

Auckland Conservation Board

Te Runanga Papa Atawhai o Tamaki Makaurau

Annual Report

1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

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View along the northern coastline of Motutapu towards Rangi toto - Photography by Michael Packer

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I. Foreword to Annual Report, Auckland Conservation Board, 2008 – 2009.

First, heartfelt thanks to the people who have made up the team of the Auckland Conservation Board during the year 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009. Without you nothing would have been possible. With you the Board was a force to be reckoned with.

Thanks also to the various staff members who wrote reports and attended meetings of the Board, and special thanks to our Board Support person, Raewyn Bennett and CMS co-ordinator Rebecca Rush. Thanks also to all the others who were always available and very helpful over a wide range of issues.

Over the year much time, thought and effort went into the rewrite of the Draft Conservation Management Strategy with several workshops being held for that purpose, as well as the time spent on this during Board meetings. Members put a huge effort into this task and fought hard for several matters to be included in a particular way, and for the "Places" they believed to be deserving of inclusion. The Board is disappointed that this work has not been completed before 4 members reached the end of their time on the Board.

Valuable effort was similarly put into a wide range of other matters during the year, including at times working alongside local iwi. The expertise of individual members was willingly given, as was their time.

Notable achievements included two RMA matters where the Board's submissions were very professionally made, and the Commissioners' decisions were clearly influenced by the arguments made. These were an application for a District Plan Change to allow a housing development adjacent to a nesting site of the extremely endangered Fairy Tern, and an application to allow "rehabilitation" of a waahi tapu using incompletely processed sludge from a nearby sewerage treatment plant. The submissions included concerns about water quality and threats to bird feeding and roosting sites.

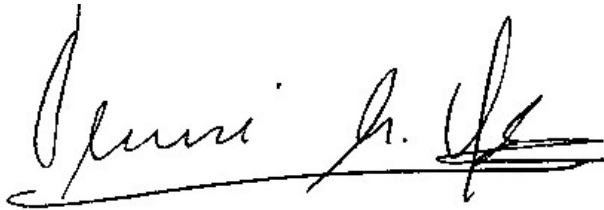
The Board was pleased to support the Department in its plans to create a pest-free environment on Rangitoto and Motutapu, and in its other efforts on the various islands of the Hauraki Gulf, while not losing sight of the importance of other parts of the Conservation estate in this Conservancy, and issues of wider relevance.

The Board's acknowledgment of its role in respect of the community as a whole led to Public Forum being renamed Community Forum and a more pro-active approach to community representatives attending meetings and addressing the Board. Similarly the Board encouraged the Department to widen its involvement with the community. Consultation around the CMS will provide an opportunity for more of this.

Two members who will have completed their terms on the Board will have left by the time of the publication of this Annual Report and will not have been replaced due to the Minister's decision to reduce numbers on Conservation Boards. Two others have applied for reappointment. The Minister's decision to reduce numbers and the reappointment or replacement of these members has the potential to change the make-up of the Board considerably. It is hard to imagine any future Board would match or exceed the breadth of expertise and the application of that, as seen amongst the current members.

With the Board's agreement to reduce the number of meetings from 6 per year to 4 in the next year, members will have to work even harder to achieve satisfactory outcomes. Also there will inevitably be changes brought about by the "Super city" for Auckland as it is formed. The Board will need to advocate for Conservation in the new regime, and there may be much work to be done between meetings.

There will be other and many challenges for Conservation over the next 12 months, as there have been in the past 12 months, and I expect the Auckland Conservation Board will be competent and in the frontline to meet those challenges.



Denise Yates
Chairperson



II. Report on Meetings and Activity – 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

1. INTRODUCTION

The New Zealand Conservation Authority and conservation boards are statutory bodies appointed by the Minister of Conservation under the provisions of the Conservation Act 1987. The role of conservation boards is to ensure that the community has a voice in conservation management. They represent the long-term public interest in conservation and are closely involved in local conservation planning and policy development affecting the Department's management of public conservation areas. Under section 6(O) of the Conservation Act 1987 conservation boards are required to provide the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) with an annual report.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Auckland Conservation Board as at 30 June 2009 is:

Jacqueline Beggs, Tamaki	Terrestrial Ecologist	31/8/2009
Peter Berg, Glendowie	Forester	31/8/2011
Peter Crabb, Pakiri	Marine Biologist / NZ Underwater	31/8/2010
Bruce Davies, Warkworth	Self-employed contractor	31/8/2011
Judy Gilbert, Aotea/Great Barrier	Self employed conservation advocate	31/8/2009
Tomui Kaloni, Northcote	Architect & Environmental Consultant	31/8/2010
Jenny Kirk, Hikurangi	Communications Consultant	31/8/2009
Carmen Kirkwood, Whatapaka	Author & Planner	31/8/2010
Estella Lee, Remuera	Travel Agent	31/8/2010
Kathleen Walsh, Kaiaua	Community Worker	31/8/2009
Mark Woolford, Mt Eden	Crown Solicitor	31/8/2011
Denise Yates, Huia	Trustee, environmental organisations	31/8/2011

Board members Peter Berg, Bruce Davies, Mark Woolford and Denise Yates were all re appointed for a further three year term in August 2008.

Peter Berg of Glendowie is a forester, who is President of NZ Forest Owners Assn and the NZ Chair of the Commonwealth Forestry Assn. He worked for the NZ Forest Service and was a Conservator of Forests, who was awarded an Order of New Zealand Merit in 2004 New Years Honours for services to forestry in NZ. Peter has an extensive practical background in conservation with excellent knowledge of NZ plant and trees, his recreational interests include tramping, camping, cricket, rugby and tree planting.

Bruce Davies of Whangateau and Aotea / Great Barrier Island is a self employed contractor and Justice of the Peace. Bruce is Chairman of the Ngati Rehua Ngati Wai ki Aotea Trust and works with Ngati Manuhiri hapu on conservation matters, his recreational interests include fishing and food gathering / hunting.

Mark Woolford of Epsom is a partner in Meredith McConnell: Office of the Crown Solicitor and former public servant at MFAT. He is experienced in dealing with people from other cultures. His recreational interests include running, tramping, and is a 4wd owner.

Denise Yates of Huia is a Justice of the Peace and trustee of Keep NZ Beautiful, Eco Matters and member of other conservation/community groups. Her recreational interests include camping and Denise is a life member of Waikato Tramping Club.

3. ATTENDANCE

Individual Board members attendance at Auckland Conservation Board activities

during 2008/09 is displayed in the table below.

Meeting / Inspection Date	Beggs	Berg	Crabb	Davies	Gilbert	Kaloni	Kirk	Kirkwood	Lee	Walsh	Woolford	Yates
Aug 14 Board meeting	√	√	X	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	√	√
<i>Sept 12 CMS Workshop</i>	√	√	X	X	X	X	√	√	X	√	X	√
Oct 16 Board meeting	√	√	√	OL	√	√	X	√	√	√	X	√
<i>Nov 5 CMS Workshop</i>	√	X	X	√	X	X	√	√	X	X	X	√
Nov 30 field inspection	√	√	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	X	X
Dec 10 Board meeting	√	√	√	√	√	OL	√	√	√	√	√	√
<i>Jan 28 CMS Workshop</i>	X	X	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Feb 19 Board meeting	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	X	√
April 23 Board meeting	√	X	√	√	√	√	X	√	√	√	√	√
June 18 Board meeting	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	OL	√	√	√
Total Board meetings (6)	5	5	4	5	6	4	4	6	5	6	4	6
Total CMS workshops (3)	2	1	1	2	0	1	3	3	1	2	1	3
Field inspection	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Key: √ - attended

X - absent

OL – Overseas Leave

4. BOARD DISTRICT

The Auckland Conservancy of the Department of Conservation extends from the west coast to the east coast in the narrowest part of New Zealand and the Auckland Conservation Board's area of responsibility covers the same boundaries. The entrance to the Kaipara Harbour marks the north western corner of the Conservancy and Mangawhai Heads 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 Miranda. Public conservation lands also include many Hauraki Gulf Islands. The largest of these is Aotea / Great Barrier Island, where about 60% of the land area is administered by the Department of Conservation, and the furthestest offshore are the Kermadec Islands.

The Conservancy comprises of three areas – Auckland, Warkworth and Aotea / Great Barrier Island. The boundaries of the areas are shown on Figure 1. The Board's district is a unique one in that it comprises the highly urbanised environment of the Auckland metropolitan area and one third of New Zealand's population, as well as extensive rural areas and remote offshore islands. How the people of Auckland feel about conservation is an important consideration for the Board and also of relevance to the rest of the country.

The conservation values of the Board's district result from an unusually varied array of physical processes (tectonic, volcanic, sedimentary, and coastal marine) and a complex interweaving of cultural influences. All parts of the region have been occupied and used by tangata whenua at some stage over the past 1000 years or more. The Maori record of the district's natural character and its pre-European occupation are a significant aspect of the identity of the district. This was highlighted by the creation of a new historic reserve in July 2008, which includes the archeologically significant Matukuturua Stonefields and the remains of the volcanic cone Matukutureia (McLaughlin's Mountain).

Auckland Conservancy also takes in 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, Hauturu/Little Barrier Island, Tiritiri Matangi and Motuora Islands, the inner Gulf Islands, Mansion House and the coastal defence installations at North Head, Fort Takapuna and Stony Batter. Aotea / Great Barrier Island contains the largest area of indigenous forest in New Zealand that remains possum free. The maintenance of this state requires constant vigilance by all who visit the island. The upgrading of popular tracks has been undertaken in response to increased visitor numbers, and planning has commenced for a "Coast and Kauri Trail" project.

Rangitahua - the Kermadecs are the most remote islands in Auckland Conservancy. They are cared for by Warkworth Area Office and present special management issues because of their distance off shore and ongoing volcanic activity. GNS Science has installed seismic monitoring equipment which has reduced the time needed for staff to enter the caldera area to carry out manual monitoring. In April - May 2009, the New Zealand Navy again provided invaluable assistance with transport logistics and work on the island. The return of seabird populations to breed on the main island provides further evidence of the success of the pest eradication.

Hauturu continues to flourish since the kiore eradication in 2004, which was officially declared a success by the Prime Minister and Minister of Conservation in June 2006.

The island displays ongoing signs of good recovery, with anecdotal evidence of large numbers of juvenile petrels heading out to sea. Other bird species, including bellbird and kaka, are re-appearing in mainland areas of Auckland where they have not been seen for many years, probably due to continued successful breeding on Hauturu since kiore were eradicated. A survey of wetapunga shows that their numbers are well up on last year too. The solar power supply on the island which has now been in operation for two years, has substantially reduced the cost of diesel fuel and maintenance.

Tiritiri Matangi Island remains extremely popular with continued intense and widespread public interest and involvement. Its accessibility, the maturing indigenous vegetation planted by many volunteers, eradication of kiore, and the increasing number of bird species make this island a special place. Prompted by increasing numbers coming to the island and more guiding concession applications, a visitor review has been completed to ensure that the quality visitor experience is preserved. The little spotted kiwi population has proved to be healthy and has more than doubled in five years. The island continues to be used as a source population for translocation of endangered species to other restoration projects.

The Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi continue to be involved in the biodiversity side of the island project, with representatives from their group now on the national recovery groups for takahe and kokako. The group also funded and managed the recent translocation of rifleman to the island. The new visitor centre, funded mainly by the Supporters group is proving an asset for the high number of visitors, with a major interpretation project completed for the interior. Sustainability is a goal for the island which has been progressed by replacing the fridges and hot water cylinders with more efficient and eco friendly models and improved insulation. The solar array installed in 2006 has greatly reduced the use of the diesel fuelled generator.

The Motuora Island Restoration Society is also progressing the translocation phase of their project, which this year included diving petrels and whiteheads, with wetapunga next on the list.

A nationally significant project for Auckland Conservancy has been the Rangitoto – Motutapu pest eradication in the inner Hauraki Gulf. The major task of the aerial drops commenced in June 2009 and will be completed in July / August 2009. This is the largest island eradication of its type that has been attempted, and if successful will allow the translocation of a number of critically endangered species to a habitat close to Auckland that will enable the public to visit and see them more readily.

The marine environment is an important part of the Board's district and areas of interest. The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park was created by special legislation in February 2000, and the Conservancy is working with partners in the Forum to raise the profile of the Park. The Board's policy jurisdiction includes the Cape Rodney to Okakari Point Marine Reserve (New Zealand's first marine reserve), the Kermadec Islands Marine Reserve (New Zealand's largest marine reserve), Motu Manawa / Pollen Island Marine Reserve in the Waitemata Harbour and Long Bay-Okura Marine Reserve. The Te Matuku Marine Reserve on Waiheke Island is the latest reserve to have been established in Auckland Conservancy, and was gazetted in August 2005.

5. MEETINGS AND INSPECTIONS

The Auckland Conservation Board held six ordinary meetings in the reporting period:

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| 1. | 14 th August 2008 | (96 th) | Boardroom, Auckland Conservancy Office |
| 2. | 16 th October 2008 | (97 th) | Boardroom, Auckland Conservancy Office |
| 3. | 10 th December 2008 | (98 th) | Old Barracks Building, Maungauika / North Head |
| 4. | 19 th February 2009 | (99 th) | Mahurangi / Warkworth Area Office |
| 5. | 23 rd April 2009 | (100 th) | Boardroom, Auckland Conservancy Office Parnell |
| 6. | 18 th June 2009 | (101 st) | Boardroom, Auckland Conservancy Office Parnell |

The following summary provides details of meetings and inspections undertaken by the Board, and other activities Board members have undertaken during 2008/9:

- a. The Auckland Conservation Board held their 96th meeting in the Boardroom of the Auckland Conservancy Office in the Taylor College Building at 2 Liverpool St on 14th August 2008. Scott Macindoe from option4 and Wayne Wharerau, Chairman of Ngapuhi ki Waitemata Taurahere addressed the Board regarding the proposed amendment to S13 of the Fisheries Act. Richard Fanselow from the Ministry of Fisheries attended to advise the Board about the process. DOC staff reported on a new process for conforming concessions, and the land exchange for the Matukurua Stonefields. The Board was updated on the establishment of the Marine Protected Areas and the revised timeline for the CMS. The Board endorsed its submissions on Marine Mammal Sanctuaries and the Quota Management System, and approved the Annual Report to the NZCA in principle.
- b. The 97th meeting was also held in the Boardroom of the Auckland Conservancy Office on 16th October 2008. Dr Graeme Campbell, Director Strategic Planning Waitakere City gave a presentation regarding a proposal to create / extend a walkway at Te Henga. DOC staff gave a presentation on behalf of Dr Nick Waipara on Kauri Dieback, and updated on the response and surveys around the region.

The Auckland Area Manager reported on a one off (not triggered) concession to run the DUAL event on Rangitoto and Motutapu, and also provided an update on the Pest Eradication project. The first draft of the CMS was tabled and the Board resolved to hold a harbours workshop in November, and approved submissions on the proposed NES on Ecological Flows and Water Levels, and the Pahurehure mangrove removal.

- c. The Board Chairperson Denise Yates met with Sue Dunlop the Committee Coordinator for the Lottery Environment and Heritage Fund, Department of Internal Affairs to discuss problems relating to the current formulas for funding long term community conservation projects.
- d. On 5th November 2008 the Board held a CMS Harbours workshop.
- e. On 30th November, 2008 three Auckland Board members travelled from Rimmers Rd through the forest to Lake Ototoa for lunch and then onto South Kaipara Head with three DOC staff. They met the Range Warden Greg Smith who took them to the Bombing range Observation Post overlooking the range, Papakanui Spit and across the Kaipara harbour entrance to Pouto peninsular. The group then travelled out to the beach with the Fairy Tern rangers and observe the nesting sites from a distance, and returned down the beach to Muriwai.
- f. The Board's 98th meeting took place on 10th December 2008 in the Old Barracks Building, at Maungauika/North Head, Devonport. The Board held a strategic planning workshop at which it decided to change it's priority issues to CMS, Community Relationships and Marine, with Treaty of Waitangi issues and RMA

advocacy to be integrated with all work of the Board. The Board received a report on the Kauri dieback response, and progress with the Rangitoto Motutapu pest eradication. It also received an update on the draft CMS and resolved to hold a Board workshop in January 2009 to review the final draft. The Board resolved to write to the Joint Agency Response team expressing concerns about the low key media response to Kauri dieback, drawing attention to the need to inform the public prior to the summer holiday period. The Board also endorsed its submission on the proposed NES for Renewable Energy Generation. Jacqueline Beggs tabled a think piece document on the Future of Pest Management in NZ, also reported on the field visit to Papakanui Spit and the many pressures on that area. Estella Lee reported on her attendance at the Korean Ramsar Conference and initiatives to set up the World Wetlands network.

- g. A CMS workshop attended by nine Board members was held on 28 January 2009 to consider the pre notification Draft CMS.
- h. The Board travelled to Mahurangi / Warkworth Area Office for the 99th meeting on 19th Feb 2009 and heard presentations from Wendy Pond of the Manu Waiata Restoration & Protection Society, Brian Stephenson from the NZCA and Walking Access Commission, and Ray Lowe, Eilene Lamb and Kevin Hawkins on the work of the Motuora Restoration Society. The Board received updates on the Kauri dieback response, the Rangitoto Motutapu Pest Eradication project, and noted the need to keep a watch on Motu Manawa Marine Reserve with regard to the NZTA proposal to widen SH16. Programme Manager Karen Board reported on the Raoul Island Project Update. The Board discussed progress on the final Draft CMS and concerns about a number of issues to be addressed prior to notification.
- i. The 100th Board meeting was held in the Boardroom of the new Auckland Conservancy Offices in Nicholls Lane, Parnell on Thursday 23rd April 2009. The Board received a presentation from Craig McIlroy, Watercare Services Ltd Manager General Assets regarding their application to dispose of bio waste on Puketutu Island. Mrs Susan Yoffe of Rangitoto Island Historical Conservation Trust reported concerns about aspects of the DUAL event, Carmen Kirkwood reported the concerns of Ngai Tai raised at a hui at Umupuia Marae. The Board appointed sub committee chairs and endorsed oral submissions to the Te Arai hearing. The Conservator reported that public notification of the draft CMS had been delayed. The Royal Commission on Auckland Governance Report was discussed. DOC Education Officer Sue Barker reported on the Conservancy wide programme initiated in conjunction with ARC: MAD (Make A Difference) About Marine. Conservation Support Manager Pieter Tuinder gave an update on the MPA project.
- j. On Thursday 18th June 2009, the Board held its 101st meeting in the Boardroom of the Auckland Conservancy Offices in Nicholls Lane, Parnell. The Board received a presentation from Denis Browne on Flo Dry Technology to treat bio waste. James Brown, Chairman of the Ngai Tai ki Tamaki Trust introduced himself and acknowledged Board member Carmen Kirkwood as their Taonga Whaea. Emily Karaka introduced herself as a Treaty claimant for Ngai Tai and conveyed concerns about mountain bike racing on Motutapu. Lawrie Beamish gave his mihi as the CEO of Te Waka Totara Trust and outlined the history of Ngai Tai in the Hauraki Gulf. Peter Ross, past president of Newmarket Rotary outlined their support for the Motutapu Restoration Trust. The Board received a report on the launch of the Rangitoto Motutapu pest eradication project, and the Issues and Options paper.

Dr Anthony Bellve of the Whitford Estuary Conservation Society reported concerns with sedimentation issues from disposal of dredging from Pine Harbour marina affecting shellfish and bird feed grounds in the area. The Board requested that the ACDHT application to lease existing structures, and the RIHCT application for a 5 year permit to hold annual fishing contests and guided walks be treated as triggered concessions, and advised that the Board had no concerns regarding an easement for the installation of Tsunami Monitoring Equipment at Korotiti Bay, or a Concession Application for Pasadena Bay Marginal Strip. Statutory Management Supervisor John Galilee reported on an upcoming piece of work to develop a Conforming Activity Schedule for Auckland. The Board received an update on the Kauri dieback joint agency response and Board members reported concerns about a lack of action on Aotea/Great Barrier Is. and in the Waitakeres. The Board recorded its concerns that tracks needed to be closed to prevent the spread, and endorsed submissions to the Streamlining RMA Bill, NPS Renewable Energy Generation and the Watercare RCA for Puketutu island. Pieter Tuinder advised that the MPA project had been put on hold due to Budget cuts.

- k. Board Vice Chair Kathy Walsh attended two CMS consultation workshops on 1st & 9th August 2008. Bruce Davies attended four CMS consultations in August and September 2008, including a joint Northland workshop with iwi in Whangarei.

As in past years Board members valued the opportunity for a field inspection to increase their understanding of conservation and management issues. The contribution of Department of Conservation staff both through practical assistance with the organisation of inspections and their knowledge of places visited is greatly appreciated.

6. BOARD COMMITTEES

Subcommittees at 30 June 2009 are as follows:

Conservation Management Strategy (CMS)	Co chairs: Jenny Kirk and Mark Woolford
Marine	Chair: Peter Crabb
Community relations	Co chairs: Carmen Kirkwood and Estella Lee

Denise Yates was re confirmed to the position of Chairperson at the December 2008 meeting, and Kathy Walsh was appointed Deputy Chair at the same meeting. The Board held a Strategic Planning workshop prior to this meeting and revised the priority issues to be CMS, Community Relations and Marine.

The only subcommittee to meet formally during the 2008/9 year was the Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) subcommittee, which held three workshops to discuss Auckland's current CMS and the upcoming CMS review. However, the Auckland Conservation Board divides its work along the lines of the three subcommittees.

BOARD FUNCTIONS: SECTION 6M OF THE CONSERVATION ACT

Section 6M(1)(a) Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) approval

The Auckland CMS was approved by the NZCA in June 1995. An extension to the current CMS was granted by the Minister in June 2007, extending the life of the current CMS to 30 June 2010. The CMS is currently under review and this has been the major focus for the Board in 2008/9. The Board has supported the Department's key stakeholder consultation and public participation programme, as well as participating in numerous workshops to discuss 'places', outcomes for 'places' and review of the draft.

Section 6M(1)(b) Conservation Management Plan approval

No new conservation management plans have been presented to the Board.

Section 6M(1)(c) CMS Implementation and Monitoring

- In April 2001, the Board agreed to monitor 16 out of the 24 key areas in the Auckland CMS per year, plus chapter 41: Marine Reserve Management as part of the CMS implementation monitoring process. The CMS Implementation Monitoring Performance Indicators schedule for 2007/8 is included in Appendix 2.
- In June 2008 the Board agreed to alter the way they monitored the implementation of the Auckland CMS. The CMS has been monitored through the Area Reports which have been included in the Conservators Report to the Auckland Conservation Board since October 2007.

Section 6M(1)(d)(i) Advice on change of status or classification of any area of national importance

There has been no activity under this section. A longstanding concern for the Board continues to be recreational impacts on the conservation values of South Kaipara Head and the adequacy of the stewardship area status of Papakanui and Papakanui Spit in assisting the Department to address them. Three Board members undertook a field inspection on Saturday 30 November 2008.

Section 6M(1)(d)(ii) Advice on any other conservation matter relating to any area within the jurisdiction of the Board.

Significant conservation issues where the Board has been involved in providing advice to the Department or other agencies have included the following:

a. Conservation Management Strategy issues:

▪ *Auckland CMS review.*

Project planning for the Auckland CMS review commenced in late 2006. The Board received written reports on the progress towards the review at all meetings during 2008/ 2009 and held three CMS workshops.

▪ *Vehicles on Beaches.*

The Board wrote to the ARC and RDC advocating for the conservation and ecological values of Muriwai / Te One One / Rangatira beach and at Papakanui Spit, with regard to the current CMS which identifies the South Head dune-lands as most notable in the entire Auckland region, and advocated permanent protection of the area for conservation purposes.

b. Marine issues:

- **Submission on Marine Mammal Sanctuaries** The Board drew attention to aspects relating to guardianship within the sanctuaries and also drew attention to some inconsistencies in the new policy especially with reference to commercial fishing.
- c. Community Relations (including Treaty of Waitangi and Resource Management Act)
- **Te Arai development.** The Board made oral submissions opposing the proposed District Plan change in
 - **Te Motu a Hiroa: Watercare proposal** The Board submitted in December 2008 in support of local communities and Maori opposing the Watercare applications for environmental risk reasons and with regard to the Treaty of Waitangi, and made further oral submissions at the hearings held in the Manukau City Council chambers in May 2009.

Section 6M(1)(e) New Walkway Proposals

The Board heard a proposal from Waitakere City Council at the 97th meeting.

Section 6M (1)(f) Fish and Game Council liaison

Minutes and agenda are provided to the Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Council.

Section 6M(1)(g) Delegation of powers by the Minister

The Minister has not delegated any powers or functions to the Board.

7. POWERS OF BOARDS: SECTION 6N OF THE CONSERVATION ACT

These powers provide the Board with the authority to run its affairs as it wishes and to advocate its interest through statutory processes. The Board values this opportunity to promote Auckland conservation issues and the conservation of natural and historic resources generally.

A summary of submissions and responses made by the Board during the year is included in Appendix Two.

8. BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES: OTHER SECTIONS OF CONSERVATION ACT

Section 4 responsibility to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

At the December 2008 Board meeting the Board held a Strategic Planning workshop which decided that Treaty of Waitangi issues and matters concerning Maori would be integral to all the work of the Board.

Section 6Q (1) Co-opting Members

The Board had no co-opted members during this period

Section 16A (2) Exchanges of Stewardship Areas

None were considered.

Section 24BA Marginal Strip Exemptions/Reductions – Public Notification

None were considered.

9. BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE NATIONAL PARKS ACT

The Auckland Conservation Board has no responsibilities under the National Parks Act 1980.

10. BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE WALKWAYS ACT

Walkways continue to be a significant area of interest to the Board, although the Board's responsibilities changed with the passing of the Walking Access

11. BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE RESERVES ACT

The Board had no new responsibilities under the Reserves Act.

12. LIAISON

Members have personal contact with a wide range of agencies, interest groups and non government organisations either as members or through holding positions of responsibility. The Board continues to look for opportunities to involve the Auckland Regional Council and territorial local authorities in its activities. Board minutes are distributed widely and newsletters received in return for the information of Board members.

Estella Lee provides effective liaison with Auckland's Chinese Community. She has produced a number of interviews with people involved in conservation in Auckland, including the Auckland Conservator and Auckland Conservation Board Chair, which have broadcast on Chinese radio. Tomui Kaloni likewise provides liaison with Polynesian communities through his radio programme. Kathy Walsh continues to provide a liaison with the southern part of the Conservancy, especially on marine conservation issues, while Denise Yates provides a liaison with the communities and interest groups in the western part of the conservancy. Peter Berg has brought a lifetime of experience within the forestry industry. Jacqueline Beggs who was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 2007, provides extensive links with educational and scientific communities.

Bruce Davies, Carmen Kirkwood and Kathy Walsh provide strong liaisons with iwi, including Ngai Tai ki Tamaki, Ngati Paoa, Ngati Rehua, Ngati Whanaunga and the people of Waiohua. Jacqueline Beggs has links with Ngati Awa from the Bay of Plenty.

Members appreciate the attendance of the public and representatives of various groups at their meetings as an important part of ensuring that community conservation concerns are brought to its attention. A schedule of presentations and issues brought to the attention of the Board in Public Forum is included in Appendix Two.

Minutes and agenda are exchanged with Northland and Waikato Conservation Boards.

Appendices

APPENDIX ONE: AUCKLAND CONSERVATION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

The table below outlines the Auckland Conservation Board budgeted and actual spending for 2007/8. The expenditure included Board fees for the June 2008 meeting which were not paid until July 2008.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTUAL \$</u>	<u>(2007/2008)</u>	<u>BUDGET \$</u>
BOARD MEMBER FEES	\$12,210	\$10822	13,435
TRAVEL - AIR FARES	\$1,038	\$197	1,765
TRAVEL - EXPENSES	\$6,487	\$6638	3,000
PUBLIC NOTICES	\$1,504	\$1510	1,200
CATERING	\$1,592	\$5424	3,400
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$342	\$469	200
COMMUNICATIONS	\$0	\$0	0
EDUCATION COSTS	\$0	\$0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0	\$0	0
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	\$23,174	\$25,060	\$23,000

APPENDIX TWO: SUMMARY OF ISSUES

Among the issues that the Board has been involved with during the past year were the following:

1. Pre-statutory and Statutory Submissions:

To:	Subject:
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	Request to treat Application by Auckland Coastal Defence Historical Trust to manage Coastal Defence sites, as a triggered concession
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	Request to treat Application by Rangitoto Island Historic Conservation Trust, for annual fishing contest and guided walks as a triggered concession
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	Advice that the Board had no concerns regarding an easement for the installation of Tsunami Monitoring Equipment at Korotiti Bay.
Sean Goddard, DOC Auckland Conservator	Advice that the Board had no concerns regarding a Concession Application for Pasadena Bay Marginal Strip.

2. Provision of Advice:

To:	Subject:
MMS submissions, DOC	Submission drawing attention to aspects relating to guardianship within the sanctuaries and to inconsistencies in the new policy especially with reference to commercial fishing.
CEO and Council Chair, ARC	Advocacy for the conservation and ecological values of Muriwai / Te One One / Rangatira beach and at Papakanui Spit, wrt CMS identifying South Head dune-lands as most notable in Auckland region needing permanent protection for conservation purposes
CEO and Council Chair, RDC	Same
Tracey Steel, Executive Assistant MFish	Submission supporting MFish proposal not to introduce any of 10 groups identified as octopus, large ostrich whelk, carpet shark, hammerhead shark, javelinfish, orange perch, rattails, redbait, seal shark and silver dory into Quota Management System 1 Oct08
Standards, MfE	Submission on sustainable management re Proposed National Environmental Standard Ecological Flows and Water Levels
ARC	Submission in support of Papakura District Council resource consent application for mangrove removal from Pahurehure Inlet, provided proposed conditions outlined in the application are strictly adhered to, and monitoring as outlined is undertaken.
Chairperson, Board of	Submission on Proposed NPS Renewable Energy

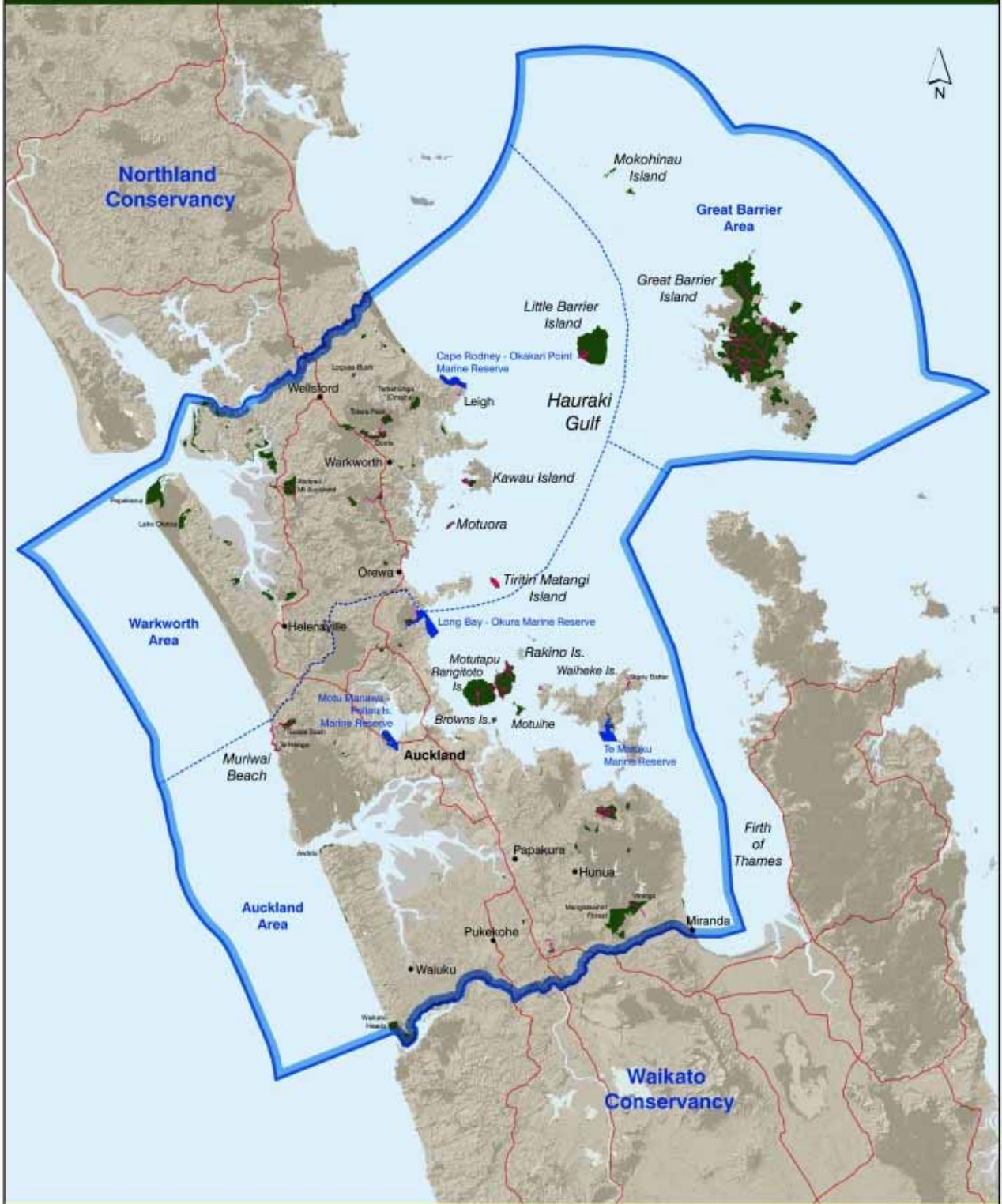
Enquiry	Generation advocating that any application for electricity generation not be allowed in or near a Marine Mammal Sanctuary, Marine Protected Area, Marine Reserve, National Park, Conservation Stewardship Area or inter coastal area where migratory birds feed, in the flight path of migratory or local birds or in the main entrance channel to harbours where marine mammals and elasmobranchs (sharks and rays) may feed or breed.
Cr Sandra Coney, Chair – ARC Parks and Heritage Committee	Letter re Kauri Dieback disease noting special significance of every kauri to maori, asking ARC to implement all measures necessary to prevent spread to Hunuas or other unaffected areas.
ARC , Manukau City Council	Submission in opposition to Watercare applications for Resource Consent and Notice of Requirement for disposal of bio waste on Puketutu Island, citing Treaty of Waitangi concerns, advocacy for conservation values of archeological sites on the island and importance of surrounding habitat for migratory wader birds.
Robert Brassey, ARC Cultural Heritage Officer	Letter of approval and support to undertaking the consent applications necessary to carry out Beach replenishment proposal for Sunde site at Motutapu.
Chairperson, Board of Inquiry - Water	Submission on proposed National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management advocating a variety of methods to promote conservation and sustainable management of freshwater.
The Chief Executive Officer Rodney District Council	Submission (in opposition) to the Proposed Plan Change 107: Introduction of a Special 18 (Rodney District Thermal Energy Generation Rural Zone) Zone citing conservation values for Kaukapakapa River, Scientific Reserve and Kaipara Harbour
Committee Secretariat, Local Government and Environment Committee	Submission on Resource Management (Simplifying and Streamlining) Amendment Bill, wrt Removal from District Plans of prohibitions on removal of Trees in Urban Areas, Loss of opportunity for public participation in Hearings, Removal of decision-making ability of Minister of Conservation in relation to restricted coastal activities, Change to Review of District Plans.
ARC, MCC	Oral submissions in opposition to granting of resource consents and notice of requirement by Watercare for Puketutu Island
Chairperson, Board of Enquiry	Further submissions on Proposed NPS Renewable Energy Generation






3. Public Forum & Invited Guests:

Group/Speaker	Subject:
Scott MacIndoe, option 4 Wayne Wharerau, Chairman Ngapuhi ki Waitemata Taurahere	Proposed amendment to S13 of the Fisheries Act.
Richard Fanselow, Min Fish	Advice on process for amendment to S13 of the Fisheries Act
Dr Graeme Campbell, Director Strategic Planning Waitakere City and staff.	Proposal to create / extend walkway at Te Henga
Mr Brian Stephenson	NZCA and Walking Access Commission member
Mr Wendy Pond, Mr Mike Wech	Manu Waiata Restoration and Protection Society.
Mr Ray Lowe, Ms Eilene Lamb, Mr Kevin Hawkins	Motuora Restoration Society
Mr Craig McIlroy Mr Greg Paterson	Watercare Services
Mrs Susan Yoffe	Rangitoto Island Historic Conservation Trust
Mr James Brown Mr Lawrie Beamish Ms Emily Karaka Mr Peter Karaka	Chairman Ngai Tai ki Tamaki Tribal Trust Co Secretary Ngai Tai ki Tamaki Tribal Trust, CEO Te Waka Totara Environmental arm. Ngai Tai ki Tamaki Treaty Claimant Kaitiake Ngai Tai ki Tamaki
Mr Denis Browne Mr Tissa Fernando Mr Fred Hellaby Mr ken Syminton	Heat Transfer Technology Heat Transfer Technology Auckland Meat Processors Auckland Meat Processors
Mr Peter Ross	Immediate Past President Newmarket Rotary
Dr Anthony Bellve	Chair Whitford Estuary Conservation Society

IV Map of Auckland Conservancy

Auckland Conservancy



-  Auckland Conservancy Boundary
-  Auckland Area Boundaries
-  Public Conservation Land
-  Marine Reserve
-  Tracks

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