

Porirua Harbour and Catchment Community Trust

Strategic Plan 2015 - 2017

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Background

The Trust approved the first strategic plan in December 2012 for a two year period. It is timely to review this plan and to discuss and put in place our plans for the next two year period. These need to be based on where the Trust is best placed to make a difference and what it can realistically achieve.

We acknowledge and congratulate the councils on establishing a Harbour Committee at councillor level with representatives from the three councils and Ngati Toa and a Whaitua Catchment Committee. We will look to work with these committees in our overall objectives and note that the Porirua Harbour Trust while having representatives from the three councils and Ngati Toa also has strong community representation from most sectors of the catchment and the Trust has the ability to gain support from grant organisations to assist with our planned programme.

The Trust will integrate four strategies of advocacy, education, communication and facilitation to deliver a work-plan that reflects the skills, interests and experience of Trustees and the objectives of the Trust. The work-plan must be realistic and achievable, and make a significant contribution to the Harbour Strategy.

Summary of work-streams

1. **Advocacy** - informal and formal, planned and unplanned, taking opportunities to promote our priorities for the Harbour, giving advice, “watchdog” organisation to monitor delivery of the Harbour Strategy and Action plan.

How: attending public meetings and consultations, regular contact with officials, participating in consultation processes eg writing submissions.

2. **Communication** - promoting issues and events about the Harbour to a range of audiences, raising awareness with a view to encourage participation by members of the public and interest groups, helping to keep people informed on issues and developments, promoting the efforts of others.

How: e-newsletters, website, presentations to groups, media releases, Annual Scorecard

3. **Education** – producing resources and promoting those of others, holding events and workshops,

How: *Education programme, Living Waters resource for schools, participate in Harbour Education network, Samoan Harbour Resource, Festival of the Elements.*

4. **Facilitation:** bringing people together in the interest of Harbour recovery, being an independent voice, enabling people to participate in action.

How: *harbour clean ups for the public, restoration programmes, harbour programmes, cockle counts, recreation surveys.*

Proposed work-plan - final draft

Work stream	Big Ideas	Actions for implementation	Lead
Advocacy	1. Trustees to build our own knowledge of harbour and catchment issues. While there are some experts there still needs to be a common level of understanding. This is important for our credibility and effectiveness as a watchdog stakeholder.	Ensure new reports and papers are made available to Trustees and where appropriate place on our website.	
		Have regular meetings with experts to get updates about their views on priorities for the Harbour and catchment. Invite other groups to these meetings.	
	2. Identify our priorities and issues for advocacy action especially covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rural review and guidelines • Pauatahanui Inlet • Subdivision developments • Harbour walkway options 	Continue the annual “scorecard” showing how well local bodies have delivered on the strategy and how the harbour is performing. Prepare a timeline of consultation opportunities, write submissions and present them at hearings.	Second scorecard out in Feb 2015

	3. Advocate for catchment wide “drain to harbour” storm water messaging.	Encourage councils to make storm water messaging the norm for all developments Education on storm water and sewerage systems to the rural and lifestyle block residents	
Communication	4. Keep our website and facebook pages relevant and up to date with information about the harbour and catchment issues relating to the strategy. It should also be a place where people can find out about the Trust, who we are and what we do, and a means to disseminate our work i.e. teacher resources, submissions, events and news.	Regular updates on our website along with photos (webmaster role)	Grant/Jane/Rebecca
		Regular updates on our Facebook page (administrator role)	Grant/Jane/Rebecca
	5. Reach a wide range of stakeholders with information about the Harbour and Catchment with a view to engage them in the strategy and action plans and generate interest and participation.	Keep up to date our PHACCT powerpoint and give presentations to interest groups	Available on website but needs regular updating.
	6. Awareness Day for harbour recreational users	Attend the Festival of the Elements or arrange an awareness day for harbour recreational users.	Yvonne
	7. Engage with councils, NZTA, Kiwirail, Ngati Toa and the Wellington Gateway Consortium on relevant matters	Regular contact with the main parties and update to trustees and on the website. Make a list of key groups that we work with or need to influence in the catchment	Grant/Jane

Education	8. Consolidate the education resources and professional development for teachers in the catchment.	Education resource based on <i>Living Waters</i> online and supporting teachers and schools in the programme.	Education Coordinator in place and funded.
	9. Build school participation in the programme	Further workshops for new schools/teachers in the programme	
	10. Build a set of field trip locations linked to the programme resource.	Assist in establishing field trip locations linked to the resource.	
	11. Consider how to increase adult education and especially rural adults	Potential pack for new rural residents	Christine
Facilitation	12. Enable public participation in environmental action by holding regular clean up events.	Annual clean up of the intertidal area around the Porirua Stream delta. Concentrating on tyres, road cones, trolleys and other heavy material	Scheduled with KPB
	13. Participate in the Onepoto Arm cockle counts	Assist councils and GOPI on the process for cockle counts.	
	14. Participate in planting days	Participate and promote in catchment and estuarine planting	Follow up once programme confirmed
	15. Eastern Corridor cycleway/walkway	Support Mana Mountain Bike Club in its LTP suggestion	Grant
	16. Porirua Harbour Environmental Centre	Potential environmental centre on the harbour and catchment. Aligned with Mana Island	Peter