**Workshop Summary**

**Havelock Hills**

At a Reserve Management Plan community workshop held on October 31, groups were tasked with defining the park’s values, challenges and opportunities. The lists below summarise the findings of the groups. The next workshop, on November 28, will focus on finding solutions. Those solutions, alongside the information in independent reports commissioned for the park (archaeological, historical, arboricultural and public engagement) will inform the draft Reserve Management Plan.

**Values:**

Workshop participants valued the reserves for their cultural heritage, peacefulness, spiritual and natural character, and that they offer a place to walk, cycle and walk dogs. They are also where locals connect and kids can nature play. The character of the reserves was important to the majority of workshop participants.

**Constraints** identified during the workshop included:

* lack of education boards (pā site, culture, history, plants)
* weed management
* risks related to shared walking and cycling tracks
* lack of uphill bike track in Tainui
* people not having dogs under control and/or cleaning up after them
* poor signage
* erosion
* track quality (maintenance/slippery)
* creation of informal tracks
* conflicts of use and unbalanced ‘sense of ownership’
* urban pressures including property encroachment
* parking (Keith Sands Gr and wider Tainui)

**Opportunities** identified during the workshop included:

* protecting and preserving Hikanui Pā site
* improving public knowledge of cultural heritage
* Installing interactive educational signs (QR code links)
* increasing native flora and fauna
* managing pests and weeds/predator control
* develop mountain bike network to provide separation from walkers (track challenge)
* building relationships between user groups
* defining kids’ bike/jumps area
* maintaining/improving waterways
* improving general signage
* resolving accessibility through the reserves with options for wheelchair/pushchair access
* mitigating climate change/carbon sink