

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To confirm the activity for the Sustainable Home and Garden Show 2011

BACKGROUND

2. The Kāpiti Sustainable Home and Garden Show is the biggest event in the lower North Island focused on environmentally friendly living. The Show, an annual event since 2006, is coordinated by Council.
3. The show focuses on demonstrating sustainable options where people can get new ideas and solutions, products or advice tailored to their lifestyle and budgetary needs
4. This year, displays will include:
 - landscape gardens with an eco-conscious flavour;
 - practical workshops on a variety of topics;
 - refine your home skills;
 - a recycled fashion competition using newspaper - "today's news - tomorrow's fashion";
 - special speaker Carolann Murray - author and self-sufficiency supreme;
 - live entertainment - including youth talent on show;
 - fabulous prizes to be won - the grand prize is a Watersmart home greywater system worth over \$7,000.
 - There will also be vendors' stalls including home improvements, plant sales, food, gardening groups, Council experts and the Greenest Street competitors.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues and Options

5. Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti has participated in the show since 2008; the focus in previous years has been on building an understanding of tāngata whenua values and promoting mechanisms that tāngata whenua utilise for managing the environment.
6. This year, Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti has agreed to develop a garden space that promotes Rongoaa Māori. Growing the knowledge and understanding of Rongoaa Māori within the district is a key priority of the annual workplan.
7. Caleb Royal has agreed to develop the Rongoaa garden for the show. Caleb has requested that at the end of the show, the plants utilised in the display be transferred to a Council reserve to start what is hoped will be many Rongoaa Māori gardens planted in Council reserves.
8. Developing Rongoaa spaces in Council reserves was part of the Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti submission to the Open Spaces Strategy.

9. Haruatai Park has been identified as a possible area to launch the first Rongoaa Māori garden.
10. Rongoaa Māori practitioners from within the district will also participate over the two days to promote the various Rongoaa and offer samples and advice.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti has allocated through the annual workplan the amount of \$4,000. It is envisaged that the full amount will be required to cover costs which include: hire costs for the marquee, development costs for the garden, signage, pamphlets and manaakitanga of manuhiri to the space.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. That Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti approves:
 - a. development of the Rongoaa garden display for the Sustainable Home and Garden Show and
 - b. a budget of \$4,000.00 for this purpose

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ATTACHMENTS: