

Greater Glen Eden

Development of a Network: established 2010



2010	Six month community research project in Glen Eden undertaken by Lifewise Family Services. August: gathering of local residents and organisations decided to work together to establish a network and action group. Co leadership: Lifewise and Vision West.
2011	January - April: group of regular participants met monthly to develop Greater Glen Eden network as a community-led initiative. Assisted by Frances Hancock (facilitator).
	Mission statement: our mission is to work together to achieve the best for people, families, groups and communities of Glen Eden. We promote environmental, social, cultural and economic justice.
	May - October: established interim Leadership Group to guide development of a permanent structure and resourcing. Sought funding for a coordinator.
2012	Funding from Waitakere Ranges Local Board: interim coordinator (Rebecca Harrington) hosted by Lifewise. Development of a number of strategic plans. Funding from Creative Communities Scheme (held by the Glen Eden Community House) for the Glen Eden: Stories for Our Future project.
	 Key Achievements through the project: ✓ Logo competition and development ✓ Monthly network gatherings

2013	 Ongoing funding from Waitakere Ranges Local Board. Appointment of coordinator (Rochelle Allport). Key Achievements: ✓ Our Amazing Place Treasure Hunt event March ✓ Monthly network gatherings ✓ Establishment of a working group to look at youth issues (September) ✓ Development of a Youth Action Plan (gave rise to the Glen Eden Youth Network) ✓ Release of a Research Report for the Youth Strategy Group (November)
2014	 Coordinator's resignation and appointment of Lisa Braid (Lifewise), Shelley Hirst (Community Waitakere) during the year. Key Achievements: ✓ March: Food Festival ✓ April: first newsletter ✓ April: workshops (3) on neighbourhood-led development ✓ Monthly network gatherings ✓ Facebook page ✓ Development of Website ✓ Launch of the Glen Eden Stories
2015	Network developed 12 month action plan (March 2015 – March 2016)