

April 2022 Orakei Community **E-News**



Orakei Community – stronger together

Orakei Community Association (OCA) is a local volunteer group

- **Orakei Bay Village AT plans traffic lights, pedestrian crossings**
- **\$10 to support Orakei Community Assn at www.orakei.org**
- **7 Brenton Place / Kapa Road. Continues ‘on-hold’. Other KO developments are being completed such as Grace Street**
- **Nehu Reserve reinstatement planning nears completion**
- **Auckland Transport - consultation on region-wide parking plan**
- **Auckland Council - consultation on removal of character zoning**
- **Coates Ave shops. Defibrillator outside Sebastian’s cafe**
- **Eastern Shared Pathway – Stage 4 design underway**
- **Advocate for your community – join your Association’s executive**
Contact chair@orakei.org
- **Eastern Songbird project - Predator-Free 2050 - updated**
- **Local Crime Coates Ave superette ram-raided again. More bollards**
- **ANZAC Day - Reduced services – Newmarket’s Olympic Reserve 9am**

Next COMMUNITY FORUM Tuesday 24th May, 7pm, Orakei RSA

- Learn about local issues and initiatives
- Meet your neighbours, who share your interest in having a strong local community;
- And let your voice be heard

CONSULTATION ON GOVERNMENT’S NEW HOUSING RULES and what it means to Auckland, closes 9 May. Give your view at akhaveyoursay.nz/housing

- **7 BRENTON PLACE / KEPA ROAD DEVELOPMENT**

Housing NZ / Kainga Ora has put on hold its housing development along the top of the Kepa Road ridge. Adjacent blocks are still planned but also on hold.

KO/HNZ is actively developing an **Orakei neighbourhood plan**. It created a community advisory group with community stakeholders including the Tamaki MP, Auckland Councillor, Orakei Local Board Chair, St Josephs and Orakei Primary Schools, MOE, Ngati Whatua Orakei and the **Orakei Community Association**.

Housing NZ / Kāinga Ora has around 300 homes in Ōrākei which are mostly not new with some having underutilised land. A project team is creating a neighbourhood plan that appraises all Kāinga Ora landholdings in the Project Study Area and sets goals around:

- Delivering new homes
- Design
- Build form
- Urban ngahere aspirations
- Stormwater treatment
- Transport & pedestrian links
- Commercial opportunities

KO says “The Ōrākei Neighbourhood plan will inform our approach to redevelopment in Ōrākei over the next 7-10 years.

Auckland Transport has been asked to develop an integrated transport plan for Brenton/Kepa/Coates/Nehu Reserve. The **Orakei Local Board** is active in supporting careful, robust plans and has firmly objected to the original proposal being beyond the guidance of the Unitary Plan. The **Orakei Community Association -OCA-** continues to object to the scale - both size and number of additional residents as well as the non-notification of the consent application by a state organisation.



Above photo overlay is the current land envelop of Kainga Ora/HNZ

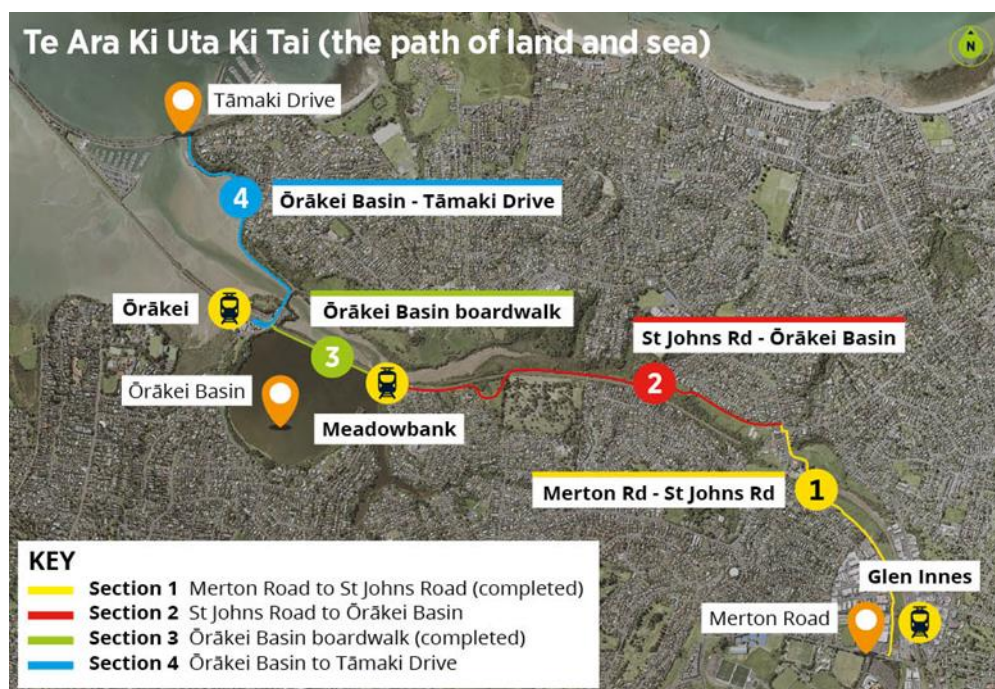
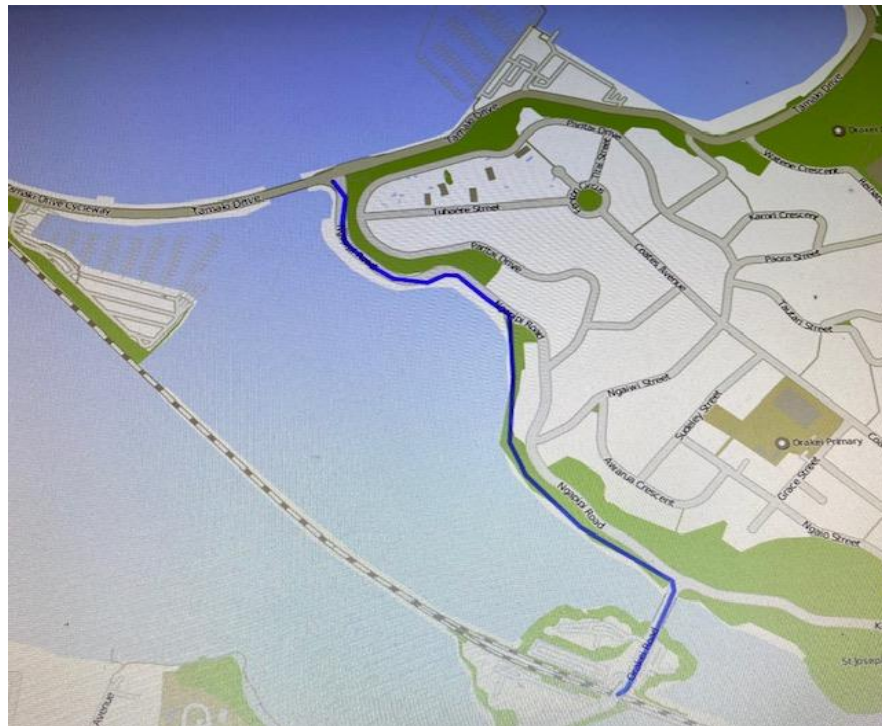
- **NEHU Reserve reinstatement** following the Orakei Healthy Waters separation project where equipment was situated on the reserve, OLB is now looking at final plans on how to best use this public space.
- **The 7 KM EASTERN SHARED PATHWAY** – from NZTA's website
 - **Section 1: Merton Rd to St Johns Rd: completed 2016**
 - **Section 2: St Johns Rd to Ōrākei Basin: construction mid-2022**
 - **Section 3: Ōrākei Basin boardwalk: completed 2019**
 - **Section 4: Ōrākei Basin to Tāmaki Drive: currently consenting / construction then 14 months to build**

Stage 4 - The timeline to complete the Section 4 boardwalk and bridge will depend on the duration of the consenting phase, which is underway. Construction planning will get underway during the consenting phase so that if consent is

granted, work can progress more quickly to complete the path. Boardwalk and bridge construction is estimated to take 14 months.

Stage 2 - Auckland Transport has adjusted its plans to include a 'footpath link' from the 4.5 m shared path down to the 'spine' walking track which runs along northern side of Pourewa Creek.

See progress and maps - at.govt.nz/easternpath



PREDATOR FREE 2050 – Eastern Bays Songbird project is leading the catch of rodent pests (rats, mice, possums) and also weed pests. You can with this great project at orakei@songbird.org.nz

Moth Plant (*Araujia sericifera* syn. *A. hortorum*)

Why is it a pest?

Native to South America, its well established throughout the Auckland region and other parts of New Zealand. Moth plant is a fast-growing vine that can rapidly smother and replace native vegetation. It invades disturbed or low canopy forests, forest margins and coastal areas. It is also a problem in urban reserves and gardens. Butterflies, moths and bees are attracted to its flowers and become trapped in them.

The plant spreads mainly by wind-borne seeds. When the fruit dries out and splits open, it releases up to 1000 seeds each pod. Look out for them during summer and **autumn**. Moth plant seeds are poisonous and pods and stems contain a milky sap can irritate skin

How does it spread?

Moth plant pods contain up to 1000 seeds each. When dry, the pods split and wind can carry the seeds more than 20km away. The seeds will survive in and can be spread via water, and they can stick to clothing and animal fur. Pods on dead vines will still open and spread their seeds.



Eastern Bays Songbird Project *Manu Tī Oriori*

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- Chair – Alastair Bell
- Deputy Chair – David (Toby) Everard
- Treasurer – Peter Haarhaus
- Social Media – Pete Williams
- Committee - Jill Goldkorn, Mike Zelcer, Craig Ewington, William Davis
- Orakei Local Board attendees: Sarah Powrie and Margaret Voyce

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