

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Auckland Council/ Piha Coast Care Trust

Context

Auckland Council (AC) and the Piha Coast Care Trust (PCCT) agree to work collaboratively towards the restoration, conservation and enhancement of the Piha natural environment. The geographical area of interest includes the Piha coastal environment, coastal settlement and adjoining Waitakere Ranges. This relationship document outlines the expectations of each party at a high level. This memorandum is not a legal binding agreement.

Roles

Piha Coast Care Trust Roles are:

- To facilitate learning and engagement with the Piha environment. This may include comment on and advocacy for environmental issues in Piha.
- To facilitate projects and activities that restore, enhance and protect the Piha natural environment.
- To involve members of the Piha community in PCCT projects.
- To access funds and resources for these projects.

AC Roles are:

- As landowners – to consider and either approve or decline any works on AC land, in accordance with the Land Owner Approval (LOA) process
- As regulators – to consider and either approve or decline any consents required in accordance with planning rules.
- To represent the wider Waitakere and regional communities as well as the Piha community (Waitakere Ranges Local Board).
- To work cooperatively with PCCT on mutually agreed activities and projects which benefit the natural values of Piha.
- To assist with provision of resources for works, as budget allows.

Areas of collaboration between parties

- LOA will be acquired prior to any new projects on AC owned land and Piha beaches.
- A park booking will be acquired prior to any events on AC owned land and Piha beaches.
- AC can provide assistance with event planning, technical advice and consents.
- All projects shall be consistent with the following documents:

- Piha Reserves Management Plan 1999.
- Piha Coastal Management Plan 2000.
- Ecological Restoration Plan for Piha Beach Reserves, Piha 2012.
- Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008.
- Regional Parks Management Plan 2010.
- Auckland Council Weed Management Policy 2013.
- Auckland Regional Pest Management Strategy 2007.
- Any updated versions of these documents.
- PCCT shall determine the range and nature of works and activities that it wishes to pursue and shall prioritise these. It shall plan for these works in advance in order to determine required expenditure and shall obtain the required funding, LOA and consents where applicable.
- This list of works shall be submitted for approval by the Waitakere Ranges Local Board as an Annual Work Plan, prior to works commencing.
- PCCT shall follow up with an Annual works Report to the WRLB to report on the works carried out in the previous year.

Education and Communication

- Both parties, whether independently or collaboratively, will endeavour to facilitate education and engagement opportunities for the Piha community.
- AC will include PCCT as a key stakeholder when carrying out consultation for works on reserves in Piha.
- All media relating to collaborative works between PCCT and AC shall be agreed on by both parties prior to being released publically.
- AC and PCCT will facilitate this MOU agreement by meeting quarterly to discuss matters of mutual interest in furthering the management, maintenance and biodiversity of the natural environment in Piha.

Signed by Pat La Roche on behalf of the Piha CoastCare Trust 13th May 2015

Signed by Grant Jennings on behalf of Auckland Council 25th March 2015