

**Minutes of Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association  
Meeting, Monday 01 July 2019, 7.30pm**

**Mahurangi East Community Centre**

**Present:** approx. 40 attendees including Beth Houlbrooke (chair RLB) and Sgt Mark Stallworthy (Warkworth Police)

**Apologies:** Ian and Diane Taylor, Eileen O'Loan, Kay Flower, Robyn Duffy, Diane Thompson

**Confirm previous minutes** – 06 May 2019

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**Matters arising:**

- Transfer station; Lease let to Wastebusters Ltd. Laurie Rd site presently closed for 3 weeks to carry out remedial work. Then will be open Thursday to Sunday
- Security camera; Camera installed and running after some technical delays. Police to be given live feed availability. Pictures from the cameras were shown. Very high definition.
- Sunrise Boulevard public toilets rebuild; Complete and functioning.
- Sunrise Boulevard – basketball court; Astro turf type surface has been installed. Feedback from local residents re noise reduction has been very positive. Some negative feedback re ball bounce but on enquiry this appeared to be trying to use balls with inadequate pressure.
- Roading - Matakana Link Road Quotes for 2x alternative construction outcomes are being sought.
- Adult Exercise equipment on SB waterfront; Waiting for Eileen to return to pursue this further.–
- *Boathouse Bay esplanade walkway*; A letter has been sent to RLB and other parties requesting the reinstatement of the planned bridge and walkway fronting the Boathouse Bay development. As this was shown on the relevant Greenways Plan there was belief that it would have had more protection ensuring consultation. Beth to continue pursuit of this and also replacement planting suitable for shore bird nesting and roosting on the stream edge reserve.

**Correspondence:** As listed at end.

Resolved to accept inward and approve outward correspondence. McKenzie/Armiger

**Financial Report;** Treasurer, Steve Popham reported; Total funds \$11362

Made up of; Walkway; \$5830, Camera \$2610 General SBRRA funds \$2922

Resolved; The financial report be accepted. Popham/Norman

**Walkways report;** Gary Heaven gave a brief outline of activities and progress. Hamatana to Grange section is structurally complete but closed for winter. Some metalling has been done but additional compaction and metalling to be done at the end of winter and then it will be opened for use. Talking with Watercare re upgrade of the metal section of Hamatana to allow safe walking on the shoulder. The group is aiming to have all consents in place by the end of the year to allow funding and construction of the Duck Creek to Warkworth section to proceed including jetty structures. AC Heritage Board is assisting with planning for walking access to the historic lime kilns opposite the town basin. Work in conjunction with Warkworth Lions should begin from Warkworth end to the kilns later this year. Gary is booked for a full presentation at our September meeting

A "Walking Access Commission" review is taking place. They have been of great assistance to the Walkways Group guiding landowner interaction and supportive submissions would be helpful.

A **planting day** (1000 native plants) will be held on the Te Whau walkway, **20<sup>th</sup> July** from 10am till 12 noon with a free BBQ to follow. Meet at Cornell Circle end.

**Men's Shed;** this is up and running at the red shed at the showgrounds. Happy to build pest traps for people to use. Looking for any sort of small onsite construction projects. Contact Barry Thompson. Operates Monday and Thursday 9.30am till 2pm

**RLB reports;** Beth acknowledged a very informative presentation by Gary Heaven to the Local Board. They were very impressed.

Discussion (in conjunction with correspondence) was held about the approved construction of a permanent gazebo in the Sunburst Reserve. This was approved as shade around children's play areas is seen as desirable. All the neighbours to the area are opposed, mainly concerned that it will be used for undesirable activities at night. The directly affected group were very disappointed at the lack of consultation prior to the decision.

Goodall reserve skate park replacement is in the budget for the new financial year. Replacement of Hamatana Road public toilets is being scoped. Waiting to hear on speed review and dog bylaw decisions. Freedom camping bylaw review on hold after a move to make camping legal on all Auckland roads/streets met huge resistance.

The question of the possibility of a fenced dog play area at the Goodall reserve, as constructed in some other areas was raised, but did not find immediate support.

## **Guest Speakers;**

Ann Dickson and Chip Babbott from **Mahurangi East Community Resilience Group**. *Preparation for and action to take in the event of a natural disaster*

Auck Civil defence is now called Auckland Emergency Management and is closely tied in with Neighbourhood Support. MECR Group is a small group in a rapidly growing community. Priority needs to be on managing your own household and immediate neighbours' needs. MECR Group see their role as raising awareness to increase knowledge so households are able to be self-sufficient for up to three days.

Identify potential hazards; for Snells Beach these are identified as coastal inundation, flooding when there is a combination of king tides and easterly storms especially with rising sea levels, also pandemics.

Be familiar with the operation of emergency equipment. Be in a position to open the Mahurangi East Community Centre as an emergency shelter in the event of a local emergency. Personal preparation should include ensuring your ability to function; cooking, heating, water, lighting and any necessary medication for up to three days.

See attached presentation which includes websites to visit.

Everyone who is able should download the Red Cross Hazard App

### **Also**

Dan Gray, General Manager **Springboard**. *What we are about, activities and aspirations;*

Springboard offers/provides wrap around support for young people as they navigate the challenges of life including handling various anxiety issues.. Social work, mentoring in schools and the community. Provide alternative education including a learning hub. A youth offending intervention programme. Preparation for work including skills and training support. Youth coaching and goal setting. Demonstrated by running a social enterprise ie firewood business giving workplace experience.

Going through a major transformation at the moment including a driving academy to enhance employment qualifications both as a driver and making workplaces beyond local accessible for employment.

30-40 young people are in the programme daily

Future opportunities include; residential care, developing Social Enterprises, drug education programmes, future intentions to connect with other organisations like Parenting Place etc.

Some great success stories were shared.

**Certificate Presentation;** Beth Houlbrooke presented Rodney Local Board Volunteers Recognition awards to SBRRRA, the donkey operation at Highfields and also for Warkworth Riverbank enhancement and Mahurangi river restoration.

A vote of thanks was made to the chairman for bringing the surveillance camera project to completion.

**Meeting closed 9.10pm**

### **Correspondence list to 1 July 2019**

To and from Beth Houlbrooke; (including letter from Brent Bailey, chair of RLB. Parks and Rec committee)

Various circulars and notifications. Letter and follow-up re Ercegs Walkway extension.(Boathouse bay). Sunrise Boulevard1 Toilet opening. Council approval of gazebo construction on Sunburst Reserve.

To and from Chris Martin (Insite) and Barry Passmore (Electrix) re camera installation arrangements

Mahurangi Matters; re Toilet, camera and thoughts about future business development at Snells Beach.

ASB bank re changing signatories

### **Next Meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019**

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