

Agenda Bi-Monthly meeting

Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association. SBRRA

Date: Monday 1st July 2024 **Time:** 7.30pm **Location:** Snells Beach School Hall

Present: David Burt (acting chair) SBRRA committee: Eileen O'Loan, Alana Van Boheemen, Harrison Mitchell, Troje Botica. Greg Sayers AC, Tim Holdgate RLB, + 11 people

Apologies: Michelle Carmichael RLB, Peter Caccia-Birch, Stan Armiger, Dave Parker, Robyn Duffy, John Norman, Peter Beekman, Barry Mein – Merrra, Diane Taylor, Ian Taylor, Gilly Chater, Alastair Chater, Maurie Hooper, Alison Coates.

Confirmation of previous minutes 6th May 2024 Anouska Brown, Jenny Bartlett

Matters/Actions arising from 6th May 2024 minutes:

1. **Mahu East Pedestrian crossing:** As noted on previous minutes there won't be any progress on providing a formed pedestrian crossing for another 3 years. Road improvements and better signage update. Nothing has happened so far. **ACTION:** SBRRA to contact RLB for an update. **Question from the floor** – what design will the crossing be ? – but as not planned as yet we have no visibility of the design.. **ACTION:** Tim Holdgate suggested SBRRA log a job for the road signage and sealing improvements – then progress can be tracked.
2. **Supermarket :** Peter Beekman -SBRRA treasurer has been in contact with David Whyman 4SQ owner – He is very interested in working with the community. **ACTION:** committee to keep in contact
3. **Completion of beach repair:** Remediation of the beach after Gabrielle storm damage is now completed. Our thanks to member Robyn Duffy for logging a further concern re corrugated iron now exposed on the beachfront between SB Road and Ariki Dr.. Her dogged persistence and communication with the AC team has seen the issue resolved. She has kept the SBRRA committee updated throughout this process
4. **SAP(Shoreline Adaptation Plan)–** consultation process. Eileen voiced disappointment in this consultation process. All efforts to arrange a public meeting/workshop event were unsuccessful, after the AC team were unable to attend the May 6th meeting as guest speakers at the last minute. We hope the SB and other Mahurangi East communities did have their say. We await the publication of the document.

AC report Greg Sayers:

- Comment that Wayne Brown does have a direct and forthright manner, but that he does understand the situation within the RLB area. The relationship between the mayor/Greg/RLB is good. Greg has been the deputy chair on the budget committee.
- The 3yrly budget plan has been passed and is in effect from 1st July. This plan feeds into the 10yr budget plan and happens halfway thru the elected term.
- There has been some major wins for the RLB area.
- Rodney has ½ the land mass of our city and is very rural. Many, many of our roads are just gravelled, and with infrequent maintenance historically.
- We now have 5 grader crews designated for the Rodney area. (previously only 1). 4 crews have been designated a specific area of responsibility – and maintenance will be carried out on a rota. The 5th crew is the call out crew.... to action any jobs logged for out of rota maintenance or emergencies. There still a problem in finding enough specialised manpower – so job opportunities are there for locals!
- \$124 million is now in the 10yr budget for Rodney Roads.
- RLB area has many smaller communities/townships. The community funding for RLB has been increased. \$102.7 million is in the 10yr budget with \$48.5 mill over the next 5 years – for community facilities.

- Hill Street – Yes the funding is still in the budget. This project has a high priority level and \$19.7 million is in the budget. No start date as yet, but consent and design has been completed.
- Greg voted against raising Council fees. Not successful.
- Emphasized the value/importance of community organisations like SBRRA. An advocate for their communities.. Encouraged everyone to use the Log a Job – as this gives the local concern a number that is able to be tracked and progress updated. He is always willing to investigate lack of progress on these issues.
- **Question from the floor:** Why has the freedom camping designation at the bottom of Snells Beach Road been removed? No community consultation or information passed onto the community thru SBRRA? **ACTION:** SBRRA to ask RLB for clarification

RLB report: Tim Holdgate gave an update.

- Gave notice that RLB has started the bi-monthly group public meetings/workshops. All community groups are welcome to attend and take any concerns directly to RLB. SBRRA committee attends this. Next meeting in August
- The new circular Warkworth bus routes will start in July. It will be subsidised by the targeted Rodney rate for 2 years. We have to prove we need this service before AT will take it over . Use it or lose it.
- The targeted Rodney rate will continue to be used for transport initiatives. The fund has been divided into the different RLB subdivisions – **ACTION:** SBRRA to ask RLB for date it will end
- Questions from the floor: When will the skate park renovations start? Have the community be consulted on any designs? **ACTION:** SBRRA to ask RLB for an update
- Discussion on our shopping centre – AC/RLB do not have any direct influence on what options can be offered at the shopping centre eg: Chipmunks, klik n climb, etc. This is private enterprise – however RLB is available for ideas/plan advice, create a fiscal plan and present to RLB and ask for advocacy
- Updates given on WALG and NAG groups and their future visions for our area. **ACTION:** SBRRA to send on the NAG minutes when received from NAG secretary.

Correspondence: IN/OUT WALG minutes, AC re SAP, Te Whau community planting days, Follow up re storm damage on beachfront, Membership renewal and receipts, AT roadworks notification

Financial report: 26th June 2024

Opening General funds	\$5,285.25
Opening Camera funds	\$ 664.11
Opening Balance	\$5,949.36 balance as of 31/4/24
Income	\$1,140.00 (subscriptions \$1,120 + \$ 20 donations)
Expenditure	\$
Closing balance	\$7,089.36 [General = \$6,425.25 + Camera = \$664.11]

Accepted/Approved Anouska Brown, Eileen O'Loan

Community Roundup: Snells Beach Neighbourhood Support Group, Highfield Garden Reserve and Donkey Society, Mahurangi Combined Friendship Club. See below for details

Guest speakers: MECRG (Mahurangi East Community Response Group) Troje Botica and Mark Dobson

- “People helping other people” All are volunteers from our local community.
- The group has no legal status and receives no funding from national or local government
- Area covered by MECRG : Warkworth, Sandspit and Scotts Landing have their own CRG – the rest is within MECRG sphere of responsibility

- They have a strong structure model – 3 leadership roles, secretary and treasurer(Vacant) operational team leaders, and general team leaders. New support members always welcomed.
- They are investigating becoming an INC society – this may enable them to apply for funding in the future.
- They have connections with Auckland Emergency Management (AEM), Rodney Local Board (RLB), Neighbourhood Support Rodney & CARRE and **This Community**
- **Objectives:**
 - **To help the COMMUNITY TO BE PREPARED** by increasing awareness & creating resilience before an emergency occurs
 - **DURING AN EMERGENCY**, we will assess whether an Emergency Community Hub is required and, if so, activate and coordinate our response and continue to advise the community on how best to cope. Provide intel to Auckland Emergency Management
 - **AFTER AN EMERGENCY** our team will Debrief & implement learnings to increase future preparation and community resilience.

“Not every emergency comes with a warning” – and we certainly had our share of emergencies in the last few years..... Natural hazards – Flooding, torrential rains, coastal inundation, high winds. Other events – Power cuts, pandemics, solar flares.....

What people can do to help themselves

- Have emergency supplies at home
- Have a grab bag for evacuation
- Get to know their neighbours.
- Know what sort of emergencies we are most likely to face
- Follow us on Facebook

What people need for emergency supplies

- Torch with spare batteries or a self-charging torch
- Radio with spare batteries
- Wind and waterproof clothing, sun hats and strong outdoor shoes
- First aid kit and essential medicines
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Pet supplies
- Water for washing and cooking
- A primus or gas barbeque to cook on
- A can opener.
- Water for three days or more — make sure you have at least nine litres of water for every person. This will be enough for drinking and basic hygiene. Water doesn't need to be commercially bottled. [You can store water in clean plastic containers.](#)
- Long-lasting food that doesn't need cooking (unless you have a camping stove or gas barbecue) and food for babies and pets.
- Toilet paper and large plastic buckets for an emergency toilet.
- Work gloves and a properly-fitted P2 or N95 mask.

The Community Emergency Hub – once ME community centre is reopened. Until then the hub will be in the little police building – cnr ME Road and Hamatana Rd. Facebook posts will give further information if a larger space is needed.

Centralised communication point for the community. Communication with AREC/AEM Coordination of connections for individuals

- Providing a safe place for those who are displaced
- Temporary accommodation
- Food
- Hot drinks

Coordination point for People, Equipment, Issues, Basic care and Coordination of volunteer efforts

When to come to the hub:

- When an evacuation is ordered by AEM
- When your own home is not accessible

Pets: We have accommodation for pets.

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SBRRA thanks the MECRG group for providing the emergency outside lighting for tonight's meeting.

Next meeting: Meeting Monday 2nd Sept 2024 @ 7.30pm venue TBA.

Meeting closed: 9.13pm

Community Roundup:

Snells Beach Neighbourhood Support Group: HELPING TO CREATE SAFE, RESILIENT AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

- Snells Beach is part of Rodney Neighbourhood Support who are asking all members and Street Contacts to update their information.
- Many of the members now have cell phone numbers and/or have changed their email addresses or have shifted out of the area.
- If you are in a Street Group let your Contact know your updated information..
- If individual members not in a group or you wish to join Contact : Margaret Faed 0212583737 or rns.coordinator@gmail.com: or Jenny Barlett crazysewinglady47@gmail.com
- The Rodney Neighbourhood Support Committee are recruiting volunteer Committee Members who meet 2 monthly. Our committee supports 4 part time paid Coordinators and is essential to the continued running of the organisation. If you are interested to learn more contact: Ann Ibbs 0291253295 or Margaret 0212583737
- **AGM**, 7pm, Thursday, 15 August 2024, St Chads, 117 Centreway Road, Orewa. Meeting, Guest Speakers and Supper.

Highfield Garden Reserve and Donkey Society Inc

- **AGM** Monday 19 August 2024 4pm. @ Mahurangi East Bowling Club Snells Beach. Hamatana Road
- **Guest speaker:** Jenny van der Mespel (Alison Roberts granddaughter and Committee member). She has written a children's book based on stories of the Donkeys. She will talk about the book and read it to the attendees.
- Another topic of the meeting will be gathering and discussing 5 year plan ideas for the Reserve and Donkeys.
- All the community are welcome to attend

Mahurangi Combined Friendship Club

- **AGM:** Monday August 5th 9.30am @ Mahurangi East Community Church, Mahurangi East Road (opp the fire station)
- **Guest speaker:** to be Greg Sayers Rodney Councillor
- All very welcome to attend.