

# Rakino Ratepayers Association

## Minutes of RRA Committee Meeting

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Location: Zoom

### Present:

Stephen Thomas (ST)  
Chris Clews (CC)  
Natasha Holland (NH)  
Elisabeth Easther (EE)  
Rod Inglis (RI)  
Brett Harris (BH)

### Apologies:

David Mahon

#### 1. Welcome / Apologies (CC)

CC opened the meeting

#### 2. Past Minutes (CC)

Minutes from the previous Committee Meeting have been ratified by EE and RI

#### 3. Correspondence (NH)

We have received feedback from residents regarding the Hall proposals as requested, all other correspondence was regarding Subscription info.

#### 4. Hall Report (CC)

Everyone agreed on setting a meeting with John Nash to go over presentation prior to presenting to the Local Board, hopefully this side of Xmas. We need to try confirm a date in February to present to Local board. It was confirmed that 2 options will be presented to Council. Once again it was reiterated that Councils big concern is ownership and ongoing maintenance. It would be good to compile and pros and cons on both options prior to presenting.

Brett has been communicating with council with acquiring data on Rates intake and expenditure over the last 5 years. This is a completely separate matter and does not involve the Committee. He will report back on his findings which he hopes will be January next year.

#### 5. New Years Eve Races

Unfortunately, Colin is retiring from organising the NYE Races after 40 years. Natasha and Troy have offered to take over organising the run and games. Chris has offered to print certificates. Natasha may be able to get some drinks supplied via a contact sponsoring community events. The RRA will need to supply a letter to sponsor. The RRA have agreed they are happy to fund the drinks and lollies if this does not eventuate.

We will assess closer to the time if the run can officially go ahead depending on where we are at with the traffic light COVID system.

#### 6. Fishing Competition

EE suggested that instead of running a fishing contest due to the current sea life conditions we could look at doing a photo competition or an alternative activity that could be fun for the community at the Walks, Snorks and Talks event. Everyone agreed this was a great idea.

#### 7. Dragon Boating

CC is going to look into this further and come back to us as to whether there is an appetite for running it.

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## **8. Resilience Plan Update**

Still work in progress - Dave Parker is heading it up, the team are looking to do door knock at Christmas. A fact/information sheet has been designed and they are looking to produce information cards & stickers to hand out at door knock.

## **9. General Business**

CC received contact from Auckland Transport regarding Wharf timber replacement and have asked for assistance (see attached email) need to discuss and then go back to them. It would be good to chat to a few of the residents who have a background in structures/design to see if there are any ideas that could work.

Westpac Helicopter donation of \$1,000 has been paid.

AGM - It was discussed that we look at holding the AGM on Auckland Anniversary Weekend on the Sunday to capture as many residents as possible. A date and time will be finalised and sent to residents.

## **10. Next meeting**

If possible a quick Zoom just before Christmas, date TBC

**The meeting closed 7pm**

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Email from Auckland Transport

Auckland Transport Marine Delivery will be replacing all of the timber elements of Rakino (Sandy Bay) Wharf, in early 2022 along with refreshing all of the associated fixings (ie. fender chains, squishers, treadplates etc.) Some minor repairs will also take place to the seawall just behind the berth face (predominantly underwater, where a small amount of scouring has taken place). We anticipate works being completed by around Easter and would not want to extend beyond Easter due to weather considerations, this is a fairly exposed site to work at.

- Staging – some discussion between Belaire, AT’s contractor and Island residents will need to take place as to what sections of the wharf will be worked on and when. Some disruption is inevitable due to the nature of the works however we would like to minimise this wherever possible. Let me know if the community have suggestions as to how this can be staged.
- Southern Steps – an issue has been highlighted by Belaire regarding difficulties posed stepping from a vessel onto a 300mm wide step (and not a wider platform). A site visit to discuss this was postponed by lockdown, however if the island community has any ideas as to how this can be made safer and easier without making the stairs unusable by other vessels then please let me know. A site visit to discuss these steps will be re-scheduled.
- Toe Rails – the toe rails denoting as far as we would like vehicles to travel have been highlighted as a possible trip hazard by Belaire. AT are happy to discuss amending these however *something* needs to be there (and pass H&S signoff).
- Recycling of old materials – as much as island residents would like to take of the old wharf should be made available as and when removed.

Project will be going out to tender shortly, with project award anticipated in January.

