

Huia Water Treatment Plant replacement Waima (Titirangi)

Background

In May 2017, Watercare confirmed the Manuka Road site in Waima as the location for the replacement Huia Water Treatment Plant. The Manuka Road site has been designated (reserved) by Watercare for water supply purposes since 1972. Following our last newsletter in 2017, we would like to update you on progress as we continue to plan for the design and layout of the water treatment plant and reservoirs and prepare for lodgement of the associated Outline Plan of Works and resource consents with Auckland Council.

Project update

Technical specialists have been undertaking site-specific assessments focusing on vegetation, ecology and landform to help inform the design and layout of the water treatment plant and associated reservoirs and to assess potential adverse effects. Once the plant layout and design is confirmed further detailed work will be undertaken on construction and operational effects such as traffic, noise, lighting and vibration. Information from these assessments will also help to identify mitigation measures to avoid or minimise potential adverse environmental effects.

We will be hosting public open days on 1 and 5 March to make available an indicative plant layout, including architectural/colour treatment options. We will also be seeking your feedback on potential mitigation measures that may enhance the amenity values of the Waima area including Exhibition Drive.

Timeline milestones – indicative



Fast facts

The site of the new water treatment plant was purchased in **1926**



The Manuka Road site was once occupied by four houses built as housing for staff of the plant, which were demolished in 1990



The current plant produces **126 million litres** of water each day and supplies up to **20 per cent** of Auckland's water

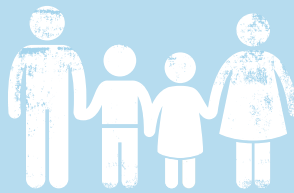


Working with the community

Community Liaison Group (CLG).

As we prepare technical information to inform the water treatment plant design and accompany the resource consent application we have established a community liaison group (CLG) made up from representatives nominated by the local community and environmental groups. The CLG meets regularly and operates under a terms of reference acting as a sounding board and providing an opportunity to share ideas and concerns along with constructive feedback in the interests of transparency and no surprises.

In the past six months, the CLG has discussed ecological reports, community concerns and possible opportunities for mitigation. Watercare also



responded to a request from the group to appoint an independent peer reviewer for the ecological assessments.

We will continue to work with the CLG as we refine the plant layout and design. The group will also help to provide feedback on the future of heritage buildings and opportunities to improve local amenity values. Meeting minutes and technical reports are made available on our website at www.watercare.co.nz search 'Huia Water Treatment Plant replacement'.

Having your say:

We will work closely with the community liaison group; however, we will be seeking feedback at our open days and everyone will have an opportunity to make a submission when the application for resource consent is notified in 2018. Submissions will be heard by independent commissioners.

Come and talk to our experts:

Watercare would like to invite the local community to a public open day and talk with some of our technical experts and staff.

As we work towards the consent application, part of our process is to gather constructive feedback through engagement with the local community. A proposed layout of the replacement plant on the

site will be available along with some suggestions for architectural treatment of the building. We also welcome ideas on opportunities for mitigation that could add to the amenity of the wider Waima area. These could include future use and connectivity of walkways including Exhibition Drive as well as future use opportunities for the old heritage buildings.

Please note the purpose of Watercare's open day is a drop-in sessions for interested people to talk with our experts. Room capacity will be managed for Health and Safety reasons. Material and constructive feedback from these sessions will be made available on Watercare's website.



Come and talk to our experts

Thursday 1 March 2018 and Monday 5 March 2018

4pm to 7pm

Lopdell House, 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi

Contact us

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Historic Huia Water Treatment Plant 1928 – future use to be determined