

**NEXT MEETING - UPDATE ON THE PUHOI TO
WARKWORTH MOTORWAY FROM NX2 AND
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL GET TOGETHER - MONDAY 3
DECEMBER 7-30 PM, BETTY PAXTON ROOM**

**Minutes of Meeting of SBRRA 12/11/18, 7.30pm,
Mahurangi East Community Centre**

Present: More than 76 people including: Auckland Council: Councillor Penny Hulse, Chair of the Environment and Community Committee. Parul Sood, Acting General Manager Waste Solutions. Jenny Chilcott, Consultant Waste Solutions. Owner/directors of Northland Waste: Colin Cashmore and Ray Lambert. RLB Chair Beth Houlbrooke and Greg Sayers Auckland Council Rodney Councillor.

Apologies: Robyn Duffy, Grant McClachlan, Gary O'Loan, Shelley Trotter.

Presentation to Lesley Leversha: Following many years of service to the SBRRA as Secretary and Committee member, Chair Mark Dinniss presented a lovely plant to Lesley. She continues to help us at SBRRA and in many capacities including the Community Police Station, Civil Defence and Neighbourhood Support. Thankyou Lesley.

The 3rd Sept 2018 minutes were confirmed- prop. Maurie Hooper 2nd Diane Taylor

Matters arising: --

Lawrie Road Transfer Station: History, district waste disposal facility going forward.

Auckland Council: Councillor Penny Hulse, Chair of the Environment and Community Committee, Parul Sood, Acting General Manager, Waste Solutions. Jenny Chilcott, Consultant Waste Solutions spoke to the meeting in the

presence of Colin Cashmore and Ray Lambert, owner/directors of **Northland Waste**.

The stakeholders:

Auckland Council: are Landlord of Lawrie Road Transfer Station, the regulator / licence giver, and have overall responsibility for orderly disposal of waste across Auckland.

Northland Waste: are a business, leaseholder of Lawrie Road Transfer Station for the purposes of handling waste, with the licence for Rodney. They are committed for the long term to collect our Rodney waste for a charge.

The Community: create too much land fill, pay for waste collection and the rates. Their behaviour is crucial in seeking to reduce landfill.

The lease on Lawrie Rd was due to expire, this prompted greater Auckland Council attention on the Health and Safety aspects of the site eg: broken pipes, shift, settlement, CH₄ release, odour, noise, water contamination etc. The council also wishes to take initiatives to reduce landfill. The site needs remediation and the longer term aspects need to be examined.

Northland Waste were given notice to quit the site upon lease expiry.

The facility at Lawrie Road would therefore cease. Expressions of Interest to other businesses will be sought, for the site and its use. Northland waste and the community were unhappy with the closure.

An extension to June 2019 has now been granted. Northland Waste believe a proper concrete built facility is what is needed

Councillor Penny Hulse, as the elected politician, apologised for any shortcomings in the way all this was handled and communicated.

Northland Waste are unhappy about the way the Expressions of Interest will be written, potentially excluding their ability to participate. They wish to continue to serve the Rodney community.

Lawrie Road has 40 vehicle cash customers per day,

The Expression of Interest process is suspended.

The site needs to be remediated. Appropriate technical advice is being taken to decide what exactly is to be done and the outcome of this will be known fairly soon. The Local Board and community will be involved. The whole project will take about 2 years. It is important to find ways of reducing land fill, increase recycling and dispose of waste more efficiently. Auckland Council is committed to handling waste much better.

The community needs to play its part in this.

They need motivation through better clearer communication about -

What can be recycled ? where ? and which coloured bin ?

How to compost what and where? Where to dispose of poisonous waste and how ?

The audience felt that Northland Waste had done a good job for the community. The Expression of Interest process may lead to choosing a solution based on a Lowest Common Denominator and an overall Auckland solution rather than what our local community would choose and is required to serve our best local interests. Road side dumping must be avoided.

As recorded in the letter:- Mark Dinniss, Chairman SBRRRA to Stephen Town, Chief Executive, Auckland Council, dated 13 September 2018, the community need a facility for waste disposal, as currently carried out at Lawrie Road. This needs to be there or at an equally accessible site, local to Snells Beach, and without any service interruption. Parul Sood gave assurance that provision and accessibility of waste services will continue but there may be reduced services provided during the remediation process.

There was much discussion and many questions, this section was concluded by the Chair thanking our guest speakers.

Mahurangi Wastebusters - Trish Allen drew our attention to their work to reduce landfill. See further: -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mahurangiwastebusters/>

There was then a **short adjournment**.

Matters arising continued -

Security Camera - progresses slowly. Our "own" post sited on private land with solar and battery powered camera is being considered.

Freedom camping review - Diane Taylor's synopsis of the current Auckland Council By Law activity is attached and will be shown on our website. Members raised points including the distance between parked camper vans. Public feedback for the bylaw is scheduled for the period from 3 December 2018 until 18 February 2019, members should take advantage of this opportunity.

Liquor Ban duration - is work in progress. Stan Armiger was reassured that there was no intent to spoil enjoyment merely to review the matter including the areas covered and seasonal coverage.

Using the new bus service - Few members have done this. Lesley has been to Auckland Hospital, Green Lane and North Shore. The drivers are helpful and cope with wheel chairs etc. Try it !

Beach clean up - Lesley organised this for 6 October. A good turnout cleared much debris etc. She thanked all that helped.

Sunrise Boulevard toilet rebuild -The procurement process/ ordering of the toilet is currently underway. It is unlikely to be completed for Christmas.

Matakana Link Road /Hill St -

MLR - was all designed, researched, engineered and scoped on 4 lanes - until very recently. Then AT officials took \$26m out of the \$89m allocation (already fully approved by Auckland Council) and the four lanes planned were cut to 2. A meeting organised by One Warkworth was scheduled for Tuesday, 13 November, expected attendance to include NZ Herald, local press, AT, NZTA, Greg Sayers, Beth Houlbrooke - our Chair Mark Dinniss and Maurie Hooper are planning to attend.

Hill St - There is a CAG (Community Advisory Group) which has been considering Hill St for 12 months.

NZTA and AT are seeking community feedback on long term improvements to the Hill St junction at Warkworth Town Hall on Saturday 24 November 1000 to 1300

hrs and Wednesday 28 November 1530 to 1900 hrs.

See also: <https://nzta.govt.nz/hill-street-improvements>

End of Matters arising

Correspondence - much of the correspondence was related to subjects covered at this meeting. A list is available on request.

Financial Report; 72 members paid including 6 new.

Bank Balance \$ 5844.64; net = \$2844-64, \$3000 is held for Snells Beach to Warkworth Walkway Cycleway.

Walkways Report - Gary Heaven's report is attached and will be shown on our website.

RLB report on activities - Beth Houlbrooke -

There is \$3000 in their Greenways plan to improve and join up existing walkways.

Have your say at Auckland Council - **Proposed changes to Public Safety** and Nuisance By Law 2013 - opens 5 Dec.

Go to: <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/>

A suspension bridge is planned from Warkworth Showground to the Cement Works.

Auckland Council - Greg Sayers is determined to work for Rodney and is outspoken on the issues affecting us. He addressed a recent article that appeared in the NZ Herald. Chair Mark Dinniss thanked Greg for all his work and efforts. The audience applauded.

Hamilton to Whangarei rail vs Dominion Rd to Airport, Maurie Hooper advised there is a new Coalition Govt policy statement on this.

Christmas with the Highfield Donkeys - Peter Caccia-Birch advises - We are celebrating on 1st December, 11.30 - 2:30pm. We'd love you all to come along and to bring your neighbours as well.

Any other Business

Exercise equipment along walkways - there may be an offer from ECM signs to organise such an installation. The meeting indicated almost unanimous interest and support.

Snells Beach sign - Several members have observed that it looks tired. There was support to organise a repaint. Replacement may also be considered. Great late news Peter Caccia- Birch has started the repaint.

Meeting closed at 2145 hrs

Minutes by Ian Taylor treasurer

Attachments:

SBRRA Freedom Camping Bylaw Update

- Freedom camping bylaw was discussed at a meeting of Auckland Council's Regulatory Committee on September 13 2018.
- The intent of the bylaw is stated to be to address the harms from freedom camping by increasing the supply of sites in suitable areas and providing for improved enforcement.
- Rules are intended to be simple and regionally consistent.
- Across Auckland:
 - 312 sites are proposed to be prohibited;
 - 94 sites are restricted to vehicles that are self-contained;
 - Restricts freedom camping at another 13 sites, non-self-contained permitted.

- Each restricted site will have a designated maximum number of campers, with a maximum stay of 2 nights within a 4 week consecutive period.
- For sites where there is a high demand by other users during the day there will be a maximum stay of one night and a requirement to leave the site by 9.00 hours if there is a high demand by other users during the day.
- For sites restricted to self-contained vehicles, those vehicles will be required to be certified to the NZ Standard for self-contained vehicles – NZS 5465:2001.
- The following sites in Snells Beach have been named in the by-law:
 - Prohibited:
 - Ariki Reserve
 - Goodall Reserve
 - Restricted:
 - Sunburst Reserve and Tamatea Esplanade, 5 spaces
 - Whisper Cove (Kohiki Lane), 2 spaces
 - Restricted, non-self-contained permitted:
 - Sunrise Boulevard, 4 spaces.
- There was a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on November 8th. A draft version of the bylaw is included in the agenda for this meeting. As at this afternoon the minutes were not yet available on the appropriate website.
- Public feedback for the bylaw is scheduled for the period from 3 December 2018 until 18 February 2019.

Diane Taylor
12 November 2018

Warkworth to Snells Beach Walk/Cycleway Update November 2018

Since the last Update, September 2017, the sub-committee have been concentrating on the following:

1. Applying for and obtaining a land Use Approval from council for the route from Grange

Street to Hamatana road. This has taken considerable time once our plan to route around the

storm water pond was dismissed due to land stability issues.

2. Applying for a local board grant to build the section of the cycleway along the marginal strip

from Grange Street to the road from Hamatana leading to the Waste Water plant.

This has

involved surveying the best route, designing the track, and preparing cost estimates.

3. Engaging with landowners, including the Department of Conservation, to get agreement for

the most practical route along the whole project.

4. Investigation of the preferred and alternative routes from Grange Street to connect with the

north end of Snells Beach.

5. Participation in workshops on the design, funding, and construction of cycle ways run by the

Walking Access Commission.

6. Investigation into the design feasibility of building the track from Warkworth to Duck Creek.

7. Engagement with The Mahurangi River Restoration Trust to combine our visions of

developing access along the river.

8. Obtaining the background information leading to the decision to use stairs on Te Whau walkway.

Looking forward, we have been advised that the Rodney Local Board intend to approve our funding application for the Hamatana to Grange section of the trail.

It is clear to us that the process of applying for funding in a piecemeal fashion will not result in a complete trail. It is also clear, that despite the funding of the Greenways Plan, Auckland Council is not in a position to fund any significant walkway projects in our area and has no will to seek any funding for such projects. Therefore we will be working closely with the Matakana Coastal Trail Trust to engage on a funding project.

Gary Heaven

Chair SBRRRA Walkways Subcommittee November 2018.

