

### Council Affairs

Submissions have closed on both proposed New Marine Reserves around Rakino and Dog Rules. We now await outcomes.

### Labour Weekend

AGM: Sunday 25 October 2015, 4pm

AGM Papers are attached with this Newsletter. Come along and hear what's been happening and what exciting developments are planned.

### New Committee members sought

At the AGM, a new Committee needs to be elected. Committee Members are *your* representatives, carrying messages to Auckland Council and the Waiheke Local Board. They also organize the several events that RRA runs each year to build community spirit ... speaking of which, join us after the AGM for a glass of wine and a BBQ!

Please consider putting *your* name forward if you believe you can contribute to the leadership of this voluntary organization. Both the present Chair and Secretary are looking to stand down so we need *you* to consider stepping up! The Chair has completed 2 years; Secretary Jude, 8 years!

### Rakino Art Gallery

The Rakino Art Gallery will be open for viewing and displaying art for sale on Labour weekend. If you wish to enter any art, bring it along on the weekend. 15% of all sales goes to RRA.

### Rakino Native Nursery Visit

On Labour Day, Monday 26 October, take a walk over to the new Rakino Native Nursery at 10am to see Stephen Thomas' new initiative as it starts to grow Natives for planting on the island.

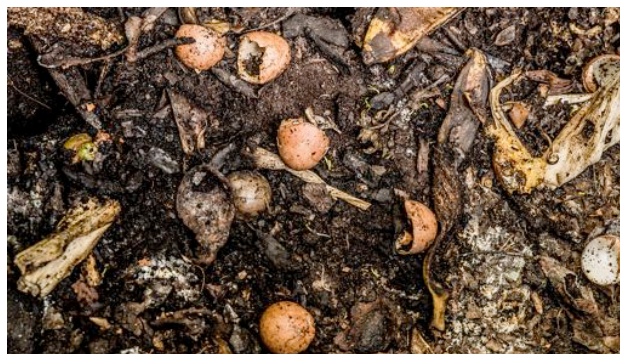
Stephen, who with Kevin Wragge and Mark Lockhart initiated the idea of a community Nursery, advises that Daltons have generously agreed to sponsor Premium Potting Mix for the enterprise.

### Green Waste

Green Waste is a very substantial component of island rubbish shipped in bins back to Auckland to landfill.

At the AGM, you'll hear exciting new developments planned to make the island '*greener*' and reduce the burden and cost to disposing of green waste.

If you can't wait, read about the first step proposed by going to the following: <http://www.compostcollective.org.nz/> and then selecting the "Bokashi" option.



RRA is proposing a subsidised initiative that has the capacity to dramatically reduce

the volume of green waste to help reduce costs and to demonstrate a proactive stance to Auckland Council to take pressure off our increasing rates!

### **Other News**

#### **Water Safety Presentation?**

Are you interested in having WaterSafe deliver a Water Safety Presentation in early January on island? If so, please email Mark Cornaga of WaterSafe at:

[Mark.Cornaga@watersafe.org.nz](mailto:Mark.Cornaga@watersafe.org.nz)

#### **Phone Box**

RRA has just received a Grant to refurbish and repaint the phone box. We'll be getting this completed just as soon as possible.

#### **Broadband**

We await news on RRA's Application to be considered for the Rural Broadband Initiative.

#### **Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Seminar**

This seminar has sold out for the last five years! Be taken on a journey through the Hauraki Gulf Tikapa Moana with leading scientists, thinkers and doers.

Their work inspires us to appreciate what makes the Gulf a special place and to look after it into the future.

**9am–4.30pm, Tues 27 October**

**Auckland Museum Auditorium**

Adults \$30+booking fee (includes lunch)

<http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/whats-on/series/hauraki-gulf-marine-park-seminar>

#### **Questions about this Newsletter?**

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On behalf of the  
Committee of RRA,

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