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News from the Manukau Harbour Restoration Society

Appealing Watercare's Central Interceptor Project

MHRS has filed appeals with the Environment Court against the decision released in December to allow Watercare to proceed with the proposed Central Interceptor project. The project is designed to reduce the flow of stormwater and raw sewage into the Waitemata Harbour and serve projected growth of central Auckland, bringing a combination of more stormwater and wastewater from the central isthmus to the Mangere Treatment Plant.

MHRS has objected to the project for many reasons including the inclusion of an emergency pressure relief valve which, if activated, would discharge raw sewage into the Manukau Harbour. No protections for the harbour have been included. Nor does the project reduce discharges of raw sewage into the Manukau Harbour which occur now during storms. And it will lock the harbour into receiving increasing volumes of wastewater and stormwater long into the future. We agree with cleaning up the Waitemata, but not at the expense of the Manukau.

Many people are joining us in opposing the project. But we need your help. Please consider making a donation or becoming a member of MHRS. A year's membership is only \$10 and it will help us pay for expert witnesses and lawyers. You can do so through our website www.mhrs.org.nz. We would be very grateful.

Visitor and Recreation Study

The NZ Tourism Research Institute at AUT is completing Phase 1 of the study funded by the 9 local boards making up the Manukau Harbour Forum, including the Waitakere Ranges Local Board. NZTRI has compiled a data base of all the recreation and visitor amenities around the harbour and have been mapping these using Google maps. Once complete this can be used by residents and visitors looking for recreation activities or tourism businesses in the vicinity of the harbour. Also coming out of the study are ideas on how local businesses can improve their web presence and better serve visitors.

The findings of Phase 1 will be presented to the community during March. A meeting in the west is currently being scheduled so please check our website for the date and location and make a note to come. We hope you will find the information helpful and we want to hear your thoughts.

Please complete our survey: www.manukauharboursurvey.co.nz

Our survey of residents and visitors is still underway. If you haven't already, please complete the survey online and if you have guests or family staying with you, we really want to hear their

opinions too. You can be in to win a Dressmart voucher by completing the survey. The survey is Phase 2 of the Visitor and Recreation Study.

These are just 2 projects we are involved in. You can find out more on our website www.mhrs.org.nz and you can also find updates with MHRS news on the Facebook page Friends of the Manukau Harbour or follow on Twitter @ManukauHarbour.

As always, thanks for your support.

Many thanks.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Jackson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jim Jackson
Chairman,
The Manukau Harbour Restoration Society Inc