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attended the meetings to become well informed about the issues and options, to

Karekare Public Toilet Upgrade Meeting Sunday Aug 11th Surf Club 11:00am—1pm

Waitakere City Council will be upgrading the public toilet block and wastewater treatment/disposal system at Karekare in 2003.

This is the sixth public meeting and discussions will be held on:

- Off site disposal
- Preferred option for on-site treated effluent land disposal areas - Union Bay or Southern Dunes (nr. Pohutukawa Glade)
- Options for toilet building upgrade or replacement

For further information contact:
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develop well-considered views, and then quite often as more information is forthcoming and other views are heard, to change their minds about the best way forward. The next meeting is at 11am

Sunday 11 August at the Surf Club.

KKRRT continues to work hard in a range of other areas that in the interests of brevity I won't report on here. I'll try to select different issues each time for the Billboard report. For the full story on any issue please feel free to contact com-

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KAREKARE RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS TRUST

Committee meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 8pm at the Fire Station.

All members are welcome to attend any meeting.

Committee Members are:

Ann Robinson	ph 555
Dave Beck	ph 682
Dave Bryant	ph 895
David Munro	ph 696
Jacqui Madelin	ph 525
Julia Moore	ph 636
Matthew Grove	ph 760
Robin Binsley	ph 420
Robin Taylor	ph 506

Landcare Planting Day

**Sunday 11th August
9 am to 11am, planting memorial trees.**

We have 50 to 60 trees to plant from the fundraising event two years ago. These trees are a symbol & memorial for everyone's donations. Meet at the beginning of the Pohutakawa Glade walk at **9am**—we are starting and finishing earlier so people can go to the public toilet meeting afterwards if they wish.

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