

Snapper Challenge

Last run in 2008, meeting agreed it was a good plan but no one willing to take charge.

LS states that no activity can go forward without at least one person taking ownership, hence the ongoing success of the Fun Run.

West Bay Path

Thanks to Kevin Wragge and associates for planting DOC land. Signage being organized. Thanks too to Steven Thomas for mowing of pathway.

Rhamnus control

Council has delayed on applying budget, Mark Lockhart is keeping pressure on. Lisa Holliday had approached contract workers currently on the island as they appeared to be only using spray, not cutting and painting stumps. Colin McLaren and Dylan Hinchey also concerned with methods of spraying. Lisa concerned with lack of consultation with property owners before entering private property. Colin McLaren concerned with spraying of olives / moth plant on lot 31.

RRA to contact Auckland Council to seek clarification on type of poison, methods of spraying and giving due notification to property owners.

Moved/ Seconded	Outcome	Action	Person responsible	Carried forward/ resolved
LS / Shelly Berge	Motion passed	RRA to pursue		Carried forward

Newsletters & Rakino News

Quarterly Newsletters will be continued with Hall and Library code included for Members. It was suggested RRA should purchase a page in the Rakino News to publish committee news.

Street Signs

Two new ones with Morris soon to go up. RRA pushing to get remainder renewed by AT.

Bokashi Bin report (RE):

- Thanks to Kevin Wragge and Steven Thomas for all their assistance with the inception of this project with Auckland Council.
- 41 sets on island + 10 swap bins
- Zing available \$10 a bag, available on the island
- First claim from Waste Management and Innovation Fund. Grant now pending, net cost to RRA to date is sub-\$1000.
- License to Occupy AT land on South Pacific Rd is in the process of being contracted, with legal work ongoing at a cost to RRA of c.\$1000 (which was not anticipated in the initial planning). Thanks to Craig Langston (of Fee Langstone) who is acting for RRA on a pro bono basis to resolve the lease.
- Full Bokashi bins can shortly go to the nursery to donate compost and a swap-bin taken away (subject to stock).

A.T. Visit to Island (RE) (for information):

Kevin Wragge had arranged a private meeting with a council representative regarding traffic safety issues on the island, which RE was invited to participate in on behalf of the RRA. There was a general tour which included: the Jane York Rd top blind corner, Wharf Area, road

signage.

Waiting on feedback from Matthew Rudez.

Waiheke Local Board (RE) (for information):

Kevin Wragge (initiator), Steven Thomas and Rob Overall had a meeting with Paul Walden, Chair of the Waiheke Local Board on 14-Mar-2016 to explore how WLB and the Rakino community could work more effectively together and Rakino could enjoy fuller utilization of available public funding. This included consideration of the Community Hall and Paul W provided further insights into work done to date and the issues arising.

Dialogue ongoing.

Community Hall Relocation and Repair (RE):

Council currently has no budget for the range of work required. Roger Matthews is a specialist appointed by Council to review the situation and make recommendations. There is a newly-evident issue regarding land title to be resolved first (by Council) which may take 3-6 months before we can move forward.

Elevation of the building in its current location is currently the least costly approach, but there are implications for Earthquake strengthening under current Building Codes which may render this impractical.

Work is ongoing.

Terry Robinson asked about a seawall on South East face of wharf. JD responded saying this has been recommended by RRA in the previous year.

Road metals

Sue Plummer brought up and it was agreed by consensus that the grade of metal used on the roads was too coarse and that there was insufficient compaction done, making the roads unsuitable to walk on, hard to drive on and will lead to puddles and poor conditions in winter.

RRA was requested to investigate.

Report on Ferries:

JD and RE attended a meeting with A.T. on 21-Mar-2016 to review recent changes and service levels going forward and JD reported:

- NZTA funding portion of subsidy dropped but fares have been maintained with no increase as Auckland Council stepped in to fill the shortfall
- Patronage slightly higher but overall fare-take lower during first year of operation since midweek services improved
- Limited Stanley Bay connection will be reinstated this winter (first Friday and Sunday thereafter)
- All Public Transport services coming up for retender and new contracts will be in place between A.T and ferry operators by November 2016.
- Super Gold card / HOP card included in this Review. There was some discussion about how HOP cards are facilitated on other services.
- Also in this Review was a more permanent connection to Stanley Bay. It was reported that Council has surveyed Stanley Bay users on a price rise and the question was posed to the meeting – **would a price increase on the Stanley Bay connection service be supported and, if so, by how much?**

Responses varied but it appears that a fare of up to \$5 each way (up from \$2) would be considered when compared to the fare of \$6 on the Devonport connection.

Meeting with A.T. was positive and constructive.

Internet and WiFi:

in 2015, RE submitted an application to Government to improve Internet on island. A decision from the Rural Broadband Initiative is still awaited.

Fire Extinguisher Donation:

JD thanked Frank Van der Koek at Sky City and Tim Sheehan of Rakino for facilitating the donation of 26 fire extinguishers that were retired from service after five years but remain perfectly serviceable. No units can be resold but it was hoped that further units could be donated in coming years. It was agreed that the largest extinguishers should be reserved for deployment on the Fire Lord trailers. The balance was offered to attendees of the meeting and all remaining units will be dispersed upon request. Some remain for other Members' use.

Phone Box refurbishment

This project is underway with financial assistance from a Grant.

Defibrillator

The Defibrillator is to receive updated software and new batteries and electrodes, all purchased by RRA. (RE apologized for the alarm siren going off without prior notice when the box was opened for inspection!)

Rakino Trust

RRA is liaising with John Vague to have Chris Clews appointed as new trustee.

Community Hall usage

Could people who use the hall please leave it clean.

First Aid Cabinet

The cabinet is on wall at back of Hall - please use Grab Bag Kit sitting on top of cupboard first then go into cabinet to replenish. Kindly replace whatever items you use.

There is the potential for first aid training on the island next Christmas.

Review of RRA Accounts

RRA's annual Accounts need to be reviewed by an [honorary] chartered accountant as the current one has resigned. Does anyone know of a person to complete this role?

Public grant-funding

RE noted the following potential for public funding grants:

- Waste Minimisation Fund [\$250 – 5000] (Opens 01-Apr-16 > Closes 30-Apr-16)
- Reg. Env'rt & Nature [\$0 – 40,000] (Opens 01-Aug-16 > Closes 31-Aug-2016)
- Waste Min. and Innovation Fund [\$250 – 50,000] (Opens -1-Sep-2016 > Closes 30-Sep-2016)

List of Landowners

A complete list of Landowners and their contact details is needed to build a complete RRA database. An appeal was made to see if anyone can volunteer time to go to Council to get names [in batches of five, the maximum the Council can supply at any one time)?

It was suggested Stephen Wong might be able to get this as a real estate agent.

Meeting closed

JD repeated a call for volunteers to join the RRA Committee and Bert Verduyssen offered his services after the meeting.