

Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association – SBRRA

AGM meeting – Monday 5th May 2025 7pm

Salty Dog Inn – upstairs reception room

Present: SBRRA committee – David Burt (Chair), Brian Fehsenfeld (Treasurer), Eileen O’Loan (Secretary), Alana van Boheeman, Troje Botica, Harrison Mitchell

Guest speakers: Tim Holdgate (RLB), Lisa Hampe (AC), Stef Fink (AC)

Members present x 34 + 13 non members

Apologies: Greg Sayers (AC Rodney councillor), Ian Taylor, Diane Taylor, Gary O’Loan, Dave Parker, Andrew Burt, Christina Burt, Robyn Duffy, Fiona Lindsay, Jenny Cardinal, Anouska Brown, Cath Hodder, Jan France, Peter Cacia-Birch, Jackie Russell, Alison Coates

Proxies received x 2 Gary O’Loan, Jennifer Cardinal

Previous AGM minutes 6 May 2024 (was emailed to members) Confirmed /seconded John Norman / Alan France.

Matters arising: None - Any general matters arising will be covered at the community meeting to follow.

Chairperson’s report: David Burt tabled his annual report – see attached. Acceptance Hugh Briggs. Seconded Brian Fehsenfeld

Financial Report: Brian Fehsenfeld presented the statement of the annual accounts.. See attached. Subject to the review of the report (still coming) the report was accepted by John Norman and seconded by Alan France. All members agreed.

Annual subscription 2025-2026: Motion: the SBRRA committee proposes that the membership fee for the 2025-2026 year remain at \$15.00. Brian Fehsenfeld/ Jenny Bartlett. All members agreed.

Election of committee members – x 8 for committee quota

Nominations received x 7 (see attached for nomination profiles)

David Burt, Brian Fehsenfeld, Eileen O’Loan, Alana van Boheeman , Troje Botica, Cherie Final, Julie Coppins. No further nominations came from the floor. Motion to elect the 7 to the SBRRA committee. All members agreed.

Election of Chairperson: David Burt was nominated – no further nominations received from the floor. David Burt appointed as SBRRA Chairperson. All Members agreed.

Election of Treasurer: Only one nomination received.. Brian Fehsenfeld was nominated – no further nominations from the floor. Brain Fehsenfeld appointed as treasurer. All Members agreed.

Election of Secretary: No nominations received for this position. Position stands vacant.

Chairperson – David Burt encouraged the members to consider standing for the committee or the future sub-committee roles that may be in place this coming year. The committee should represent and reflect our community. Thanks were given to Hugh Briggs and Maurie

Hooper for their representation on behalf of Snells at various group meetings throughout the year.

RATIFICATION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION DOCUMENT. (was emailed to members)

Eileen gave an overview of the process undertaken to finalise this document
Queries from the floor – membership clarification, dispute resolution process

Notice of motion: Subject to any further changes required by the Incorporated Societies, the committee proposes that this revised constitution, be approved by members of the Association. Proposed Eileen O’Loan / Seconded Brian Fehsenfeld. All members agreed.

CHANGE OF AGM DATE:

Following the ratification of the new constitution - The new timeframe for the management of an AGM, in the new constitution, means that one (1) month from the 31 March will not be long enough to fulfil all the new obligations necessary – financial, nominations, publicity, notices of motion, etc

Notice of motion: The SBRRA committee would like to move the date of the AGM to early June. This will give two (2) months for the committee to finalize the financial accounts, call for nominations, and all the other necessary paperwork. Proposed David Burt / Seconded Brian Fehsenfeld. All members agreed.

AGM closed 7.37pm The bi-monthly community meeting immediately followed

Attachments x3

Chairman’s report

Snells Beach Residents & Ratepayers Association 2025 AGM, 5 May 2025

Good progress has been made on several matters during this financial year. Your committee of six has met regularly with myself being elected chair in July 2024, leading this enthusiastic bunch of volunteers, including Eileen O’Loan, Alana Van Boheemen, Harrison Mitchell and Troje Botica. During the year our past President and current treasurer, Peter Beekman, resigned for personal reasons and we were grateful to Brian Fehsenfeld for agreeing to join the committee and assume the role of treasurer late in 2024.

In addition to our regular monthly committee meetings, we have continued our bi-monthly public meetings with a good range of interesting guest speakers and updates from our Councillor Greg Sayers and our representatives on the Rodney Local Board. We are grateful to both the Snells Beach School and the Salty Dog Pub for hosting these meetings due to the Mahurangi East Community Centre being unavailable.

Highlights of the year have been supporting the delivery of some great community events. This included working with Malcolm Webster and the organising committee for the Tractorama event which took place on Snells Beach on Saturday 30 November 2024. We also fully supported the Kawau Bay Action Group who organised the very well attended Pohutukawa Christmas Picnic on Snells Beach Reserve on Friday 13 December 2024. In addition to supporting these events and providing staffing we also erected a display tent to promote the Association and to ask the community for input into what they wanted for the future. This tent was also erected at the Auckland Council Music in Parks concert at Sunburst Reserve on Sunday 12 January 2025 giving the community another update on activities, as well as an opportunity to have input.

Beyond these profile events the Committee has toiled away making submissions to various Auckland Council and Rodney Local Board plans and meetings. This does take significant time, but we believe

it is important that Snells Beach does have a say. We have made submissions on the dog bylaw review, the retention of the coffee cart by the former Bayside café, the Rodney Local Board Annual Plan, the shorebirds proposal, and pitched for a new pedestrian crossing in Mahurangi East Road between the two shopping centres and path to the school close to the intersection of Mahurangi East Road and Dalton Road/Iris Street. This is in addition to the new pedestrian crossing planned to be built through Rodney Local Board funding on Mahurangi East Road close to the entrance to our suburb near Governor Grey Road. We have also been endeavouring to get the flying fox on Snells Beach Reserve fixed.

We have also advocated for CAPEX funding from the Rodney Local Board for the upgrade of the skatepark on Goodall Reserve. This facility is well used by our youth and children and needs to be improved. In addition, we have advocated for a more significant look at the future of Goodall Park as this park already hosts the tennis club, bowls club, library, community centre, kindergarden, the Te Whau walkway and we believe it could also host a BMX track and a frisbee golf circuit as well as more walking track development and off leash dog walking facilities. A longer-term new reserve development plan with community input is needed.

We have also further developed and maintained a solid working relationship with other community groups such as our neighbours Algies Bay Community Association, Mahurangi East (Scott's Landing), Pest Free Mahurangi and the Warkworth Area Liaison Group (WALG)

With respect to commercial and community facilities in Snells Beach the Association has been pleased to welcome the new Four-Square Supermarket to our town. This has fast become a much-appreciated retail facility. We have also welcomed Capri our new ice cream parlour to the village shopping centre as well as the Crimson Coast Café. The relocation of the Snells Beach Pharmacy across Mahurangi East Road to be adjacent to the doctor's surgery, has also meant that a new general store has taken the opportunity to open in their former premises. In addition, a new operator is now in the Curry Master Indian restaurant and takeaways. This commercial re-development following from the Covid years do show welcome signs of economic recovery and a belief in the future growth of our community. This commitment to our future has also been shown by the Auckland Council with the commitment to redeveloping and repairing the Mahurangi East Community Centre and Library. Whilst this redevelopment has taken longer than expected it is very well appreciated by our community, with the library scheduled to open again on 28 April 2025 and the community centre later in May.

A major piece of work this year has been the need to draft a new association constitution as required by government legislation and the review of the Incorporated Societies Act. This has been ably led by Eileen and our new Treasurer Brian, who have spent hours on this task over the last couple of months. This new draft constitution will be put for ratification at our AGM.

Before closing off this report I do want to say a few words about the current issue that has split the community. This is the proposal to remove 90 metres of the beachfront path at the northern end of the beach reserve to provide more habitat for the endangered shorebirds who roost and nest there. This has proven to be controversial and has created some division in Snells Beach. The association committee believes this has been poorly handled by the Auckland Council and is a direct result of the Boatshed Bay development encroaching on the beachfront and the failure by Council to sort the impacts out in the beginning. The Association has consistently advocated for improving the habitat for the shorebirds over the last five years and we believe the birds deserve a fair go. Unfortunately, the solution proposed does impact on public access and use of the path, which was built by voluntary community labour. To make the record clear the Association has not supported the removal of the path, in our submission we advocated for an alternative path to be constructed on the western side of the stream from the Ahi Kaa pedestrian Bridge, with improved viewing and

interpretation facilities, including a picnic table on the other side of the stream adjacent to where the existing one is now. This would still allow for public viewing and social gathering as well as creating increased space for the shorebirds. It is now up to the Rodney Local Board to review all viewpoints, submissions and alternatives to decide.

As this financial year closes and a new committee is elected at our AGM, I urge members to consider standing for the committee and working with us for the betterment of the Snells Beach community. We do need a larger committee to share the workload and to have different viewpoints at the table. This includes participating in a new sub-committee structure proposed in the new constitution. This will give members with expertise and an interest in a particular field the opportunity to participate without the need to attend regular monthly meetings and added responsibilities.

Having said that we do need someone to take responsibility for our communications and online presence, as well as a new secretary. This is because our long serving and tenacious Secretary Eileen O’Loan, has decided to stand down from the secretary role this coming year to travel and have more time for family and herself. The association and community in Snells Beach owe Eileen a wonderful debt of gratitude for all your work over the years and we wish you well. Having said that, Eileen has told us that whilst she wants to move on from the secretary role she is still prepared to be on the committee and assist in the transition. Thank you, Eileen and in closing could I express a big thank you to our Snells Beach community for your support of our association.

Thank you

David Burt

Chair

2: Financial Statement 2024-2025yr

Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association Incorporated Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March, 2025

	2025	2024
INCOME		
Subscriptions	1,665	1,300
Donations	-	10
TOTAL INCOME	<u>1,665</u>	<u>1,310</u>
Less EXPENDITURE		
AGM	-	291
Pohutukawa Xmas	302	
Printing and Stationery	372	
Laptop		518
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>674</u>	<u>808</u>
NET SURPLUS	<u>991</u>	<u>502</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Opening Balance	5,949	5,447
Surplus for year	991	502
Closing Balance	<u>6,940</u>	<u>5,949</u>
Represented By		
Bank Balance	1,940	5,949
Term Deposit	5,000	-
	<u>6,940</u>	<u>5,949</u>

Reviewer's Statement:

I have reviewed the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association Incorporated for the 12 months ended 31 March 2025 and can confirm that it has been prepared from records provided by the Treasurer and is a fair presentation of those records

Margaret Wright
Accountant



3: Nomination profiles for SBRRRA committee 2025-2026

Troje Botica

- CRG member for 10 years, with 4 years as chair.
- Resident of Snells for 11 years.
- Mahu East CRG representative on the Rodney CRG cluster.

This is an opportunity for me to return the support the community has shown me since we moved here

David Burt

- Property owner and ratepayer in Snells Beach for over 20 years.
- Now a permanent resident since 2023 after demolishing our old bach and building our new home for retirement.
- Professional background in international tourism and event management with Tourism New Zealand, then Head of Events for Auckland Council. Now I'm retired.

Having holidayed in Snells for many years, I love the area, and now have time to give back to the

community and I believe we can make Snells Beach a great place to live.

Julie Coppins

- I moved to Snells Beach from Onehunga 18th months ago with my husband, two cats and one dog.
- Background in IT, now retired.

This is an opportunity for me to show my appreciation for the welcome and support shown to us by this community.

Brian Fehsenfeld

- Property Owner & ratepayer in Snells Beach for 18 years
- Resident for six (6) years after demolishing our old bach and building our forever home.
- Retired last year after running an IT Software company for 34 years. Now a keen gardener.
- I joined the SBRRRA late last year as Treasurer.

It's not what the community can do for me, but what I can do for the community.

Cherie Final

- I have been a property owner and ratepayer since 1997
- Permanent resident since 2022
- Retired from marketing and advertising 2 years ago now following my passion walking and looking after dogs a couple of days a week

I feel blessed to be living in Snells Beach (living the dream) now I want to help moving forward ensuring Snells Beach moves with the times and is the best little community it can be.

Eileen O'Loan. Ratepayer since 2003. Resident 2016

- Has holidayed here since 1982. Built home in 2007. Retired here 2016
- Volunteer Matakana Coast Information Centre
- 40 years working many roles in Libraries
- Past secretary SBRRRA since 2018

I am proud to call Snells Beach my home. Volunteering to enhance our community for the future generations.

Alana van Boheemen. Resident since 2019

- Has 2 kids at Snells Beach School.
- Current Snells Beach Kindergarten Administrator
- Background in micro-biology and former MPI officer.
- Lived in Munich, Germany for 6 years before moving back to NZ with family and cat.

We enjoy living by the beach and love the Snells Beach community. Looking to be active in the community and keep SB moving forward in these times of changing demographics.