

## Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association – SBRRA

Minutes of public meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023

Betty Paxton Room Mahurangi East Community Centre 7.30pm

**Present:** Anouska Brown (acting chair), SBRRA committee (Eileen O’Loan, Peter Beekman, John Norman, Maurie Hooper, Kathy Toon) Cr Greg Sayers (AC,) Tim Holdgate (RLB) Paul Klinac (AC), Christoph Saltau(AC), Lara Clarke(AC) + 82 people

**Apologies:** Michelle Carmichael(RLB) Diane Taylor (SBRRA), June Turner, Ian Taylor, Cath Hodder, Andrew Burt, Michelle McKenzie, Dianne Thompson

**Previous minutes** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 Confirmed /seconded Stan Armiger / John Norman

**Matters arising:** NB: as we wanted to give our guest speakers plenty of time for their presentation and then questions from the floor – we had an abbreviated BAU part of the agenda.

### AC report: Cr Greg Sayers

- Gave a summary report – 1 year on from the local elections
- Mayor Brown – making slow progress. Is frustrated at how long it takes to make things happen.
- Mayor Brown had a good meeting with the local Rodney groups – He listened and understands our frustrations with the super city structure.
- Cr Sayers always willing to investigate issues if needed.

**RLB report:** Michelle Carmichael – this report was tabled as Michelle had sent in her apologies.

**Seawall:** *Greg & I met with the coastal team on site on Tuesday. During discussions on site we have been assured that the wall & footpath will be constructed at the same time. So the footpath will be protected. This can be done this time as construction will commence fairly soon in a few weeks time. Exact timing to be confirmed once they have contractors booked. The new wall is being set back in alignment with the other walls which have remained in place. Consultation will be carried out with yourselves who can share this with the wider community, and to the affected land owners on the beachfront. They explained the proposed sea wall plan with us, which they will share with you. I asked about using rocks instead, they explained there was not the space to do that as you would lose more of the grassed & high tide beach areas. The Coastal team will liaise with our Parks and Community Facilities (PCF) team around footpath alignment and they will provide their final plans to the Rodney local board (RLB) via the PCF team.*

**Local Board Plan:** *On Wed 1<sup>st</sup> November the RLB adopted the final version of our 3yr Local Board Plan. I feel this is a very balanced plan, which has taken the community feedback and priorities into account. The final version will hopefully be available on this section of the website soon: <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/about-auckland-council/how-auckland-council-works/local-boards/all-local-boards/rodney-local-board/Pages/rodney-local-board-plans-agreements-reports.aspx> In the meantime, the final version as adopted is available here within the agenda of our 1<sup>st</sup> Nov meeting.*

[https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2023/11/20231101\\_RD\\_AGN\\_11877\\_AT\\_EXT\\_RA\\_WEB.htm](https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2023/11/20231101_RD_AGN_11877_AT_EXT_RA_WEB.htm)

**RLB meetings:** *We hold a meeting most Wednesday’s usually from 10am to at least 2pm. All meetings are open to the public, public have a speaking slot at our business meetings (1 Wednesday per month – usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed), and can observe our workshops (held most other Wednesday’s). The business meetings are where our decisions are made or when we formally receive reports or policy updates etc. Our workshops are where we receive*

departmental reports, and can ask questions of department staff re those reports/projects, so are for information gathering purposes to help us form our decisions.

We alternate our locations monthly. November meetings are held in Warkworth, then December will be in Kumeu etc. Our meetings can be observed online. Email [rodneyllocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:rodneyllocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) for the link.

**Notice of Requirements – 8 Future Roads (Warkworth)** I will be presenting to the hearings panel on 15<sup>th</sup> November, on behalf of the RLB. I will keep my presentation to a general level, relating to alignment with the Future Development Strategy findings, timing with predicted development, timing of construction, period of time of NOR designations, consultation process etc. I am avoiding discussing too much detail about routes, but will be requesting that local knowledge and views particularly those received through consultation are considered, as many solve issues which have been identified with what has been planned. Will talk generally about consideration of flood plain areas etc.

My feedback notes so far regarding Sandspit Rd (NOR 5) and Sandspit link (NOR 7) include mentioning the need to alleviate traffic congestion, ensuring Hill Street is also addressed and in time, the need for alternative routes for Mahurangi East for resilience. If anyone has further input (in general terms) can they please email me by Nov 10th and put NOR feedback in the email subject line. Many who were concerned have likely put their own submissions in a while ago & may be presenting at the hearing as well. Best of luck to you all.

Kind regards / Ngā mihi Michelle Carmichael **Rodney Local Board**

**Guest speakers: Christoph Saltau Principal Coastal Specialist – Auckland Council**

The remediation of the beachfront walkway

- Thanked the community for the all the feedback received at the community night, and the feedback from individual members.
- Auckland has a very large and varied coastline which has been severely impacted by the recent cyclones., Gabrielle and Lola. There was major damage from Snells Beach to Browns Bay incl Orewa Beach
- Cyclone Lola event 29-31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2023. There was a sustained period of 3.4m King Tides. There was gale force easterly winds from tail end of cyclone Lola. This exposed Auckland's north-eastern coastline to 0.4m storm surges with high wave energy over x4 high tide cycles.
- Remediation plans were started after the Gabrielle event – the planning and consent process was nearly complete when Lola struck.
- The team have revisited the site to check if the plans are still applicable – Yes. Post storm site inspection with designer (Hutchinson Consulting). Extent of works and design now confirmed.
- Tender package completed for contractor pricing
- Works funded by Regional Coastal Asset Renewals Programme, estimated cost ~\$600k – \$700k
- Contractor pricing to be received end of this week.
- Contract negotiations and award w/c 16<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Council programme: Works completion before Christmas hopefully.
- Christoph gave an outline of the specifications that will be used for the remediation
- **The plans were shown. The tender documents and plans have since been forwarded to the membership – Email from Matt Heywood 7/11/2023**

**Questions from the floor:**

Q: Why are the timber supports only on the back – A: the wall is now to act as a retaining wall as well – to retain the sand behind the wall, and deflect the waves

Q: Old screws were not able to hold. A; The new wall is now placed further back on the reserve

Q: Pohutukawa now undermined all along the beach. Are they stressed? A: Pohutukawa tend to settle back on the land and continue to flourish. AC now has an arborist monitoring our Pohutukawa

Q: There has been a lot of damage to the rest of our beach – north and south. A: There has been a lot of major damage all over the Auckland coastline. The repair of the walkway/seawall was of the highest priority. Orewa and Browns Bay other high priorities. Thus these will have the urgent response. As the repair contractors leave they will assess the rest of the beach and give a report to the coastal team.

Q: How long is the expected life span for the repairs. A: 25 yrs is the coastal design life – but the consent expectation is for 35 yrs

Q: Why so long before repairs are started? A: Agreed with statement – Speed is critical – but the engineering design works and consents take time. Also limited by the availability of the specialized materials (Poles and screws) needed for the repair

Q: Local stormwater problems are having an impact on the foreshore. A: The AC Healthy Waters team are monitoring. Snells does have low lying areas along the waterfront.

Q: Why was the old wall removed. A: The wall was too short. It's consent was up for renewal next year. A temporary footpath was built for the community while waiting for the new plans to be designed and consented.

### **Lara Clarke. Principal Coastal Specialist – Auckland Council**

The Shoreline Adaptation Plan (SAP) For our future coastal erosion

- What is a shoreline adaptation Plan SAP? The way forward is to plan for future coastal events rather than react to them. It is a regional programme – working with many other council departments.
- The first step is to assess the shoreline council assets - beaches, boat ramps, wharves/jetties/piers, cliffs, public facilities(playgrounds, halls...), roads, stormwater, drinking water etc. What impact will coastal erosion, coastal inundation, catchment flooding and sea level change have on these assets?
- Auckland Regional coastline has been divided into 20 areas. Each one has a different focus. There is 3200 kms of coastline in the Auckland Region.
- Pilot programmes were started in 2020, but this has now been accelerated. Hopeful of completion of all SAP by the end of 2024
- The Snells Beach to Hibiscus Coast programme Jan - July 2024. Also, Ti Point to Sandspit Jan – July 2024, and Kawau, Great Barrier & Hauraki Gulf Islands April- Nov 2024.
- The community will be invited to Have A Say online, attend local in person information sessions, give feedback. What is important to the community?
- **Outputs:** SAP Area Plans: unique context, iwi values, community objectives
- **Strategies x 4:** Adaptation strategies for each coastal area (Unit/Stretch) over 3 timeframes: Short (0- 20 years) Medium (20-60 years) Long Term (60+) Once these plans and strategies in place – then they will be used to manage future events and there will be a budget available.
  - **No active intervention** – allow natural processes to continue.
  - **Hold the line** – defend the current coastline
  - **Limited intervention** – support existing
  - **Managed re-alignment** - move assets and infrastructure back

**How to be involved** - AC will keep in contact with SBRRA and other local community groups. Have your say online – attend the community feedback sessions in 2024

**More questions from the floor:** Answered by all the AC team – incl Paul Klinac – GM of the Resilient Land & Coastal Team

Q: Will these plans be based on science. How can you say what will happen in future? A: We have to make a start for future planning – Yes the plans will be based in science, but also will take into account community values. The timeframes and strategies will be flexible. There will be coastal monitoring and plans may need to be adapted in the future.

Q: What effect does the Sunburst boat ramp have on sand distribution? What allowances are there in the engineering plans for the loss of sand in the future? A: Sand levels are being monitored. Sand is rebuilding. As the boat ramp is a low structure – nothing is to be done.

Q: What is the cost difference between a rock or wooden structure? A: A timber construction is still considered to be the best option for Snells Beach. Aesthetics, footprint on the beach, vermin all taken in account in making the decision as well as costs.

Q: Concern voiced by member re how close the temporary fence will be to property closest to the boat ramp during the remediation work. A: The timeframe for the work is expected to be 4-6 weeks. A detour is also being investigated while work is happening. No decision as yet. Member asked the community to be respectful to the resident affected.

Q: SB boat ramp - Concern voiced at condition - poles are exposed. A: The consent for the initial structure expires end of next year. Is on the radar for review

#### **Financial report: 2 Nov 2023**

<b>Opening General funds</b>	<b>\$5,075.25</b>
<b>Opening Camera funds</b>	<b>\$ 664.11</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$5,739..36 as of 3/9/23</b>
<i>Income</i>	<i>\$100 ( subscriptions)</i>
<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>\$ -</i>
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>\$5,839.36 [General = \$5,175.25 + Camera = \$664.11]</b>

Approved: Maurie Hooper, seconded Peter Beekman

**Correspondence:** WALG minutes, AC re speaker attendance, membership receipts, SB shopping centre updates, FWD – Hauraki Gulf protection info, AC re shorebird protection fence

#### **Any other business:**

WW 170yr Heritage Festival: Dave Parker gave a quick summary of the events. See community roundup for details.

**Community Roundup:** Updates received from: Heritage Mahurangi Inc, Highfield Garden Reserve & Donkey Soc, Snells Beach Kindergarten, Snells Beach Cryptic Crossword Club, Mahurangi East Community Resilience Group(CRG) See below

Meeting closed at 9.04pm

**Next public meeting: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7.30pm. Speaker TBA**  
**Venue to be confirmed – If the refurbishment of the community centre has started then we will be meeting in the SB School Hall**

#### **Community Roundup – 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023**

##### **Highfield Garden Reserve and Donkey Society INC**

- Donkey Santa Fun Day – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am – 2pm
- AC undertaking track renewal work – starting at the end of Nov. Top section tracks first – lower sections early 2024. The tracks will be closed while the work is undertaken.
- Updates available on the Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/donkeyshighfield](https://www.facebook.com/donkeyshighfield)

### **Warkworth Heritage Festival. Celebrating WW's 170yr anniversary**

- **November 11 – 18<sup>th</sup>.** 10 days of celebrations
- **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm** (Armistice Day) US commemorative Street March . Featuring 100 TR=ri-Service me & women, RNZ navy band, Recital outside WW Hotel, Can-can dancers on the balcony. Fly past perhaps of vintage aircraft
- **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. WW Founders Day.** – river pageant, vintage cars & riverside entertainment
- **More details** – [www.Heritagemahurangi.co.nz](http://www.Heritagemahurangi.co.nz)
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### **Snells Beach Kindergarten with Mahurangi East Library. Garage Sale**

- **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 9-1pm**
- Mahurangi East Community Hall.
- Sausage sizzle, home baking, bouncy castle, face painting, library storytime
- Want to book a table? Contact the Library 0800 695 427 or SB Kindergarten 09425 6330

### **Mahurangi East Community Resilience Group (CRG)**

- Troy Botica (Chair) wishes to let community know that the AC is restructuring the CRG and that changes will be implemented soon. Learnings have been taken from the recent events.
- More information is forth coming over the next few months. SBRRA secretary will forward this information as it is received,

### **Snells Beach - Cryptic Crossword Club.**

- A new club in our area.
- Meets 1pm First Wed of the month @ Mahaurangi
- East Library
- **More info:** Neil 027 661 1898 or Ann 027 661 1900. Everyone is welcome