

Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association – SBRRA

AGM meeting – Monday 25th May 2026 7pm

Betty Paxton Room – Mahurangi East Community Centre

Present: SBRRA committee – David Burt (Chair), Eileen O’Loan (Secretary), Alana van Boheeman, Troje Botica, Cherie Final, Ragini Maharaj

Members present x 25 + 3 non members + committee = 34

Guest speakers: Paul Cleary(AT), Mark Edmonds (AT)

Apologies: Brian Fehsenfeld (Treasurer), Greg Sayers (AC Rodney councillor), Robyn Duffy, Peter Cacia-Birch, Jackie Russell, Jeff Stratton, Gail Stratton, Aileen Swain, Richard Swain, Hugh Briggs, Helen Whitely, Tim Holdgate, Lou Perkins, Dianne Burt, Maurie Purdy, Raewyn McQuoid, Penny Webster,

Proxies received none received

Previous AGM minutes 2 May 2025 Confirmed /seconded David Burt/ David Parker

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 below. Acceptance /seconded Cherie Final/ Eileen O’Loan

Financial Report: As Treasurer Brain Fehsenfeld was absent – Report presented by Chair David Burt. See below.

Clarification was sought on the Mahu Trail entry : The Mahurangi Trail Society has been closed. Their committee decided to gift the remaining funds to SBRRA as required by the INC Society rules. It is hoped that SBRRA will continue to advocate for the completion of the SB – WW part of the Coastal Trail and to use these finds within the SB community.

Question: What is the License fee? It is the yearly subscription to Microsoft. Hosting fees are the fees paid for the website

The report was accepted by David Burt and seconded by Maurie Hooper. All members agreed.

Annual subscription 2026-2027: Motion: the SBRRA committee proposes that the membership fee for the 2026-2027 year remain at \$15.00. Tabled David Burt/ All members agreed.

No other motions received

Election of committee members – x 8 for committee quota

Nominations received x 6 (see attached for nomination profiles)

David Burt, Brian Fehsenfeld, Alana van Boheeman ,Troje Botica, Cherie Final, Ragini Maharaj. No further nominations came from the floor.

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: Brian Fehsenfeld was nominated – no further nominations from the floor. Brian Fehsenfeld appointed as treasurer. All Members agreed.

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

From the floor – member suggested that the secretary role become a shared role. David replied that this is being investigated.

Chairperson – David Burt encourages all members to consider standing for the committee. The committee should represent and reflect our community.

AGM closed 7.25pm The bi-monthly community meeting immediately followed

Attachments x3

Chairman's report

Snells Beach Ratepayers & Residents Association AGM

As I reflect on the past 2025/2026 financial year it has been one of success in a number of areas, progress on others, with an occasional frustration.

However, before detailing these reflections, I do want to acknowledge the dedicated support I have had from the committee and several association members who have put their hand up to help at some of our events. I have also enjoyed liaising with our sister community groups in the Mahurangi East area on common policy issues. This includes Algies Bay, Scotts Landing, Restore Rodney East and the Warkworth Area Liaison Group.

Highlights of the year for me have been the re-opening of the Mahurangi East Library and Community Centre. It has been great to have these community facilities back in action and being well used by the local Snells Beach and wider Mahurangi East community. A special thanks to both the Rodney Local Board and Auckland Council for the capital funding for these wonderful facilities.

Community events have been to the fore again this year with the opening celebrations of the community centre and library over Matariki weekend, followed by the Pohutukawa Picnic event at Christmas, then the Easter egg event recently held on 5 April at the Snells Beach Reserve. Your community association willingly assisted the Kawau Bay Action group of parents with the centre opening and the Pohutukawa Picnic. We managed to cook and serve 700 sausages at both events. For the Easter event we supported our new Community Coordinator, Lou Parkins with the event planning and delivery of the easter egg hunts, egg and spoon races and all the fun of this Easter event, which attracted 300 to 400 families.

The appointment of Lou, a Snells Beach local, to this role, by and with funding by the Rodney Local Board, is a significant step forward and I would like to acknowledge the Rodney Local Board again.

Beyond these community events your committee has toiled away making submissions to various Auckland Council and Rodney Local board plans and requests for input. This does take significant time, but we believe it is important that Snells Beach does have a say. This advocacy role has seen us make submissions on both the Rodney Local Board three year and annual year plans, advocated for a full reserve development plan for Goodall Reserve, an upgrade of the skatepark, the provision of two new pedestrian crossings on Mahurangi East

Road, for a return of Music in Parks, road and beach foreshore remedial work following weather events, and of course the shorebird and foreshore path issue.

This later issue, as I commented on in my report last year, has divided the community. The Association has continued to raise this with the Rodney Local Board and thought that their decision to fund an independent facilitator to talk to all groups concerned and recommend a compromise solution was the best way forward. This was promised at the end of 2025, we then met with the facilitator in February, but since then nothing has happened. No further meetings, no discussion and no contact. Come on Rodney Local Board please get on with it.

As this financial year closes and a new committee will be elected at our AGM, I urge members to consider putting their hand up and joining the committee and working for the betterment of our community. In this day of social media and the proliferation of key board warriors venting online, there is still a place for people to stand up and really make a difference in the real world. So, I am asking you to consider this plea, as we do need more people to join us, both as committee members and for those that can assist at events and perhaps on a sub-committee or special interest group. We need assistance with online communications and secretarial work. If you like living here and have an hour or two to spare, please consider this tonight.

In closing I do want to acknowledge our long-standing secretary Eileen O'loan who is standing down. Eileen, we do owe you a debt of gratitude for all your work and years of long and dedicated service and we wish you well. During the year we also had the resignation of Julie Coppins from the committee. Thank you Julie. On a positive note we had the addition of Ragini Maharaj to the committee at the start of the year. So, I remind you all we have a couple of vacancies, please join us and make a difference.

David Burt

Chair 21 May 2026

2: Nomination profiles for SBRRRA committee 2026-2027

Troje Botica

- CRG member for 11 years, with 5 years as chair.
- Resident of Snells for 12 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.

Brian Fehsenfeld

- Property Owner & ratepayer in Snells Beach for 18 years

- Resident for seven (7) 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 SBRRA committee from Aug 2024. Treasurer since May 2025
- 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 3 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 is the best little beachside community it can be.

Ragini Maharaj

- Owner and ratepayer in Snells Beach since 2010.
- Now a permanent resident since 2025
- Been holidaying in Snells Beach since 1999
- Professional Background –Special Needs Educator(15years) + ECE Manager(11years)
- I enjoy the very family-friendly environment, beachside walkways, and breathtaking scenery.
- Working to ensure Snells Beach continues to provide the same quality of life for the future.

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.

3: Financial Statement 2025-2026yr

**Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association Incorporated
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March, 2026**

	2026	2025
INCOME		
Subscriptions	1,660	1,665
Donations	20	-
Interest	105	-
Mahu Trail	2,899	-
TOTAL INCOME	<u>4,685</u>	<u>1,665</u>
Less EXPENDITURE		
Hosting Fees	372	-
License fee	129	-
Pohutukawa Xmas	500	302
Printing and Stationery	-	372
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,001</u>	<u>674</u>
NET SURPLUS	<u>3,684</u>	<u>991</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Opening Balance	6,940	5,949
Surplus for year	<u>3,684</u>	<u>991</u>
Closing Balance	<u>10,624</u>	<u>6,940</u>
Represented By		
Bank Balance	10,624	1,940
Term Deposit	-	5,000
	<u>10,624</u>	<u>6,940</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 2026 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

