand Masters Olympic Weightlifter holding National records in the sport and competing for New Zealand internationally.

**MALCOLM PAGE**: Malcolm has over 30 years' experience in parks & recreation management, including 22 years in Auckland with Manukau City Council and most recently with Auckland Council following local government re-organisation. He has held positions in parks operations, planning, policy and strategy, and has a range of management experience in recreation and access, heritage and landscape protection, ecological restoration, and environmental education and community engagement. Malcolm has developed co-management agreements in partnership with Ngai Tai Ki Tāmaki and Te Ākitai Waiohū.

**KATE WATERHOUSE**: Kate is an experienced business and conservation leader. She is a writer and consultant with strategy, facilitation and change experience across the public and private sector in New Zealand and globally. Kate advocates for a collaborative approach to biodiversity and ecosystems restoration and is Chair of the Aotea Great Barrier Environmental Trust, Deputy Chair of the Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee and a trustee of the Hauturu Supporters Trust. She is married with three daughters and is completing a Masters in Creative Writing at the University of Auckland.



*Board visit to Motuihe Island, February 2021  
Photo: Lyn Mayes*

## 5. MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

The Board held four meetings during the reporting period, conducted three field visits and held four workshops to focus on delivery of priority areas. Venues for the meetings vary each year to provide an opportunity for members of different communities across the Board's area to attend meetings and engage with the Board.

Field trips were held to Kawau, Aotea/Great Barrier and Te Motu-a-Ihenga/Motuihe. Members of the Board also visited the Dome Valley to see the proposed site for the Waste Management NZ Ltd. landfill and conducted a workshop at Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae, Unitec.



*Motuihe Island, February 2021  
Photo: Lyn Mayes*

Meeting date	Location/Venue
23 July 2020*	Workshop on Treaty Principles – Auckland
<b>19 August 2020</b>	<b>Board Meeting - virtual due to COVID-19 restrictions</b>
16 September 2020*	Workshop on 2020 Annual Work Plan – virtual
12 October 2020	Site Visit – Dome Valley (Wayby Valley)
<b>18 November 2020</b>	<b>Board Meeting – Mansion House Bay, Kawau Island</b>
18 November 2020*	Field Trip – Kawau Island
14 December 2020*	Workshop on Treaty Principles – Unitec Campus
<b>23 February 2021</b>	<b>Board Meeting – Ōrākei</b>
23 February 2021*	Field Trip – Motuihe Island

17 May 2021*	Field Trip - Aotea/Great Barrier Island
17 May 2021*	Workshop with Aotea Conservation Park Advisory Committee regarding the Tū Mai Taonga conservation project - Okiwi, Aotea/Great Barrier Island
<b>18 May 2021</b>	<b>Board Meeting - Okiwi, Aotea/Great Barrier Island</b>

\*denotes workshop or field trip

## 5.1 Agendas

The Board heard from several speakers at its meetings, site visits and workshops, including:

- John Laurence, Chair of the Motuihe Trust, accompanied the Board on its visit to the island and spoke about the Trust's work programme. (February field trip)
- Jo Ritchie, who presented to the Board about the Tū Mai Taonga project, an initiative targeting the eradication of feral cats and rats to protect native species and ecosystems on Aotea/Great Barrier (May workshop)
- Dr John Ogden, who spoke to the Board about the ecological restoration of Rakitū, a pest-free island offshore from Aotea/Great Barrier. Dr Ogden urged the Board to support removal of weka from Rakitū, and progression of a restoration plan for the island (May meeting).

Due to the snap COVID-19 lockdown in August 2020, the Board was not able to receive planned presentations at its August meeting from Chris Gaskin of the Northern NZ Seabird Trust and Councillor Phelan Pirrie, Chair of the Rodney Local Board. The Board hopes to engage with these groups in the coming year.

Department staff also spoke to the Board throughout the year:

- Solicitor Victoria Tumai presented to the Board on section 4 of the Conservation Act and Treaty settlements. (July workshop)
- Senior Heritage Advisor Brooke Jamieson spoke to the Board about the Department's business planning frameworks for heritage conservation. (November meeting)
- Senior National RMA Advisor Sarah Hucker presented to the Board about the Clean Hull Project, a cross-agency collaboration aimed at reducing the risk of spreading marine pests, and sought the Board's feedback on the Project's draft proposals. (May meeting)

The agendas and approved minutes from all Board meetings can be found on the Board's webpage at:

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/conservation-boards/auckland/>

## 5.2 Field trips and site inspections

Field trips are an opportunity for Board members to become more aware of conservation issues within their region.

In November, the Board visited Kawau Island and received a tour of the historic Mansion House, former residence of Governor George Grey, from DOC Senior Heritage Advisor Brooke Jamieson.

In February, members made a field trip to Te Motu-a-Ihenga/Motuihe. The Board learned about the island's history through visiting the north-western headland which was the site of a WWII-era military base and before then a quarantine facility. Graves from the time of the 1918 influenza pandemic were seen. They also learned about the activities of the Motuihe Restoration Trust from the Trust Chair, John Laurence. The Trust has contributed greatly to the conservation of the island through pest control, tree planting and improvement of visitor services.

In May, the Board travelled to Aotea/Great Barrier Island and visited several sites while there, including:

- Kaitoke Wetlands and Kaitoke/Te Wai Te Puia Hot Springs
- The Glenfern Sanctuary, an 83-hectare pest-free Regional Park, where members visited ancient kauri trees through a swing bridge track guided by Sanctuary staff.



*Caleb Hamilton, DOC Senior Ranger Heritage and Visitors, talks to the Board about the historic water tower on Motuihe Island, February 2021.  
Photo: Lesa Lomas, DOC*



*Board members learning about the history of Mansion House, Kawau Island, from DOC Senior Heritage Advisor Brooke Jamieson, November 2020  
Photo: Laura Chartres, DOC*

The Board also visited Okiwi School, the local primary school. The pupils welcomed members and presented the many conservation activities they undertake to restore the mauri of Aotea including pest control, native planting and beach clean-ups.

In addition to these field trips, in October 2020 Board members Lyn Mayes, Kate Waterhouse and Nicola MacDonald made a site visit to Dome Valley (Wayby Valley) to view the location of the proposed Waste Management NZ Ltd landfill, the resource consent application for which the Board opposed (see Section 8, Advice and Advocacy).





Board members visiting Kaitoke Wetlands, Aotea/Great Barrier, May 2021  
 Photo: Laura Chartres, DOC

### 5.3 Members' attendance 2020/21

Board Member	Meetings (total 4)	Field trips (total 3)	Workshops (total 4)
Nicola MacDonald	2	1	4
José Derraik	0	0	0
Natalie Hansby	4	3	2
Andrew Jeffs	4	3	2
Pengbo Jiang	4	3	4
Nathan Kennedy	4	3	2
Mervyn Kerehoma	2	2	3
Andrew (Fale) Lesā	4	3	3
Carolyn (Lyn) Mayes	4	2	3
Malcolm Page	4	3	4
Kate Waterhouse	4	3	4

## 6. MAHI

### 6.1 Board Committees

The Conservation Act 1987 enables the Board to establish committees to carry out functions or tasks delegated by the Board. Committees that were active during the reporting period, and members involved in those committees included:

- **Communications:** the purpose of this committee was to progress the Board's Communications Plan, which it delivered through the services of a public communications contractor. During the reporting year the Board made three media releases, one television appearance, and posted regularly on its Facebook page (see section 8.6, Community Visibility).

**Members:** Lyn Mayes, Fale Lesā, Nicola MacDonald, Malcolm Page, Natalie Hansby

- **Concessions:** the purpose of this committee was to assess applications for concessions that are referred to the Board under its agreed triggers and to provide advice to the Department. During the reporting year, seven applications were referred to Board for their comments. The committee provided comments on all seven applications.

**Members:** Malcolm Page, Nathan Kennedy, Pengbo Jiang

### 6.2 Special events

In July 2020, the Board held a dinner event to acknowledge its new and departing members. Board members expressed their appreciation for the service of Glenn Wilcox, who retired from the Board after six years of valued contributions. Glenn enriched the Board's activities with his depth of cultural knowledge, resource management and environmental issues. Of special note was Glenn's integral role working with Ngāti Manuhiri and the Department of Conservation during the development of the 2017 Conservation Management Plan for Te-Hauturu-o-Toi/Little Barrier Island.



*Board member Fale Lesā and Auckland Zoo staff Don McFarlane, Motuihe, December 2020  
Photo: Fale Lesā*

In August 2020, the Chair Lyn Mayes represented the Board and MC'ed an online livestream speakers' event for Conservation Week, "Nature through New Eyes." Originally planned to take place in person, the event was quickly shifted online following a snap COVID Alert Level 3 lockdown in Auckland. Almost 400 people attended to hear talks from Minister of Conservation Hon. Eugenie Sage, ecologists and conservation commentators.

In December 2020, member Fale Lesā represented the Board at a release of wētāpunga (giant weta) on Te Motu-a-Ihenga/Motuihe in the Hauraki Gulf. The release was part of a

wider species recovery programme driven by Auckland Zoo and the Motuihe Trust, with the support of iwi and DOC.

### 6.3 Training for members

The Board received cultural competency training as part of the two Treaty workshops held in July and December 2020. This included education in te reo and basic tikanga.

In January 2021, members of the concessions sub-committee met with DOC staff for an induction and refresher training session on the Board's role in the Department's concessions processes.



*Wānanga at Te Noho Kotahitanga marae, Unitec, December 2020  
Photo: Hemi Waretini, DOC*

## 7. STATUTORY ACTIVITY

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### 7.1 Annual Work Plan

After receiving a Letter of Expectation from the Minister of Conservation, the Board develops its work plan for the year. The Board's Annual Work Plan for 2020/2021 is attached as Appendix 1 and includes an assessment of performance against the Plan.

The Board revised its Work Plan at its July 2020 Workshop to reflect the Minister's priorities in her Letter of Expectation and to address matters that the Board also wished to focus on. The Board's five strategic priorities are:

- Address Auckland's declining indigenous biodiversity.
- Enhance Relationships with Treaty Partners.

- Ensure more Aucklanders connect with and appreciate nature through increased awareness of the Board and its role in the community.
- Ensure promotion of cultural heritage sites in the Auckland region, in particular Māori heritage; and
- Addressing the climate crisis.

## 7.2 Auckland Conservation Management Strategy (CMS)

The Auckland CMS was adopted in 2014 and is now in its sixth year. The Board has received regular reports from the Department on the implementation of the CMS.

Members were satisfied overall with the progress made and the range and amount of work completed. However, they also noted disappointment that there are several areas where milestones are still to be completed, such as reporting on tangata whenua satisfaction with the Department’s activities, and areas of the CMS they believe would benefit from improvement, such as measures related to marine protection.

In addition to monitoring implementation of the Auckland CMS, the Board contributed to a key project being undertaken by the Department. In May, Board members met with Department staff and members of the Options Development Group (ODG) for the Partial Review of the Conservation General Policy to discuss and provide feedback on this work.

## 7.3 Inner Islands Conservation Management Plan

The Board is especially disappointed with the continued lack of progress to start development of a Conservation Management Plan for the inner motu of the Hauraki Gulf (Rangitoto, Motutapu and Motuihe/Te Motu-a-Ihenga) with the Tūpuna Taonga o Tāmaki Makaurau Trust. Preparation of the Motu Plan is a requirement under the Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014, and a crucial milestone within the Auckland CMS.

Despite the Board’s continued advocacy efforts, progress has now been delayed for a number of years, due to difficulties in reaching an agreement between the Department and the Tūpuna Taonga Trust about management and resourcing of the project. The delay is a source of frustration for the Board.

## 7.4 Threatened Species

During the year the Board continued to closely monitor progress towards the recovery of a representative sample of threatened species which it had identified as being among those of priority concern in the region. The Board received a report on each of the 17 species at each Board meeting describing any planned work by the Department and any new information on population trends.

### Auckland Threatened Fauna and Flora – report from February 2021

Species Type	Common Name	Status	Comments
Bird	Matuku Australasian bittern	Steady decline since 1990	Highlighted as a species at risk from proposed new landfill site in Dome Valley

Species Type	Common Name	Status	Comments
Bird	Tara-iti, tara teoteo, fairy tern	35-39 birds.	Five fledglings in the report year including one captive reared at Auckland Zoo and released from an aviary at Te Arai.
Bird	Tūturuatu, New Zealand shore plover	9 birds in Auckland region	4 adults were killed by a stoat on Motutapu. 9 surviving birds removed from the island and held temporarily in the national programme's captive breeding facilities.
Bird	Tāiko, takoketai, Black Petrel	Approximately 100 pairs on Hauturu and 1000 pairs on Aotea. Research at Hiramakamata underway.	Ongoing monitoring on Aotea. Biosecurity to ensure pest free status helps ensure survival. Trap work around Hiramakamata will support population growth.
Bird	New Zealand storm petrel	Size of breeding population unknown but likely recovering after eradication of rats on Hauturu.	Work by Northern NZ Seabird Trust on mark and recapture will depend on Trust's intentions and any new biosecurity restrictions for Hauturu/Little Barrier.
Bird	Pāteke, brown teal	Around 500 birds mainly on Aotea. 30% decline on Aotea in 19/20 attributed to drought and reduced predator control.	Flock counts in Feb 2021 up 4% to 447 birds. Fixed term pāteke Ranger employed by the Department on Aotea.
Cetacean	Bryde's Whale	Around 135 whales use the Hauraki Gulf.	The voluntary protocol to slow ship speeds remained in place, and no deaths from ship strike were reported.
Cetacean	Māui dolphin	63 individuals > 1 year	Sighting database was maintained using a verification system. In October 2020 new measures to restrict commercial and recreational set-net and commercial trawl fishing took effect, following recommendations of the Hector's and Māui Dolphin Threat Management Plan review.
Cetacean	Kera wēra, orca	150-200 individuals	Passive monitoring.

Species Type	Common Name	Status	Comments
Plant	Kōwhai ngutu-kākā, kākābeak	A number of plants in cultivation on Motuihe	Plan to propagate and plant in place on Motuihe.
Plant	Veronica jovellanoides	Riverhead Forest	Located in 3 out of 6 monitoring plots. Work underway to establish a propagation and translocation plan.
Plant	Veronica speciosa	South Kaipara Covenant	No monitoring by DOC.
Invertebrate.	Wētāpunga, giant weta	Secure on Hauturu	Monitoring of Tiritiri and Motuora populations. Auckland Zoo undertook significant conservation work, including release of a founder population on Te Motu-a-Ihenga/Motuihe.
Arachnid	Katipō	Declining; introduced spiders contributing to further decline	No species-specific work undertaken. Weed control and predator control at sites may benefit the species.
Mammal	New Zealand long-tailed bat	Unknown population declining at around 5-9% per year	Highlighted as a species at risk from proposed new landfill site in Dome Valley. Biosecurity on Hauturu ensures survival there.
Mammal	New Zealand short-tailed bat	Te -Hauturu-o-Toi	No monitoring undertaken, The -pest free status of the island protects the population.
Reptile	Niho taniwha, Chevron skink	Aotea	Recovering slowly



Shore plover/tūturuatu (photo: Sabine Bernert, DOC); Kōwhai ngutu-kākā/kākābeak (photo: Dick Veitch, DOC); Chevron skink/niho taniwha, Aotea/Great Barrier (photo: Dick Veitch, DOC); Māui dolphin (photo: University of Auckland/DOC)

### 7.5 Greenhouse gas reporting

The Board made a commitment in its 2020-2021 Annual Work Plan to manage the Board’s activities to reduce the climate impact of the Board’s operations. In the reporting year, the Board held one meeting and one workshop virtually, reducing carbon emissions from travel. When meeting in person around the region, the Board car-pooled wherever possible.

The Board also completed an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from its overnight field trip to Aotea in May 2021. The trip totalled 2 tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup> equivalent emissions, with the majority coming from air travel to and from the island.

Scope	Activity	Kilograms				Tonnes			
		Total CO <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2-e</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O	Total CO <sub>2-e</sub>	CO <sub>2-e</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O
1	Transport Fuels	313	308	0	0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
3	Domestic Air Travel	1,906	1,872	7	26	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
3	Accommodation	64	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,283</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Figure 1: Greenhouse Gas Inventory for Aotea field trip, May 2021 (credit: Mad World Ltd)

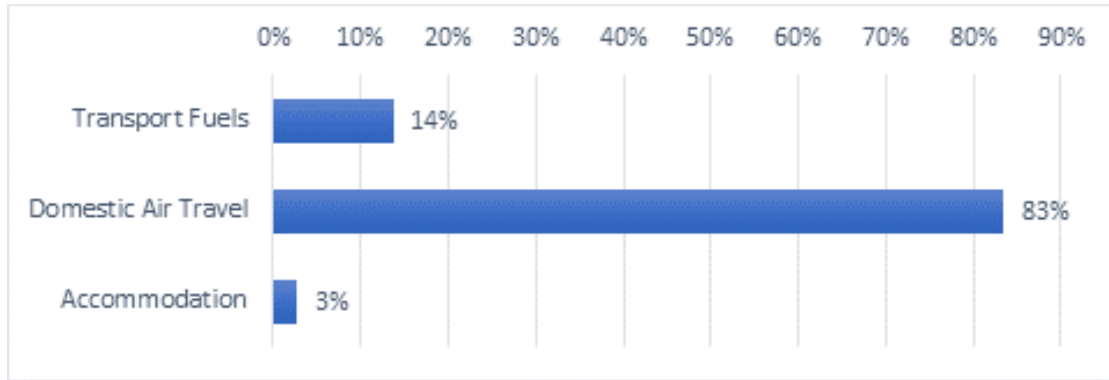


Figure 2: Chart showing percentage breakdown of Greenhouse Gas emissions by Activity (credit: Mad World Ltd)

## 8. ADVICE AND ADVOCACY

All Board members have a responsibility for liaising with other groups when opportunities arise, and some members have specific liaison roles. The Board appointed a member to liaise with one key group during the reporting year:

Board member	Organisation/Group/Agency
Andrew Jeffs	Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Council

### 8.1 Board and Authority liaisons

The Board maintains a working relationship with neighbouring conservation boards. Liaison roles for the reporting year were held by:

- Fale Lesa – Liaison to Northland Conservation Board
- Nathan Kennedy – Liaison to Waikato Conservation Board

The New Zealand Conservation Authority appoints a liaison member for each conservation board to facilitate communication. The Authority liaison attends Board meetings and reports back to the Authority on any matters raised by the Board. Penny Hulse was the Authority’s liaison for the reporting year, until her resignation from the Authority in 2021.

### 8.2 Submissions

The Board made eleven submissions during the year on statutory applications, policy proposals and projects. Each of the submissions related to the Board’s priorities and can be viewed on its webpage:

- *July 2020 - Submission on Marine Mammal Sanctuary Proposals to protect Hector’s and Māui dolphins.*

The Board supported the Department of Conservation’s proposals to greatly extend the level of protection to Māui and Hector’s dolphins. The Board also stated that threats to the dolphin species that cannot be addressed through sanctuaries and fishery restrictions, such as toxoplasmosis, must be investigated quickly and appropriate management responses advanced.



- *September 2020 - Further submission to Auckland Council in opposition to the changes proposed to the Auckland Unitary Plan and for a resource consent for a landfill at Wayby Valley.*

The Board endorsed the submission by the Director General of Conservation and the submissions of mana whenua in opposition to the landfill. The Board asked to be heard on this submission.

- *September 2020 - Submission on The Future of Tourism to MBIE Tourism Futures Taskforce*

The Board outlined its recommendations to amplify Māori tourism, to develop and implement a more sustainable visitor management strategy. It set out the three principal challenges as identifying a new sustainable model for tourism; enabling local development of visitor experiences and setting bottom lines for visitor impacts on conservation land.

- *October 2020 - Submission on Auckland Council's Regional Parks Management Plan Review*

The Board's submission recognised the contribution of Auckland's Regional Parks to conservation values and identified areas of commonality in Council's plan with the Board's own Work Plan, namely protecting Auckland's biodiversity, managing the impact of Auckland's growth, and responding to the impacts of climate change.

- *February 2021 - Submission to Auckland Council on Proposed new Ture ā-Rohe Urungi Āhuru / Navigation Safety Bylaw*

The Board opposed a proposed increase of the speed limit in the Waitematā Harbour Zone, citing the reduced incidence of ship strike on marine mammals since the reduction in the maximum speed limit to 12 knots.

- *February 2021 - Submission to MPI on the Proposed s11 Closure of Cockle Bay/Tuwakamana to Intertidal Shellfish Harvesting*

The Board supported Option 2 for the section 11 Closure of Cockle Bay/Tuwakamana to harvesting and acknowledged consultation with mana whenua including Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki. The Board supports a coherent approach to addressing harvesting impacts on shellfish populations rather than a beach-by-beach policy.

- *February 2021 - Submission to MPI on its Review of Rock Lobster Sustainability Measures for 2021/22*

The Board remained supportive of proposed measures to reduce rock lobster harvesting in the Hauraki Gulf and of the same approach being applied more widely to other rock lobster management areas to improve mitigation of the environmental impacts in coastal ecosystems from harvesting rock lobsters.

- *February 2021 - Submission to MPI on Proposed Section 186A Closure of Waiheke Island to Harvesting of Selected Species of Shellfish*

Given the likely wider importance of the shellfish to the ecosystem and community amenity at Waiheke Island, the Board supported the proposal by Ngāti Pāoa for a temporary closure of Waiheke Island to the harvest of scallops, mussels, rock lobster, and pāua.

- *March 2021 – Submission on Climate Change Commission proposals*

The Board supported the principles outlined in the proposals and agreed that budgets should be aligned with the IPCC’s fifth assessment report. The Board noted that offshore mitigation should not replace domestic action and emphasized that Te Ao Māori should be a driving force in our response to climate change.

- *April 2021 – Submission to MPI on proposed temporary closure of scallop fishery*

The Board supported Ngāti Hei Trust in their request for the closure of the scallop fishery. The Board viewed this request and others like it within the Hauraki Gulf as symptomatic of an ongoing failure to effectively manage these important coastal shellfish populations.

- *May 2021 – Submission to Department of Conservation on Te Pēwhairangi (Bay of Islands) Marine Mammal Sanctuary*

The Board supported the establishment of a marine mammal sanctuary in the Bay of Islands in an effort to reduce the negative effects of the stresses associated with human interactions with the marine mammals in the area.

### 8.3 Advocacy Highlights

The Board presented to Auckland Council commissioners at two hearings during the report year:

- *2 December 2020: Waste Management Wayby Valley Submission at Warkworth Town Hall*

Lyn Mayes, Nicola MacDonald and Kate Waterhouse represented the Board at the hearing. Lyn Mayes expressed the Board’s concern about the choice of the site due to several reasons, namely the serious impact on a number of threatened species and concerns about the increased risk of sediment flow from the site into the region’s waterways.

The Board also noted a lack of detail in the application about why the Wayby site was preferred over other alternatives, including expansion of existing landfills at other sites. In June 2021 Auckland Council approved the resource consent and the Board made clear its disappointment with this decision.



*Dome Valley site, October 2020*

*Photo: Lyn Mayes*

- 11 May 2021: Submission in opposition to Resource Consent Applications for the Coastal Marine Area (offshore from Pākiri Beach) to extract sand at Pākiri Town Hall

Lyn Mayes and Dr Andrew Jeffs represented the Board at the hearing. The Board opposed the application on several levels, namely the threat further extraction will have on shorebirds and marine mammals in the area, uncertainty relating to the sedimentary process and consequences of climate change, and direct and indirect effects on biological processes such as widespread disturbance to subtidal benthic habitats. The Board also stated that it did not believe the applicant had adequately addressed the potential for alternative sources of sand.

#### 8.4 Letters from Board Chair on behalf of Board (excluding statutory submissions)

Date	To	Topic
19.8.20	John Luke, citizen	Response to OIA information request
1.5.20	Conservation Board Chairs	Annual Report and Communications Strategy
8.9.20	Hon Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation	Annual Letter of Expectation and Annual Report
22.9.20	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Future of Tourism
16.11.20	Hon Kiritapu Allan, Minister of Conservation	Annual Work Plan and Letter of Welcome
23.11.20	Director Operations Auckland DOC	Rangitoto Baches
2.12.20	Mayor of Auckland	Wayby Valley proposed landfill
16.3.21	Department of Conservation	Feedback on Concession Application: Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi Visitor Centre
9.4.21	Department of Conservation	Feedback on Concession Applications: Marine Mammal Tourism & The Officers' Mess Ltd
11.6.21	Department of Conservation	Renaming of Omaha Ecological Area

During the year, the Board received and responded to one Official Information Act request.

#### 8.5 Community advocacy and involvement

The Board believes that working with conservation organisations and members of the public is very important. Meetings were held in different parts of the Auckland region and opportunities for the public to attend Board meetings were advertised. A Public Forum is

scheduled as part of every meeting, as an opportunity for the public to bring issues before the Board.

Members of the public attended the Public Forum at two of the year's meetings. The Board appreciated their input and efforts made to attend the meetings.

At the May 2021 meeting public forum on Aotea/Great Barrier, the Board discussed ecological restoration plans for Rakitū, an offshore island declared pest-free in 2019.

## 8.6 Community visibility

The Board maintains a presence on the Department's website, and via the quarterly Conservation Boards Newsletter.

The Board maintains an active Facebook page with over 450 followers.

### Auckland Conservation Board Communications Strategy

In 2020 the Board allocated some of its budget to fund an external communications resource. This has helped significantly raise the profile of the Board.

- *December 2020 Summer Campaign: Vehicles on Beaches*

The Board appealed to visitors to some of Auckland's most popular beaches this summer to avoid driving over sand dune areas. Currently in the Auckland region driving is permitted only on Karioitahi and Muriwai Beaches, with a short-term summer ban announced for Muriwai Beach. Both beaches are busy shared environments, with strict rules in place for vehicle users to ensure the safety of beachgoers and vehicle users alike. Board Chair Lyn Mayes explained that both beaches have particularly fragile dune systems and native biodiversity that needed to be protected; and asked visitors to please be mindful of this when out enjoying our beautiful beaches.



*Muriwai Beach  
Photo: Auckland Council*

- *December 2020 and June 2021 Opposition to the Wayby Valley Landfill*  
The Board issued a press release in December at the time of the resource consent hearing for the application from Waste Management NZ Ltd., with Board Chair Lyn Mayes interviewed on radio and by print media. In June 2021 the Board issued a further press release when Auckland Council announced its decision to approve the resource consent. Nicola MacDonald as Chair repeated the Board’s concerns in radio interviews on radio, the *NZ Herald* and in an interview on Māori TV.
- *May 2021 Opposition to the Resource Consent Application made to extract sand from coastal areas off Pākiri Beach.*  
The Board issued a press release citing its opposition to the application from Kaipara Ltd. Dr Andrew Jeffs was interviewed on Newstalk ZB. He noted that “The shoreline in the extraction area is an important nesting area for native shorebirds, including variable oystercatcher, but of greater significance is the New Zealand fairy tern (tara iti) which is our rarest breeding bird. In addition, the coastal waters in the vicinity of this sand extraction activity have some of the highest diversity of marine mammals in the world, including a small resident population of Bryde’s whales which has a ‘nationally critical’ conservation status in New Zealand.”

## 9. FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE

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### 9.1 Fees and allowances

Fees and allowances are paid in accordance with the Fees and Travelling Allowances Act 1951. The chairperson receives a daily meeting fee of \$330, and other Board members receive a daily meeting fee of \$250.

### 9.2 Financial Report

The table below outlines the Auckland Conservation Board budgeted and actual spending for 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Expense Type	Actual (\$)	Full Year Budget (\$)	Variance
Board fees	10,645	18,500	7,855
Advocacy Fees	0	1,500	1,500
Consultancy and Professional Services	2,480	3,500	1,020
Travel and Accommodation	5,949	7,000	1,051
Hospitality and events	4,138	3,000	(1,138)
Printing & Publication	2,382	1,500	(882)
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,053</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>11,114</b>

## Auckland Conservation Board Work Plan 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021

### Work Plan overview

This Work Plan has been developed in response to the Letter of Expectation from the Minister of Conservation dated 7 August 2020.

#### Status indicator

Colour	Indicates
	Completed
	Started and is ongoing
	Not started yet

#	Priority	Strategies / Actions	Actions	KPIs by June 2021	Status
1	<p><b><u>Address Auckland's declining indigenous biodiversity</u></b></p> <p><i>Aligned Ministerial Priorities:</i></p>	Work with DOC, mana whenua and others to define what actions will be taken in Auckland	Engage in DOC's processes for preparing an implementation plan for the Biodiversity Strategy	Board reviews its priority list of threatened species (birds, cetaceans, plants, invertebrates, and mammals) at every Board meeting to understand how threats to	

#	Priority	Strategies / Actions	Actions	KPIs by June 2021	Status
	<i>Implement the Aotearoa New Zealand biodiversity strategy Advice on climate change adaption</i>	Work with central and local government to understand and manage the key threats to biodiversity including pressures as climate changes	Provide informed strategy advice to DOC and the Minister regarding monitoring and reporting on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The status of threatened species in Auckland</li> <li>• Key DOC-administered ecosystems</li> </ul>	each species are being addressed by the Department.	
				Shared Threatened Species List with all Conservation Boards	
		Work to ensure that marine reserves, freshwater and conservation land are not compromised by development		Submission lodged on Auckland Council's issues that need to be addressed in the reviewed Regional Parks Management Plan	
	Sub Priority: <u>Terrestrial ecosystems/habitat restoration</u>	Support predator free programmes focusing on DOC administered land.	Advocacy for landscape scale predator control projects (Rakitu, Aotea, Waiheke)	Update to Board on the effectiveness of kauri dieback management in the region at each Board meeting.	
	Support DOC and Auckland Council to manage the ongoing threat of kauri dieback and other invasive pathogens	Advocate for ongoing management of and research into kauri dieback disease and how its spread might be contained.	Social Media – Facebook used to promote news about kauri dieback		




#	Priority	Strategies / Actions	Actions	KPIs by June 2021	Status
			Understand other pathogens impacting native flora.		
	Sub Priority <u>Restoration of freshwater ecosystems and protection of indigenous freshwater fish</u>	Understand the state of freshwater ecosystems and species.  Support and advocate for freshwater protection and restoration.	Request full assessment of stream and lake ecology across Auckland Council and DOC estate, including stock take of native fish.  Actively advocate for the protection and restoration of freshwater habitat and species through statutory processes.	Submission made to the Waste Management NZ Ltd. proposed landfill in the Wayby Valley and presentation to the hearing. Press release and media activity.	
	Sub Priority <u>Enhancement and regeneration of marine habitats and ecosystems</u>	Minimise threats to valued marine habitats and species  Support and promote initiatives to provide greater protection to marine species and habitats of significance  Expansion of marine reserves and other spatial	Continue to seek progress with improving the environmental outcomes for Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.  Continue to seek action to address the threat of oil from RMS Niagara shipwreck	Submission on Bay of Islands Marine Mammal and Whale Sanctuary Proposals  Submissions to MPI on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rock Lobster sustainability measures review</li> <li>• Cockle Bay/ Tuwakamana Intertidal Shellfish Harvesting Proposal</li> <li>• Waiheke Shellfish Harvesting Ngāti Hei</li> </ul>	



#	Priority	Strategies / Actions	Actions	KPIs by June 2021	Status
		marine conservation measures  Promote measures that will increase the resilience of coastal environment to climate change	Actively engage with statutory processes with adverse effects on the marine environment	proposed temporary closure of eastern • Coromandel scallop harvesting  Submission to Auckland Council on Kaipara Ltd.'s Pākiri Sand Extraction application and presentation to Hearing. Press release and media activity.	
2	<b><u>Enhance Relationships with Treaty Partners</u></b>  <i>Aligned Ministerial Priority:</i>  <i>Improve the implementation of Treaty of Waitangi partnerships and the requirements of Section 4 of the Conservation Act</i>	Continue to work with Ngāti Manuhiri to deliver the Hauturu-o-Toi / Little Barrier Island CMP  Increase and strengthen relationships with mana whenua to ensure Te Ao Māori and Te Taiao is reflected appropriately, and whānau, hapū and iwi are empowered to advance kaitiakitanga as appropriate	At least one meeting to have been held Ngāti Manuhiri about the implementation of the CMP  Develop Te Tiriti o Waitangi policies and other actions which may include: • Cultural awareness and safety • Colonisation and decolonisation • Mana whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau • Te Taiao/Kaitiakitanga	Work continues to deliver the CMP.  Held two workshops focusing on tikanga Māori and the Board's role in giving effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi including one meeting on a marae and a governance workshop to develop the Board's cultural competency.  Continued to advocate for work to be initiated on the Motu Plan	

#	Priority	Strategies / Actions	Actions	KPIs by June 2021	Status
			<p>Advocate for progress on the CMP for the inner motu islands of the Hauraki Gulf</p> <p>Engage with mana whenua to determine extent of engagement with DOC and level of satisfaction</p>		
3	<p><b><u>Ensure more Aucklanders connect with and appreciate nature through increased awareness of the Board and its role in the community</u></b></p> <p><i>Aligned Ministerial Priority</i></p> <p><i>Advocate for conservation and engage and connect with communities</i></p>	<p>Position the board as a trusted and independent body that advocates for conservation outcomes.</p> <p>Promote the recreational benefits of conservation while recognising the impact of visitor pressure on resources.</p> <p>Represent Auckland's diverse communities by recognising issues such as social inequalities and barriers to access.</p>	<p>Implement the Board's Communications strategy</p> <p>Seek accurate and timely visitor information.</p> <p>Submit to relevant plans.</p> <p>Seek input from diverse community groups. Celebrate more local conservation efforts especially at home or school.</p>	<p>Board allocated funding from its budget to contract an external communications professional. This allowed the Board to increase its media and promotional activity including media releases relating to vehicles on beaches, opposition to the proposed landfill in the Wayby Valley and the proposed expansion of sand mining offshore from Pākiri. The Board's position has been reported on radio, TV, print media and online.</p> <p>Increased promotional activity has led to improved social</p>	

#	Priority	Strategies / Actions	Actions	KPIs by June 2021	Status
		Promote urban and business conservation efforts.		media engagement (77% increase to 400 likes of Facebook page).	
				Submission made to MBIE on Future of Tourism.	
				54 nominations received to join the Board (increased from 20 nominations in 2020)	
4	<b><u>Ensure promotion of cultural heritage sites in the Auckland region, in particular Māori heritage</u></b>	<p>Recognise Auckland's cultural heritage.</p> <p>Advocate for mana whenua management or co-management of their significant heritage places.</p> <p>Advocate to DOC to provide appropriate financial resources to mana whenua to develop plans and strategies within the DOC estate.</p>	<p>Develop a strategy for Māori reconnection with their significant heritage places within DOC estate.</p> <p>Work with DOC to develop a report on fulfilment of statutory obligations related to historic and Māori heritage.</p>	Provided advice on DOC's strategic priorities for engagement with mana whenua and the determination of the cultural significance of Māori heritage places, through information provided at Board meetings.	
5	<b><u>Addressing the climate crisis</u></b>	Build understanding of climate change impacts on	Request from DOC:	Submissions by Board included considerations of the future impact of climate	

#	Priority	Strategies / Actions	Actions	KPIs by June 2021	Status
	<p><i>Aligned Ministerial Priority:</i></p> <p><i>Advise on Climate Mitigation and Strategy</i></p>	<p>biodiversity, habitats and significant sites.</p> <p>Evaluate the Board's climate impact</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of climate change impacts on vulnerable species and habitats</li> <li>• Analysis of expected climate change impacts on significant historical and cultural sites</li> </ul> <p>Make submission on local government climate action plans</p> <p>Actively manage the Board's activities to reduce the negative climate impact of the Board's operations</p>	<p>change – for example selection of landfill site and mining.</p> <p>Submission made on Climate Change Commission proposals.</p> <p>Greenhouse Gas inventory completed for the Board's meeting on Aotea/Great Barrier.</p>	  



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