



Panama Riverside

Happy  
Thursday

# What another fantastic community network meeting - 20 June 2024

Thanks to Ansley & William, Boffa Miskell for attending as our guest presenters. Panama Greenways Project.

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## 1. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome from Tea], who expressed gratitude to the attendees and emphasised the importance of community involvement in local projects.

## 2. Presentation by Boffa Miskell: Panama Greenways Project

Thanks to Aynsley and William for providing further insight into what is a “gamechanger” for our community. The presentation can be viewed on [www.panamariversidefriendssociety.org](http://www.panamariversidefriendssociety.org)

The presentation included detailed maps and renderings showcasing the proposed greenways, parks, and community spaces.

Boffa Miskell - [www.boffamiskell.co.nz](http://www.boffamiskell.co.nz) to see an overview of the firm’s expertise in landscape architecture and urban design.

### Panama Greenways Project Overview:

**Objective:** Enhance green spaces along the Panama riverside to foster community engagement and promote environmental sustainability.

**Design Principles:** Incorporating native vegetation, creating safe walking, and cycling paths, and enhancing recreational areas.

#### **Planned Features:**

**Green Spaces:** Introduction of new parks and green corridors to improve biodiversity and provide community gathering spots.

**Walking and Cycling Paths:** Development of connected, accessible pathways to encourage active transportation.

**Recreational Areas:** Spaces for sports, relaxation, and community events.

#### **Community Benefits:**

**Environmental:** Improved air and water quality, enhanced habitats for local wildlife.

**Social:** Increased opportunities for social interaction, physical activity, and outdoor recreation.

**Economic:** Potential boost in local businesses due to increased foot traffic and attractiveness of the area.

#### **Next Steps:**

**Community & Stakeholder Feedback:** Collecting input from residents to refine design plans.

**Phased Implementation:** The project will be rolled out in stages, with updates provided at future meetings including costs.

### **3. Open Discussion and Q&A**

Community Input: The community discussion views the Greenways Project as a vital initiative that strengthens their connection to the Awa and Maunga, enhancing their spiritual, cultural, and physical wellbeing through the preservation and appreciation of these sacred natural landscapes.

There will be many questions and much more to work through some asked about about maintenance and safety of the new pathways. There were also suggestions additional features such as community gardens and play areas for children be included. There was also discussion around volunteer opportunities for project support and maintenance.

Everyone agreed that ongoing plans and collaborations with organisations with an openness to integrating community suggestions into the ongoing designs leading to the final project and implementation is vital to our success.

### **4. Community Announcements**

Matariki is scheduled for the 4,5, & 7<sup>th</sup> of July\* at Ian Shaw Park. We have a large marquee with loads of fun activities to entertain and participate in, including waiata, poi, weaving, Purakau, Hangi and some amazing lights plus heaps more. A zoom will be sent community wide next week and we look forward to everyone joining in to hear more about what will be an amazing event.

We are also reaching out to have as many volunteers as possible to support Panama Matariki 2024. Email [panamardresidents@gmail.com](mailto:panamardresidents@gmail.com) or call 021472354 to register

A big thankyou to Dr Tessa Lieu, Kainga Ora for her attendance and update on where current progress with new developments are currently situated. There will be no new builds in Panama Riverside area in the next 12 months and Tess has agreed to continue to keep the community informed about all matters relating to KO housing in Panama Riverside

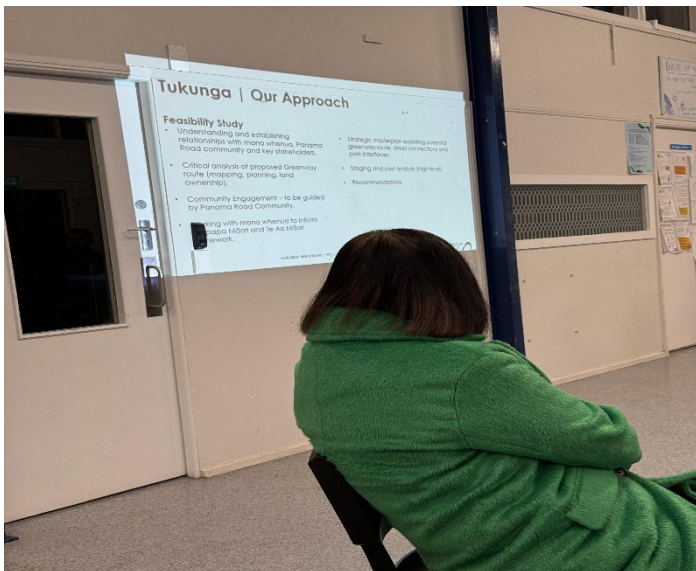
## 5. Closing Remarks

The meeting concluded with Tea thanking the presenters from Boffa Miskell and the community members for their participation. Emphasis was placed on the importance of continuous community engagement and support for the success of the Panama Greenways Project & encouragement to everyone to get behind project Panama Matariki.

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These notes provide a summary of the key points discussed during the meeting and serve as a reference for attendees and those interested in the ongoing Panama Greenways Project.

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Presentation slides



A clear pathway with the vision