

6 March 2023



Kia ora 

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 4 February 2023. You requested the following information:

1. All correspondence between the developer or any of his representatives or any group or individual that led to Mr Liam Hodgetts attendance at the event.
2. Any correspondence between the parties mentioned and Mr Hodgetts for other non-planning department activities or relating to any other social meetings that have happened or are planned.
3. Any correspondence in the Wellington City Council's (the Council's) email system between Kurt Gibbons and Liam Hodgetts relating to any social engagements or meetings held at any location that is not a council building or active development site.

Request one:

Mr Hodgetts, Chief Planning Officer, as with any executive role, holds a range of responsibilities. The sod-turning ceremony at Shelly Bay was a symbolic acknowledgement of the start of a project of significance to Taranaki Whanui Limited and Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (PNBST), which the Council approved in 2020. Given the importance of the relationship with Mana Whenua, as reflected in Tākai Here ([see here](#)), the binding agreement between Mana Whenua and Wellington City Council. At the request of the Chair of PNBST and as a representative of the Council, it was appropriate on this occasion that Mr Hodgetts took part in this ceremony, on behalf of Barbara McKerrow, Chief Executive Officer, as Ms McKerrow could not attend.

The only correspondence between the developers or any of representatives of any group or individual that led to Mr Hodgetts attendance at the event is the invitation from The Wellington Company sent to Ms McKerrow which was forwarded to Mr Hodgetts to attend on her behalf.

Please see appendix one which is communication between Council that led to Mr Hodgetts to attend the event. Some information has been withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of individuals.

Request two and three:

Your second and third request has been refused under section 17(e) of the Act that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist. There is no correspondence between Mr Hodgetts and the developers (either The Wellington Company and GibbonCo) regarding social meetings/engagements that have happened or planned that were held at any Council location or active development site.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Asha Harry

Official Information

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Cc: Mayor Tory Whanau;
Subject: Shelly Bay Taikur
When: Monday, 30 January 2023 7:15 am-9:00 am (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.
Where: Chocolate Fish Car Park, Shelly Bay

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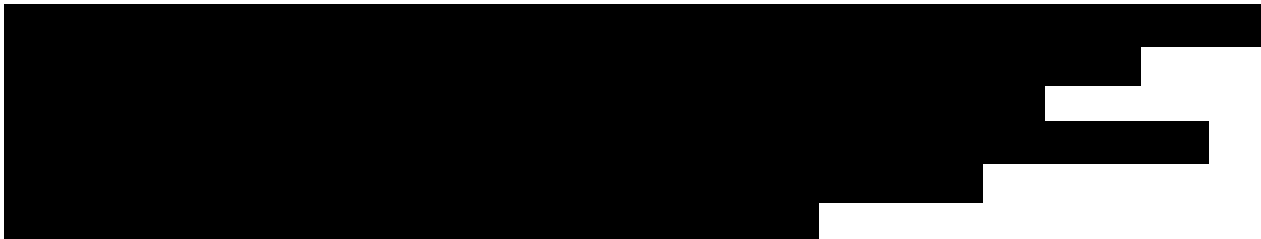
This has just come into Barbara's diary.
Will anyone else be attending as we'd like to coordinate transport to the Zoo by 8:30am.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Taranaki Whānui Reception [Redacted]
Sent: 26 January 2023 09:59
To: Taranaki Whānui Reception; [Redacted] Barbara McKerrow; [Redacted]

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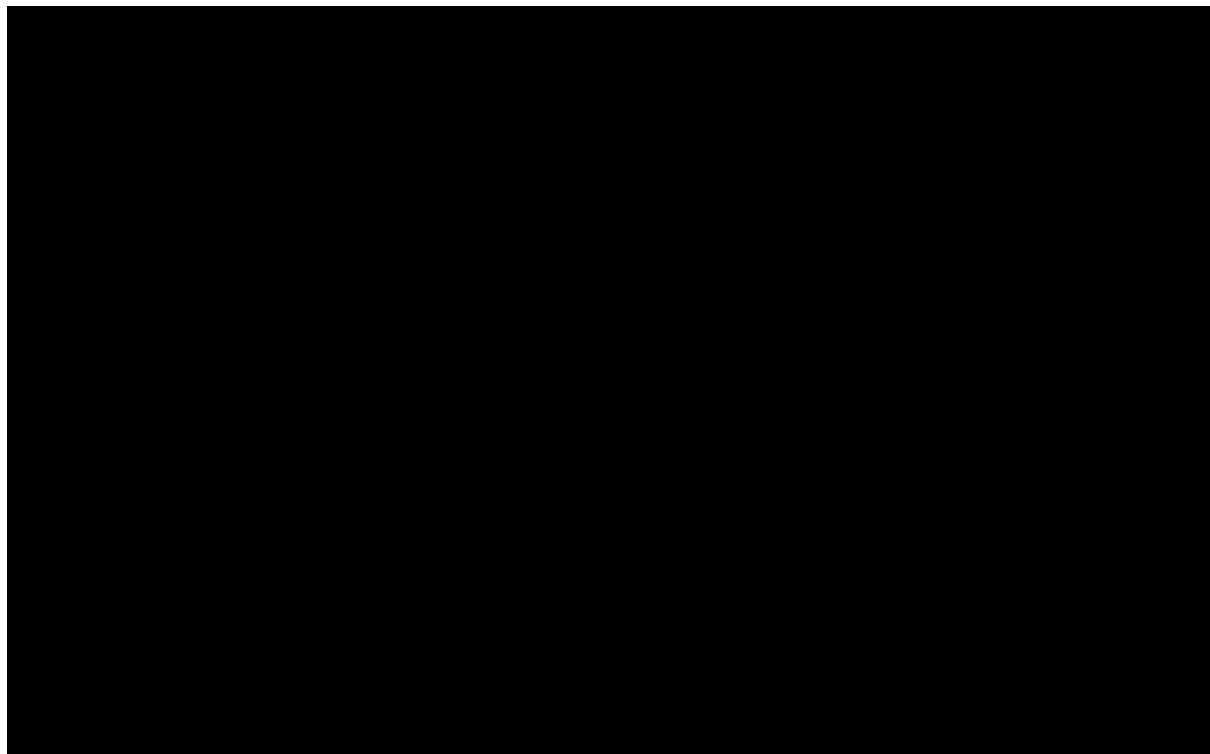


Cc: Mayor Tory Whanau;
Subject: Shelly Bay Taikuru | Turning of the Sod
When: 30 January 2023 07:15-09:00 (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.
Where: Chocolate Fish Car Park, Shelly Bay

Tēnā koe,

On behalf of Taranaki Whānui & The Wellington Company, please find below (and attached) a personal invitation to the first turning of the sod at Shelly Bay Taikuru.

Please confirm your attendance via [this link](#) by **26th January** for catering purposes, and be at the gathering place noted at 7:15am on Monday 30th January.



Tēnā koe

Where water meets hills. A place of special character: to live, work and enjoy an iconic waterfront destination for all of Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

Shelly Bay Taikuru is a masterpiece in design, carefully crafted through an unparalleled collaboration of some of New Zealand's best creative architecture firms, urban designers, and landscape architects. At the heart of this inner harbour coastal development is a special relationship with Mana Whenua a celebration of a rich maritime, aviation and architectural heritage, and the stunning landscape upon which it sits.

Taranaki Whānui and The Wellington Company invite you to celebrate the first turning of the soil at Shelly Bay Taikuru. For development partners Taranaki Whānui and The Wellington Company and for many of those that have been working behind the scenes, it is important to come together to acknowledge this milestone. A Karakia will reflect the commencement of Shelly Bay Taikuru, the establishment of its foundations and the development taking form. Like that of a traditional meeting house, Te Koruru (the head), Te Poutokomana Wa (the heart) and Te Tahuhu (the backbone) – these are the start of the symbolism of building a whare and every home at Shelly Bay Taikuru.

When

Monday 30th January 2023
7:30 – 9:00am (approx.)

Where

Shelly Bay Taikuru, we will be gathering at the car park for Chocolate Fish Café

What

A karakia (blessing) of the whenua, followed by select speeches and a kapū tī (cup of tea) and takakau (scones) from the Chocolate Fish Café

RSVP

Please RSVP by 26.01.2023 through www.bit.ly/3GUZsWx



SHELLY BAY TAIKURU