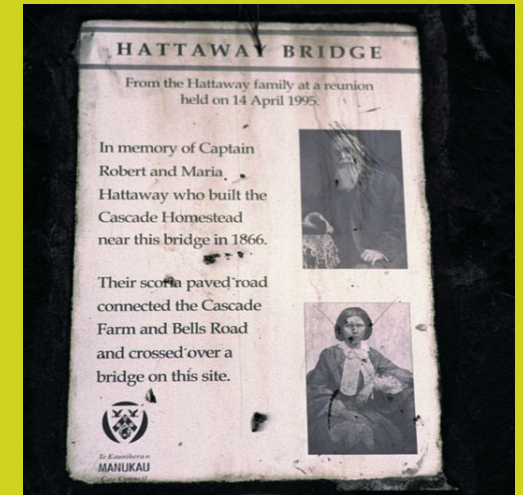


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People making connections with their environment

# Goal 9

## Policy Statement

Council will support environmental education and interpretation programmes that contribute to greater levels of appreciation, understanding and involvement by Manukau communities in their parks.

Good education and interpretation facilities and services can enhance the experience of visiting a park. These services may range from informative signage or printed material to guided walks or talks for schools or community groups. The development of visitor centres is often critical to the successful delivery of these services. Exciting opportunities for connection with nature also exists as part of the Artweb project which seeks to bring together the environment and the arts.

## Actions

9.1 Support the following environmental education and interpretation initiatives in Manukau's parks:

- Howick Historical Village, Lloyd Elsmore Park - a living museum
- Mangere Mountain Education Centre - a joint project between Manukau City Council, Auckland Regional Council, the Department of Conservation and local Iwi (\*priority project)
- Otuaataua Stonefields Reserve Visitor Centre - proposed in the management plan
- Puhinui Reserve Visitor Centre - proposed in the management plan
- Mangemangeroa Reserve Eco Centre/Chapel - proposed as a joint project with the Somerville Trust and Friends of Mangemangeroa (\*priority project)
- Barry Curtis Park Environmental Education Centre - proposed in the park concept plan, and investigate development of a 'Walking Support Centre'.

9.2 Review the provision of parks signage and printed material through the development of a Parks Marketing Plan.

9.3 Explore opportunities to work with COMET (City of Manukau Education Trust)<sup>26</sup> to develop environmental education in Manukau schools.

9.4 Support the regional community care/volunteer website (Manawa) in conjunction with the Department of Conservation, Auckland Regional Council and other local authorities.

9.5 Explore opportunities for artistic intervention in parks as part of the Artweb project.<sup>27</sup>

26. COMET was established by Manukau City Council to improve the educational achievements of the people of the city.

27. Artweb is a long-term project initiated by the Arts Regional Trust (ART) which seeks to integrate the arts into environmental planning.