

# What's Happening in Piha?



Waitakere City Council  
*Te Yatao o Waitakere*

## Project: Mid Beach Reserve & Review of Little Lion Rock Corner Project

**Description:** A year ago, a trial project was undertaken at Little Lion Rock corner to improve the parking area and rationalise beach access tracks through the formation of planted mounds. Bare areas of the dune beyond the tracks were also planted with eco-sourced spinifex and pingao. We would now like to review the outcomes of that project and get feedback from the community about what has worked and what hasn't.

Council is also wanting to determine a programme of work for the remainder of the Mid Beach area. We would like to know what sort of work you feel is needed in this area. There are a number of questions we would like input on:

- Are there improvements that could be made to the carparking?
- How can we provide for dune restoration without the trampling of dune plants by beach users/visitors?
- If protective fencing is required, what style should be used?
- Should the timber carpark barriers be replaced with bollards and/or bunds?

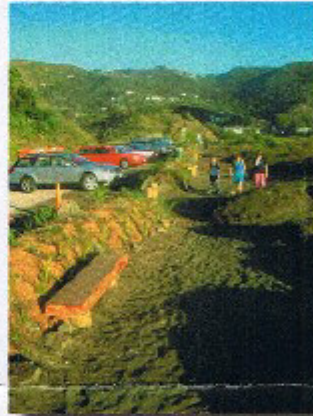
**Consultation Process:** A drop-in day is being held on Sunday 23rd April from 10am - 2pm. We would like to gain your input and suggestions for the area of reserve at Mid Beach and hear your thoughts on the results of Little Lion Rock Corner.

**Details:** Please see over the page for further details on the project. If you can't make it to the drop-in day, there will be a display at the Piha library and/or you can put your suggestions on the attached comments sheet and send them back to us.

## Drop-In Day

**Sunday 23rd April 10am - 2pm  
at Little Lion Rock - In garage  
at 59 Marine Parade and on  
site.**

**Come and let us know your  
thoughts on possible  
improvements at mid-beach  
and feedback on the Little  
Lion Rock Corner project.**



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## Background

The outcomes sought for beach management at Piha are outlined in the Piha Coastal Management Plan (adopted in June 2000).

This document drives the coastcare projects at Piha and provides the framework for the detailed planning for dune management in the area.

The Piha Coastal Management Plan identified a number of implementation actions for the Mid Beach area.

In order to progress with these actions and as a result of consultation with the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Committee, an agreement was reached to undertake a trial for beach restoration and track rationalisation at Little Lion Rock Corner. In 2004, the Council began consultation on options for improvements for the Little Lion Rock corner area. An open day was held on site and comments from the community were taken into consideration in the formation of a proposal for the area.

The work which was completed in June 2005, included the establishment of a series of planted bunds to define the carpark area, informal seating, dune planting, temporary track access fencing and track signage (including water safety signage).

Now that the trial is complete, Council is looking to determine a programme of work for the remainder of Mid Beach in order that the management for the area can continue in line with the Piha Coastal Management Plan. Council will ensure also that details on any work proposed are agreed by the community and Piha Residents and Ratepayers Committee, prior to confirmation by the Waitakere Community Board.

Part of the discussion around what should happen within the remaining Mid Beach area will include reviewing what the community feels has or has not worked at Little Lion Rock Corner and how the lessons learned there over the last year may influence any proposals for Mid Beach.

**Consultation Process:** The following outlines the process for consultation on this project:

- Initial informal presentation at Piha Residents and Ratepayers Committee 7th April 2006
- Letters sent to all Piha ratepayers outlining project and advertising drop-in day
- Drop-In day, Sunday 23rd April 2006
- Display at the Piha library
- Comments sheet date for return 12th May 2006
- Development of proposal for Mid Beach based on outcomes of the consultation with Piha community
- Report to Piha Residents and Ratepayers Committee with summary of consultation and recommended proposal for Mid Beach, for endorsement and any final modifications/additions
- Report to Waitakere Community Board and finalised project plan for approval
- Progression of project through the Piha Coastcare programme and/or programming for future funding if there are extensive works proposed