

Board Meeting

Date and time:	Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 1pm
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meredith Bates (MB), Mott MacDonald– Chair • Peter Busfield (PB), NZ Marine - VC • Fiona Knox (FK), Eke Panuku • Genevieve Sage (GS), Waitematā Local Board • Anita Potgieter (AP), ASB • Graeme Gunthorp (GG), Auckland Transport • Sharon Byrne (SB), Auckland Theatre Company • Sian Marek (SM), WSP • Bridget Law (BL), Eke Panuku • Michael Hawes (MH), Warren and Mahoney • Brigid Rogers (BR), WQ TMA Coordinator
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pete Bowden (PB), VHHL/Tramco • Brett Sweetman (BS), Park Hyatt Auckland • George Higgins-Smith (GHS), Genesis • Tom Dooley (TD), Sanford • Olivia Heighton (OH), Precinct Properties • Greg Moyle (GM), Waitematā Local Board
Guests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prue Daly (PD), NZ International Convention Centre • James Mortimer (JM), Waitematā Harbour Connections • Sarah McCormack Waitematā Harbour Connections • Martin Te Moni (MTM), Mana Whenua • Scott Greenhalgh (SG), Landlab / Toi Waihanga • Natalie Donzé, Stellar Projects /Toi Waihanga
Notes taken by:	Brigid Rogers
Meeting held at:	Warren & Mahoney offices, Wynyard Quarter

Item	Discussion and Action	By who
1	Apologies and notes from last meeting / matters arising Apologies were noted as above. Matters arising were deferred until the next meeting.	BR
2	Auckland Convention centre update – Prue Daly PD was welcomed to the meeting. The NZ International Convention Centre is due to open in June 2025. The building is progressing well and the roof will be going on shortly. There are huge social and economic benefits to having an international conference centre in Auckland. The target is 30,000 new international visitors pa bringing an estimated \$90 million economic impact. Many of these delegates will use the opportunity to travel around NZ before or after the conference. There are already a small team working on attracting conferences to NZICC. The NZICC is competing with Barcelona, Paris Melbourne etc to attract conferences here. It's a very competitive international market, with conferences having a long lead in time – often booking years ahead. One of the confirmed events is the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education taking place for 4 days in November 2025. Estimated visitors 3,000 with an economic impact of \$6million. The International Coral Reef Symposium being held for 6 days in July 2026 is estimated to attract 2,550 visitors and an economic impact of \$7million. 10 international bookings are confirmed. Some of these events have not yet been announced so are commercial in confidence. 68 bookings bidding, quoted and/or holding space from June 2025 to August 2030. Over 250 international bookings being researched or in discussion for future years from November 2025 to July 2032. PD reported that the pipeline will grow significantly over the next 12 months as they move in to the 2-year pre-opening period. Beyond the economic impact, the conferences will bring some of the globe's brightest minds to our city. GG asked how it is anticipated that delegates will get to the centre. PD explained that it is quite unusual to have a conference centre located in the CBD. This is an advantage in terms of transport as many people will be able to walk to the venue. TL noted that by 2025 the City Rail Link would be operational. GG noted that there were improvements planned for buses in the Wellesley Street area.	

GS asked about hotel beds in the CBD. PD commented there were 7,000 beds currently within a ten minute walk of the venue and by 2025 there would be 12,000 beds.

PD gave Board members a virtual tour of the building showing some unique NZ artwork and designs which have been incorporated into the building. The building has been designed to be highly flexible with rooms being able to be divided and provide for different customer requirements. They are currently bidding for conferences for 2032. MB thanked PD for attending.

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Harbour Crossings update

James Mortimer (JM) and Sarah McCormack (SM) were introduced to the Board. JM explained that the Government had recently announced 5 different scenarios for an additional harbour crossing. These are now out for public consultation until 1st May 2023. The current harbour bridge will at some point in the future need maintenance and repairs and with the projected growth in Auckland a new crossing is needed. The second crossing will provide for urban development and uplift, provide new sustainable & active transport options, improve freight connectivity and connect with the proposed ALR. JM ran through the different scenarios with the Board. GS asked about scenario 5 where active modes and Light Rail seemed to exit Wynard Quarter via Wynyard Point – the same area that Eke Panuku are looking to redevelop. JM explained that Auckland Light Rail route will determine connections.

MH commented that sensitive areas are seen on many of the different scenarios and need careful consideration. JM acknowledged that all scenarios had challenges and none were low impact. TL questioned the logic of having everything converging in one location – i.e. Wynyard Quarter. JM noted that conversations around rising sea levels and land stability were all needed as this project progresses. Once built the infrastructure would be in place for 100 years – so important to get it right. JM also noted that it would be the biggest ever NZ infrastructure plan. GS asked what might happen if there was change of government. JM mentioned that there was currently cross-party support for a new crossing. PB asked how many people ALR might move and what modelling had been done around for the new proposed crossing. JM noted that currently there are around 180,000 cars per day – projections are for 220,000 cars. Active modes are currently zero – projections are for 7000 per day. 35,000 using PT that would rise to 130,000. All the growth would be in PT. Predictions of population growth on the North Shore are sitting at an increase of 160,000.

PB asked if thought had been given to using ferries to move walkers and cyclists over the Harbour. JM commented that some work had been done on that but there weren't enough ferries with capacity to carry the volume of bikes and walkers. JM asked for views from the TMA as input was needed. JM offered to provide regular updates to the Board and mentioned that there was a drop-in centre at Karanga Plaza. MB thanked the team for attending.

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Te Ara Tukutuku plan and design staging

FK introduced Martin Te Moni (MTM), Mana whenua, Scott Greenhalgh (SG) from LandLAB, and Natalie Donzé (ND), Stellar Projects.

MTM opened the presentation and thanked everyone for attending. FK explained that the project name was gifted and Te Ara Tukutuku is a metaphor for the binding of the land and sea and provides an elegant link between the domains of Tangaroa (the ocean) and Papa-tu-a-nuku (mother earth). The whole project area is steeped in Maori history and some of the land is reclaimed. Eke Panuku acknowledges that Tamaki was once occupied by a number of iwi who hold ahi ka, mana whenua and mana moana and who derive their strength from the land and the sea. FK explained that the goal is to support mana whenua to be a decision making about these areas change over the next 20 years and how mana whenua can see themselves and their values and history reflected in this place. Te Waitemata was a source of plenty and over the years the reclamation of water to land has fundamentally changes this space and the shores of Tamaki. The whole process started back in 2019 with updates made to technical information and an international design panel process. FK explained that many documents have helped inform the processes including the CCMP and the Waterfront Plan. A summary of the engagement pre-August 2022 is shown below.

Engagement summary pre-August 2022



FK identified five key themes: Blue green waterfront, Smart working waterfront, public waterfront, connected waterfront and liveable waterfront. The Kaupapa themes that will guide the transformation of the area and the future use of Hobson wharf are shown below:



There are five hectares of waterfront public space, along with several future development sites. There will be an integration of public and private spaces and lower building heights along the edges to reduce shading on the public park. Toi Waihangā have been appointed as the design consortium – this includes reps from LandLAB, Warren and Mahoney, Mott MacDonald (supported by DONE), Stellar Projects, BECA, Fresh Concept, and New York-based landscape architecture firm SCAPE. The next steps include production of a concept design by mid-2023, public engagement mid late 2023, developed design by mid-2024 along with final consent preparation and lodgement with Auckland Council. Construction is planned to start in stages, subject to funding, in 2025/2026.

SG, representing the Design Consortium, explained the regenerative approach that was being taken. SG explained that there was a healing process that needed to be undertaken. MTM confirmed that this was an important step and included the land water and people. Site remediation has been undertaken and the health of the land and water is also important to the project. The environment is being put first. The design narratives include Tāmaki scale, City scale, and the project site. SG outlined the site remediation strategy, to reduce the risk of coastal flooding during storm events. This would include works to the seawall. A new storm water strategy was also needed, and these works would connect into the planned Beaumont Street upgrade. MTM commented that the marine environment needed to be able to regenerate and fixing the storm water was part of that process.

PB commented that it was good to see the plans and a vision for the area but he would like to see more space kept for events. FK noted that EP still had a duty to provide a good ROI for Auckland Council and limiting the space for developments might hinder that. FK commented that EP were keen to see mixed use day and night in the area, creating a sense of community. MTM agreed saying that everyone should be a good neighbour and the whole community should be connected and know what is happening in and around the WQ area. FK also commented that sometimes big events ask for more space than they actually need/use. BR noted that it was important to ensure that the new homes were not used primary homes for people (not as air b& b or second homes) and that creating the sense of community was important.

TL mentioned his involvement in sites connected to the London Olympics and how they had a “soil hospital” on site. SG commented that the site and its new form was part of an ongoing journey. MB thanked the team for attended and MTM closed the meeting with a karakia.

5 Updates:
Chair, Auckland Transport, Eke Panuku, Waitematā Local Board – these were all carried over to the next meeting due to lack of time.

6 Items of interest / AOB (drafted and added post meeting by BR)
WQ Staff Travel Survey interim results
11 businesses in the area had taken part and there was an average response rate of around 60% (tbc). The survey had just closed and the winners of the prizes are as follows:
1st prize – Park Hyatt - Ryan London ASB
2nd prize – Sealink ferry voucher Yasmin Fernando Air NZ
3rd prize - \$300 voucher from HOTC - Ria Peters Genesis Energy
4th prize - 2 Theatre tickets Mario Wilson Southern Cross

	<p>5th prize – Zilch EV for the weekend – Alison Bintliff WSP</p> <p>Blunt umbrella winners: Samuel Kiss (Datacom), Shannon Garside (AT), Karen Fitchett (Kiwibank) Cameron Pascoe (NTT Global).</p> <p>The results from the surveys will be available mid/late May.</p> <p>BR was also following up with the businesses that had undertaken Work Place Travel Plans in order to review progress.</p> <p>AC Budget consultation</p> <p>Following consultation with the TMA Board members, BR had made a submission on behalf of the TMA.</p> <p>North Wharf</p> <p>Eke Panuku have announced that North Wharf is on the market. Currently home to hospitality, the site was developed in 2011, just before the Rugby World Cup. The Council is selling a 125-year lease for the site. With a land area of 3674sqm, and 174 of water frontage this north facing site is expected to attract a lot of interest. CBRE are handling the details and expressions of interest are sought by Thursday 4th May 2023.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting Wednesday 3 May 1pm at ASB Waterfront Theatre</p>	