

## Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association – SBRRRA

Minutes of meeting – Monday 02 March 2020

Betty Paxton Room Mahurangi East Community Centre 7.30pm

**Present:** Mark Dinniss, Eileen O’Loan, Steve Popham, Maurie Hooper, Greg Sayers, Beth Houlbrooke, Tim Holdgate, Michele Mackenzie, Megan Young, 76 ratepayers as noted in attendance register

**Apologies:** Lorraine Merton, Robyn Duffy, Margaret Faed, Alison Coates, Peter Cacia-Birch, Kay Flower, Diane Taylor, Ian Taylor, Barry Atkins, Allen Entwistle, Yvonne Pearce

**Previous minutes** – 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 – Confirmed Maurie Hooper, Dave Parker

### Matters arising:

- **Roading:** Maurie Hooper gave an update. **Matakana Link Rd** –A preferred tender has been identified and a contract is to be awarded shortly. Hopeful that earthworks will start soon before the winter weather sets in. Should be completed for the opening of the motorway –Late 2021. **Hill Street** –final design has been decided upon, funding has been committed from the NZTA & AT, but work will not start until the Matakana link Rd and new motorway are operating. **Sandspit to Matakana Rd Link** – Work is being done on choosing a route and negotiations with landowners have started.
- **Adult exercise fitness equipment:** Eileen O’Loan gave update. This project is slowly progressing. A first meeting with Jeff Lyford (AC parks and spaces specialist) has taken place. Assurance was given that all the feedback – positive and negative will be taken into account and when a more complete assessment is made further consultation with the community will be made. SBRRRA are committed to finding a solution that will be best for everyone – in conjunction with the local community, AC officers and the RLB.  
**Questions from the floor – How will consultation take place?** – Mark Dinniss explained further that proof of community consultation would be a part of our proposal submitted to RLB. Updates would be provided to the SBRRRA membership and a community consultation format is still to be decided upon as a final concept design is still a way off yet. **Tractor/trailer parking concerns** (*Michael Robertson, Roy Bull*) Mark was able to confirm that there wouldn’t be any changes to the current parking arrangement. This would have to be a future project, for Council to address. If more trailer and tractor parking was to be provided it would result in **loss of green space** (*Simon Owen, Rosemary French*) Concerns noted.
- **Boathouse Bay update:** Mark Dinniss gave an update with slides and input from Bob Demler– see attached. There was a site meeting on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 2020. Attendees Mark Dinniss - SBRRRA Chair, Bob Demler – SBRRRA, Greg Sayers – Councillor, Beth Houlbrooke - RLB Deputy Chair, Paul Klinac – Head of Specialist Delivery (AC - Engineering and Technical Services), Chris Bindon – Biodiversity Advisor (AC – Environmental Services), Megan Young Biodiversity Advisor (AC – Environmental Services) James Hassall – GM Licencing and Regulatory Compliance.

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**Decision:** Developer has been asked to provide survey analysis of the “as built” dune and then build the dune structure as per signed off plans. Then this consented model would have to be tested over a time period. If the rebuild fails then further discussions would have to take place to find a remedy. However a generous deadline has passed since the meeting and still no response from the developer. Council to decide next action. The option of SBRRRA requesting a judicial review is not an option at present – very expensive with no surety of a favourable outcome. SBRRRA has submitted a remedial fix plan ie: to rebuild a dune structure in conjunction with a man-made sand holding reef out to the original esplanade boundary. This would give back some dune area to the birdlife. Building a seawall would not be an option as seawalls affect the wave & sand distributions over the whole of the beach and would make it impossible for dotterels and other species to reach safe nesting areas above high water.

**Questions/comments from the floor:** *Are cats allowed in the Boathouse Bay homes? From the info in the purchase agreement – Yes to cats and dogs if they are already part of the household. These cannot be replaced when they pass away. Cats must be kept inside at night* Concern raised as to the state of Morrison stream – *it does not seem to be able to empty out onto the beach as it did prior to the development. One resident has cleared the outfall recently to enable the stream to flow to the beach. Michele Mackenzie commented that the higher high tides do help to flush the stream and that the water level does rise and fall.*

- **Beachfront bird signage project update:** Kay Flower sent in an update. This project is making progress. Along with Michele Mackenzie they are working on the various signage options including the design and anchoring of the signs, placement along the walkway options, and the wording and pictures to narrate our Snells Beach bird stories.
- **Camera – update.** Our camera played a very important role in identifying the vehicle and perpetrators involved in the robbery of Liquorland. Very clear pictures were able to be obtained by the police.
- **Highfield Reserve and donkeys:** the Highfield committee asked that thanks be passed onto the Snells Beach Community for their support for the Xmas Community event. Notice given that there is to be an event for Neighbours Day.  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 11am – 2pm.** Everyone most welcome. Bring your neighbours and friends and enjoy the free BBQ.

**Correspondence:** Many emails re Boathouse Bay, Letterhead letters: Thanks to Jonathan Green, NX2 – guest speaker in Dec, and to David Blaikie & Aaron Neary AC re dog control on Snells Beach

### Financial report:

Walkway	3389.76
<b>Camera</b>	784.11
General	3181.79
Total Funds (as at 2 March 2020)	7355.66

### Expenses

Walkway (Wyatts) \$1,562.00  
 Xmas Function \$169.98  
 Printing/stationery \$120.00

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**Auckland Council report - Greg Sayers.** The Matakana Link Road should be finished by 2021. The Sandspit Link Road – negotiations between AC, AT and 5 property owners is progressing.. hopeful of lodging a designation by 2022. This means that future access will be protected, however no date can be given for completion as funding has not been allocated as yet.

**RLB report – Beth Houlbrooke:** She acknowledged fellow board member Tim Holdgate. Gave thanks to SBARRA for its work for the community. Encouraged membership. Reminder that the annual RLB budget submissions were now open and encouraged submissions.

**From a recent email :** *Submissions open tomorrow, 21 February, on the **Mayor’s annual budget** for Auckland, and the **local board’s annual budget** for the 2020-2021 Financial Year, and close on 22 March 2020.* <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-plans-strategies/budget-plans/Pages/annual-budget-annual-plan-2020-2021.aspx> **There will be ONE local engagement session on this on Saturday 7 March, 2pm – 4pm outside New World Warkworth.** *Please be aware we are still working to the **current Local Board Plan**, so are not proposing any major changes to the priorities in our budget for the next financial year. Any suggestions made that fall outside the scope of the current Local Board Plan will be captured for our discussions on the next three-year Local Board Plan which will come out as a draft in June/July of this year, and involve a number of public Have Your Say opportunities. I will send a separate communication about this to avoid confusion.*

**Local projects in 2020:** Rebuild of the public toilets in local shopping centre, revamp of the skateboard park, Mahurangi Est library refurbishment, the provision of a parknride facility near the showgrounds and investigation into the provision of expanded facilities for Warkworth Library.. The RLB is now working on the Local Board Park Management Plan – covering all the parks and green spaces in the area. Submissions will be called for in the future. Beth encouraged everyone to sign up to her Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BethHoulbrookeforLocalBoardWarkworth/>, RLB Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/RodneyLocalBoard/> and to be on the SBARRA mailing list.

**Walkways report and presentation:** June Turner gave update. Walkway now thru to the Grange and open to public. The group is now awaiting approval to make an off-road connection between Te Whau walkway – thru Goodall Reserve to the new walkway entrance. The walkways group has now formed a new Inc. society – The Mahurangi Trails Trust – and SBARRA will soon hand over the money kept in trust for them in our bank account. June as the community rep for Te Whau and Goodall reserves asked for volunteers to help her. Any offers [rjturner@maxnet.co.nz](mailto:rjturner@maxnet.co.nz) or 09 425 6195

**Any other business: Safe swim website.** In conjunction with Algies Bay Ratepayers and Residents Assoc – we asked for a presence on the safe swim website. Please to announce that sampling has been happening in these beaches since 2019. *Jones Bay Lagoon, Jones Bay Beach, Baddeleys Beach, Sandspit Reserve , Sandspit Harbour, Snells Beach, Algies Bay, Martin’s Bay*. Once enough data has been collated (over 3 yrs) then these sites will be added to the safe swim website.

**Guest speaker: Michele Mackenzie – Our Snells Beach Shore birds.**

Michele gave a very interesting presentation, illustrated with a slideshow of our many local birds. There are 37 species of birds that call Snells Beach home – 28 shorebirds, 8 waterfowl and 1 hybrid species (oops it happens). She explained and showed which birds are to be found in each of the local areas and gave an overview and image of the bird. See attached map. We had a new species visit this summer – a Ruddy Turnstone. The story of our dotterels – Little Dot and Donald – and their journey to successful fledging was inspiring. She mentioned a group of residents in the Southern end of the beach who have set up a Facebook page Stingray Bay – Snells Beach, with a challenge – can we make our whole peninsula pest free? <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Environmental-Conservation-Organization/Pest-Free-Stingray-Bay-SnellsBeach-111220763678974/> A threatened species of mudfish has also been found in the upper reaches of the Morrison Stream.

Michele called on all the Snells Beach community and the local council to help provide a safe habitat for our birds so that future generations can enjoy their presence. Offers of support...contact Michele Mackenzie <https://www.facebook.com/Michele-Mackenzie-Photography-241535539334764/>

Micelle was thanked by the meeting for her many hours spent informing the public and in caring and advocating for our birds. A bouquet and card were presented.

## **Next Meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May AGM.**

**7.30pm Betty Paxton Room Mahurangi East Community Centre**

**Guest Speaker: Paul Klinac, Head of Specialist Delivery, Engineering and Technical Services, Infrastructure and Environment, Auckland Council along with some colleagues**

**A talk about the Snells Beach Coastal system and how it naturally functions including erosion and the seagrasses and our proposal for dune structures at the northern end.**

**Meeting closed 9.30pm**

**New members welcome \$10.00pa per household**

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**Snells Beach King Tide Jan 2014**



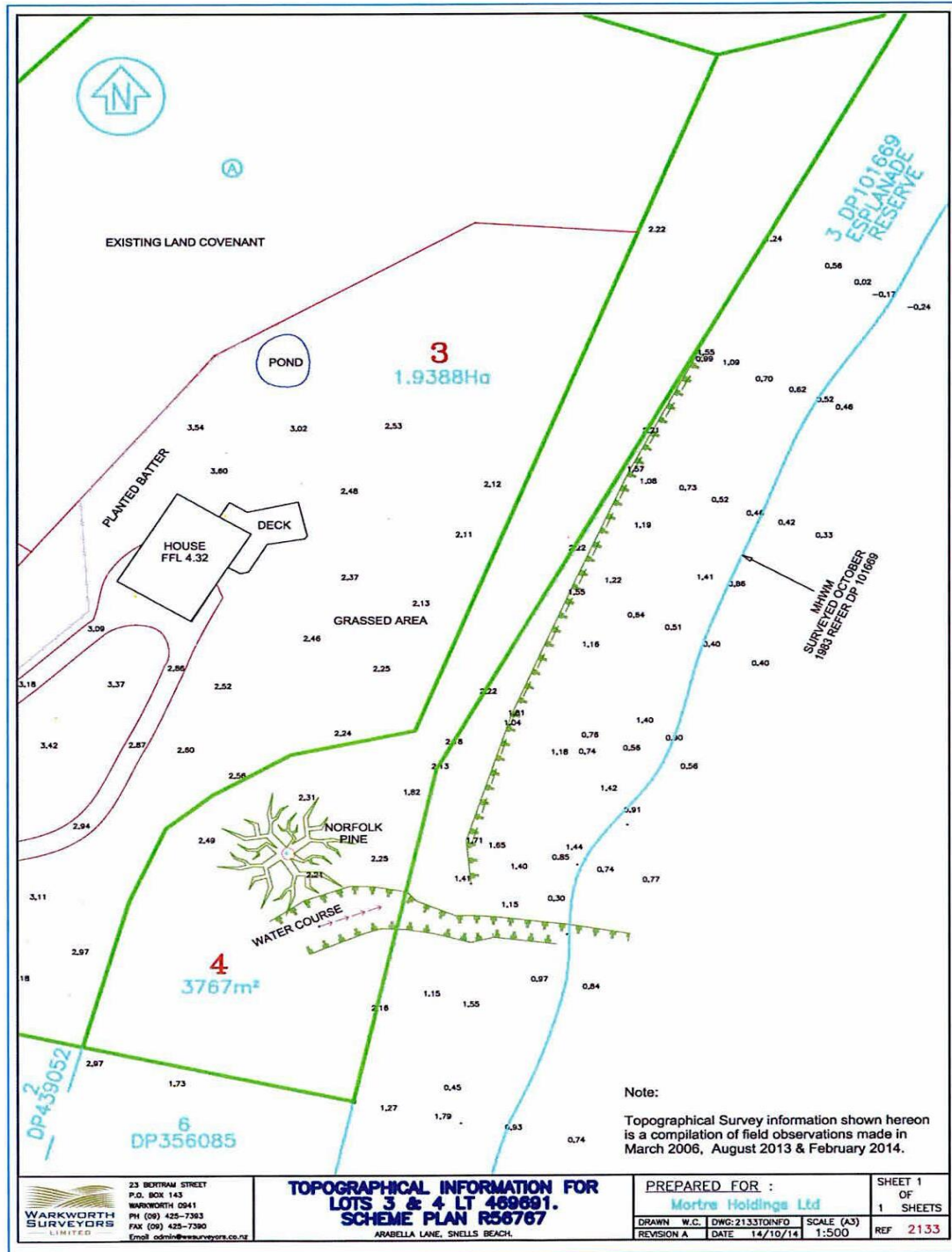
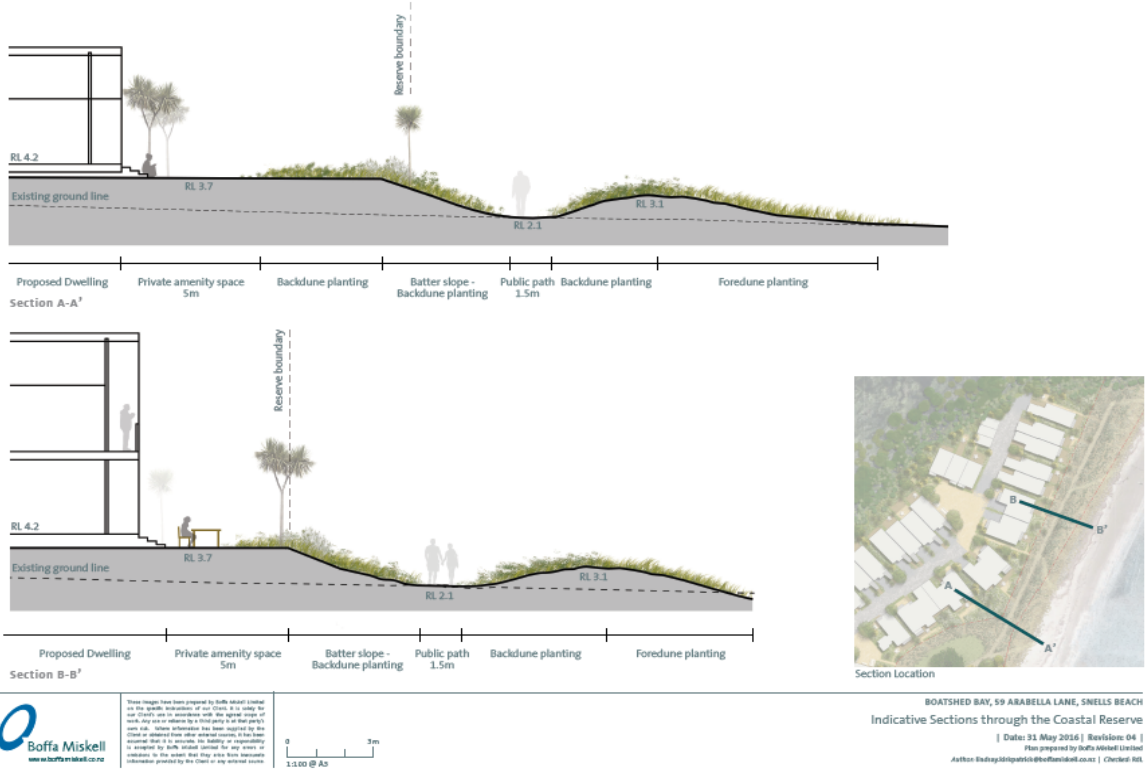


Figure 4: Topographical plan of property prepared by Warkworth Surveyors Ltd using field observations made in March 2008, August 2013 (shoreline fix) and February 2014

# Walkway construction plans as submitted by developer

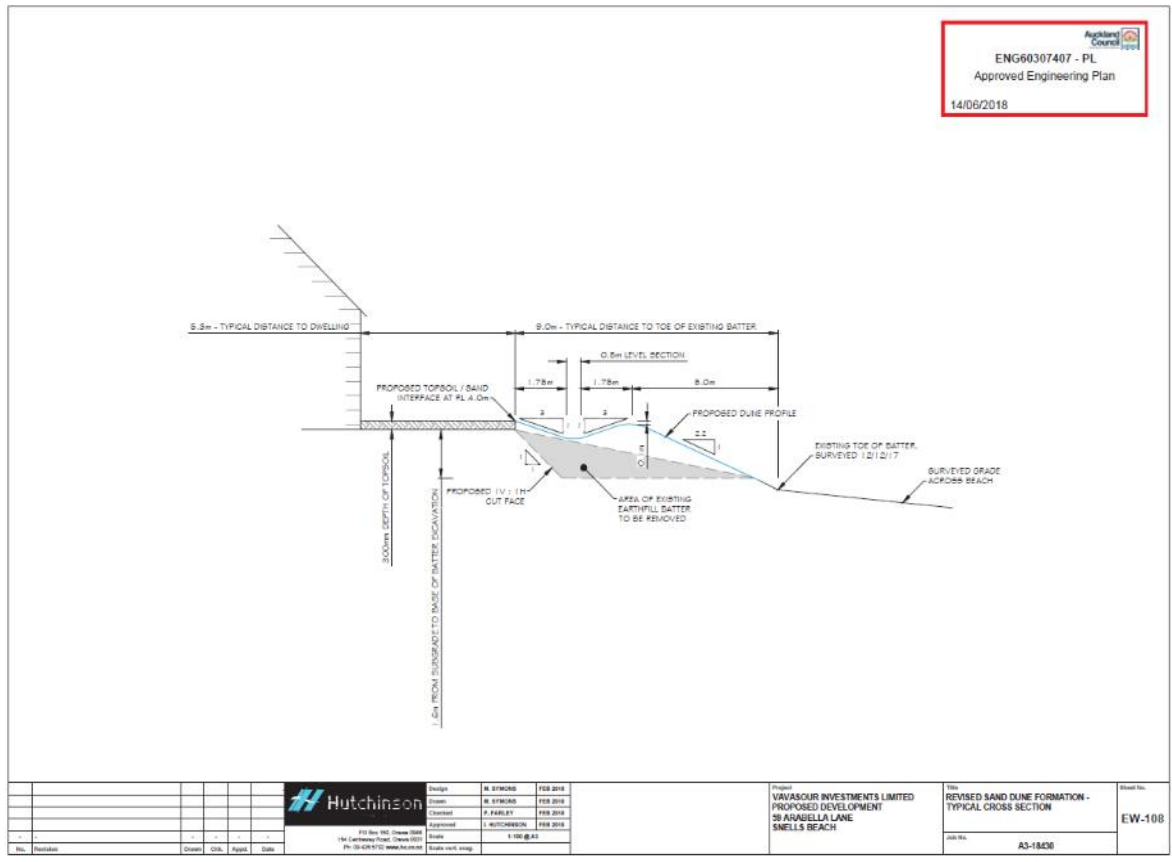


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BOATSHED BAY, 59 ARABELLA LANE, SNELLS BEACH  
 Indicative Sections through the Coastal Reserve  
 | Date: 31 May 2016 | Revision: 04 |  
 Plan prepared by Boffa Miskell Limited  
 Author: Edrapp@boffamiskell.com | Checked: RL

# Final approved dune structure



Approved Engineering Plan  
 ENG60307407 - PL  
 14/06/2018

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**Map of local bird areas in Snells Beach – as discussed in Michele’s presentation**

