

Minutes of Bi-Monthly meeting

Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association. SBRRRA

Date: Monday September 4th 2023 Time: 7.30pm Location: Betty Paxton Room

Apologies, Peter Beekman, Michelle Carmichael, Ivan Wagstaff, Diane Taylor, Eileen O'Loan.

Meeting Chaired by Maurie Hooper with minutes taken by Anouska Brown.

Welcome new Members – 21 new Subscriptions.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes – Stan and Anouska

Shorebird Information Panels – this project still awaiting progress on the AC planned roosting area at the northern end of the beach. Funding is still to be approved for this project.

SB Shopping Centre – Amy Algies opening Café in little and local café site.

Gym moving to old Warehouse building, upstairs.

New Kick boxing gym moving to old gym. (Jenny Bartlett)

Pizza shop into old dive shop.

No one has purchased the Bistro.

No movement on old 4 square and Dentist building.

Rumour Fresh Choice into old Warehouse. Kathy Toon

Tim Holdgate Local Board reported.

Proposed speed limit changes. He said little consultation was done here.

Council and AT planting scheme currently placed on hold. No further news of what is happening. (see written response from Michelle Carmichael below) Consultation on Kokihi lane was done months ago and was done very well, according to a member and resident of that street.

Spoke of continual cleaning up of blockages and damages, especially on sealed roads.

Any Potholes or damage to roads please report, via AC website and get a case number. He had no idea on response times only that they will be looked at.

Information can be gathered at workshops held by council. It is listening not for speaking. You can submit and to be put on the agenda. Talking time up to 10minutes. (Local Board)

Tim asked for questions from the floor and positive questions and answer time followed.

Trent Morley – Mahurangi East Fire brigade spoke.

He has been in fire brigade 25 years, 15 years up here with Mahu. John Kyle is the founder of the fire station here and the community funded it 25 years ago. When news broke in the paper about the fire service up here, Fire NZ finally got onboard with them.

Mahu East Fire does about 250 Call outs a year, whereas Warkworth has up to 350 callouts a year. They are the first responders. They cover, Chemical spills, fires, medical and even basic medical events. They are extra level first aide trained. They are one of the few fire trucks that have a Cardiac equipment onboard.

Their Tuesday night is sign up and training night.

Kevin Jones is deputy Chief, with Jason Connelly as Chief Fire Officer.

Speakers from Nag – (Northern Action Group) Hugh Briggs spoke on the history of the group that goes back to the formation of the Super City. He apologised for Bill Foster, the group chairman, not being able to attend. He confirmed that the group are encouraged that reviews of the super city model are to be examined, and they have established a working relationship with the new Mayor. They have maps and models of suggested changes to the Rodney representative model – these details are on their Web page. (listed below)

NAG was formed to get us out of the super city and to better and more fairly look after our Rural/urban Community.

www.nag.org.nz they have all the ongoing information on their website

Rodney is 50% of total Auckland land area.

780 Kilometres of Gravel Road

12-18 months our tyres last in this area on gravel roads.

Land on Woodcocks Road brought for Primary School? Intermediate? By MOE - lacks local consultation.

Kathy Toon Reported on – Local Snells Beach Community Night

Successful night. A member asked if out of pocket. Kathy said yes, but ways to go forward where this will not be the case. Amazing turnout with positive response from community.

New group formed around the community event is Kawau Bay Action Group KBAG

Spoke of the Kawau Bay Action Group Calendar where anyone and everyone can add their events and everyone local can see what is going on in our area. <https://cal.kawaubay.nz/>

Dave Parker – Heritage Mahurangi Inc.

- KOWHAI FESTIVAL DAY Sat 21st October (Labour Weekend) The event this year will only be held down by the river in Wharf St. There are no stalls on the street only food trucks, entertainment and wine fest. 9am - 8pm

- WDHS & MAHURANGI COLLEGE REUNION - Sunday 22nd October 2pm Mahurangi College Hall. This event is only a one day gathering of all former pupils and celebrates 160yrs since formal education was introduced to the district and 60yrs since Mahurangi College was so named. Please spread the word.

- WARKWORTH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 11th - 19th November. A full ten days celebrating Warkworths 170th Anniversary

NOTE: Sat 11th at 1.30pm (Armistice Day) US COMMEMORATIVE STREET MARCH featuring almost 100 Tri-Service men and women plus the RNZ Navy Band followed by a recital outside WW Hotel and Can-Can Dancers on the balcony. Hopefully a Fly-Past of vintage aircraft.

Weekend day events follow..

Sat 18th at 12noon FOUNDERS DAY featuring a River Pageant, Vintage Cars and Motorcycles

Riverside entertainment etc. Descendants of local Pioneering families are invited to participate. Application forms available from Warkworth Information Centre.

Keep in touch via HERITAGE MAHURANGI INC Website ie www.heritagemahurangiinc for additional info.

Maurie spoke about Correspondence in and out and enquired as to any further matters needing attention.

Read and read the Finance report as published – Accepted

Financial report: 3 September 2023

Opening General funds	\$5,156.20
Opening Camera funds	\$ 664.11
Opening Balance	\$5,820.31 balance as of 26/6/2023
<i>Income</i>	<i>\$210.00 Subscriptions</i>
<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>\$290.95 Advertising community night</i>
Closing balance	\$5,739.36 [General = \$5,075.25 + Camera = \$664.11]

Anouska relayed email by the Highfield Garden Reserve and Donkey Society. Also asked members if anyone is interested in forming a committee group tackling the planting matters to please email committee.

Tim Holdgate – Lett Road Subdivision is still in the environment courts.

Confirmation of previous minutes & matters arising from minutes July 3rd, 2023

Correspondence: IN/OUT. Matt Heywood, Sea wall draft proposal. NZ companies office, RLB members, MECC admin, Christoph Saltau, membership receipts, WALG minutes, Community event.

Community Roundup:

- REFURBISHMENT UPDATE – Community Centre

Auckland Council has delayed their scheduled refurbishment for

Mahurangi East Community Centre

New start date: February 2024.

Once construction begins the project will take a minimum of 16 weeks to complete. I will be in touch as soon as I have a new start date - till then all bookings will continue as planned.

Please let me know if you have any questions

Ngā mihi nui

Lisa Hampe

Community Advisor

Mahurangi East Community Centre

Highfield Garden Reserve & Donkey Society

Santa Donkey Day as Saturday 9th December. More details to come.

We were thrilled to be able to participate in the SB Community Night and grew our membership and Facebook followers - such a warm and friendly evening. Thank you for organising it.

The recent dry/sunny spell has seen an improvement in the donkeys hooves and the volunteers have been busy pruning and spraying the orchard trees ready for their summer crops

Rodney Local Board current questions

Beautification project now on hold: What is the next step with this project ?

Could you please check if there would be community interest in a small team managing a beautification project of their own if we can allocate any of the unused funds directly to community instead? Please make it clear, I can't promise this will be the course of action, but if there is community appetite for it I will ask the question if it's possible to divert budget this way, and if so will see if we can get support across the board for this idea, and what the process for approvals of a concept etc would be.

Urban Tree planting in Snells Beach: Is RLB aware of any consultation specifically with Snells Beach Residents regarding the location, number and type of trees to be planted in Snells Beach? There was a rumor NZTA had something to do with these projects ?

As you are aware I have been making enquiries. Information so far from the Parks and Facilities Manager who I've been dealing with is:

The Arborist Team (doing the work for AT) have been asked to put any further planting in your area on hold.

Looking into what has occurred it is really a case of unfortunate timing. The Arb team was undertaking their annual replacement tree planting at Snells, Omaha and Point Wells just at the same time we were putting the township project for these areas on hold. I understand they had planted a few trees and all the direct neighbours had been informed of the planned plantings at least two weeks prior and there were no issues raised by the neighbouring land owners.

I have asked for further clarification if there was any wider community notice or consultation done for this kind of 'business as usual' routine work.

In my discussions there has not been any mention of NZTA being involved. I would find that highly unlikely given the locations. Is it possible someone/people generating this rumour are confusing the transport agencies? As you know I had already confirmed this is an AT project.

Have been advised that "Replacement tree planting is only communicated with affected landowners and not the wider community."

I wasn't sure what was done was 'replacement' tree planting? Could they have been replacing trees, either in those areas or which have died or been lost nearby?

Question for the membership. Has any member been consulted with prior too the planting of trees on their berm or immediately close to their property?

Comment from SBRRRA Chairman extract from Urban Forest document:

Knowing, growing and protecting - a flourishing urban forest for Auckland

Publish Date : 27 Mar 2019

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What can you do?

Successful implementation of the strategy will require close collaboration with diverse partners across Auckland, including local boards, community groups, charities and businesses. Area-specific implementation is essential to ensure the strategy's high-level actions are defined and implemented in a way that matches the needs of each local area.

Further info on Lett Road sub division received Tuesday 5th of September 2023

The Consenting team aren't involved any more as it was declined by them and has been taken to court by the developer.

Once it's been passed to the Environment Court it's best to direct enquiries there. However, our RLB staff member made enquiries for you and they received the following:

ENV-2023-AKL-000004 Silver Hill Limited v Auckland Council

Topic: An appeal against a decision on an application for resource consent to undertake a 24-lot residential subdivision at 124 Mahurangi East Road, Snells Beach

Parties were due to report to the Court yesterday, however nothing has been filed to date.

Received Tuesday 5th of September 2023

Here is further response from AT re **The road surfaces in and around Snells Beach continue to deteriorate, specifically Mahurangi East Road between Snells Beach Road and Algies bay. Is there a maintenance program for this busy section of road?**

Our team have advised me that we're planning to reseal the section of Mahurangi East Road between Snells Beach Road and Mariners Grove in February 2024. Preseal repairs will be taking place in January, and between now and then we will continue to monitor the area.

Kind regards / Ngā mihi

Michelle Carmichael

Pre meeting response below

The road surfaces in and around Snells Beach continue to deteriorate, specifically Mahurangi East Road between Snells Beach Road and Algies bay. Is there a maintenance program for this busy section of road? Walkway consultation and slip repair are underway so we can limit discussion on those.

I have asked AT for a specific response to your query. Additionally below you will see links the community may like to view works currently in process. We do know that AT are working on creating a more comprehensive list of future planned works, to show jobs to be addressed which have been reported by the public. There are 2 IT systems used (one of AC & one for AT) which is making this difficult. It is likely this will take a long time to develop, but it is on the radar of what they know people are wanting. In the meantime please advise the community that if they create an AT log in, they will get updates on any jobs they log when they 'report a problem' through AT. To do this go to <https://at.govt.nz/> then click the 'MyAT login' button at the top right, then select 'create an account'.

Current road works across Auckland:

<https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/road-works-disruptions>

Storm repairs in our area:

<https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/road-works-disruptions/long-term-road-repairs-from-auckland-storms/updates-on-repairs#NorthRural>

Another topic which has some impact on Snells is the **8 Notice of Requirements of future roads in Warkworth**. Further information here: <https://supportinggrowth.govt.nz/growth-areas/warkworth/>

Although submissions have closed. I have been appointed the lead on our feedback to Supporting Growth at the hearing in November. My feedback to Supporting Growth will continue to include that liaison and consultation with community is crucial. In particular One Mahurangi Transport and Infrastructure Forum who are best placed to provide a coordinated community response to these. If anyone has strong views on these routes and timings of future roads, they are welcome to email them to me by the end of October. Please ask them to put '8 Notice of Requirement – Warkworth' in the email subject line. It's better I focus on overall community impacts, or impacts to groups of people, rather than individual personal impacts. So please ask people to keep emails to this nature. Or look out for work on this through One Mahurangi.