

NEWSLETTER

Notice of RRA AGM

RRA's Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 23 October 2pm at the Wharf building. All Members are invited. Come along to hear what's been happening.

Papers will be emailed to all Members in early October.

Duly-signed nominations for Officers or the Committee need to be in the hands of the Secretary (L.sunderland@dilworth.school.nz) by 8 October latest.

After the Meeting, drinks and nibbles will be available so stick around for the "Rakino Social'!

Call for Representatives

RRA is a voluntary Society. It can't exist without voluntary contribution of islanders' time and effort.

Did you know that RRA will be 50 years old next year? It was incorporated on 9 October 1967. All that time, it's been representing and fighting for the interests of Islanders.

As mentioned above, we're approaching the 2016 AGM where we're going to need new people to step up and carry their share of island responsibilities.

We need three or four people to offer their help. It's not arduous – in fact, you'll find it interesting to get involved!

It would be a real shame to see the organisation collapse in its fiftieth year for lack of support.

If you have organisational skills and like working in a team, please allow your name to be put forward at the AGM for election to the governing Committee.

The island needs you! Thanks!

Change in VHF Codes

VHF Codes are changing from 1 October 2016 as follows:

Inner Gulf codes change from 80 to 64 Outer Gulf codes change from 82 to 60.

Remember to record these new codes for your future use.

Note: the existing marine Channel 16, used for Safety, Distress and Calling Purposes, will not change. For more info, go to <u>www.retune.co.nz</u>.

Survey of Islanders

Thanks to all those who have already completed our anonymous emailed Survey about how you see RRA running and what it should concentrate on in the future.

If you haven't yet completed it, here is the link:

RRA Survey 2016

This is really valuable information for your Committee and is probably the first time we've had direct information from each Ratepayers about how they see RRA and its responsibilities.

From here's we'll present recommendations to the AGM in October – Labour Weekend

Sunday at 2pm – based on this Survey's returns. Well done! Great job!

Wharf Land

Your committee understands that the titles for the Rakino wharf land don't match the actual area of the reclamation as we know it today. This problem has been carried forward unresolved by present and previous Councils for years.

It does *not* concern in any way adjacent or adjoining private property.

RRA is pressing Council to regularise this problem that we understand is common to a number of wharves around Auckland.

Annual RRA Membership Subs

If you still haven't paid your Subs to RRA, it's not too late!

Subs of \$30 fell due 1st July for the 2016-17 year. Please go the website <u>www.rra.nz</u> and follow the instructions to pay.

We thank you.

West Bay signage

Signage at each end of the path across DOC land from the end of Askew Ave down to West Bay is nearly complete. It should be installed shortly.

Phone Box and Defibrillator

Renovation of the phone box is nearly complete and our Defibrillator unit has now been checked and reprogrammed with updated software.

Post Office Boxes

New Private Boxes to receive "Private Bag" Mail from the Post Office have been installed on the ground floor of the Art Building down at the wharf. This should ensure more secure delivery.

Questions about this Newsletter?

Please email: <u>secretary@rra.nz</u>

On behalf of the Committee of RRA,

John Denton



Committee: John Denton (Chair), Rob Everall (Vice Chair), Laura Sunderland (Sec'y/Treas), Wayne Whittaker, Bert Vercruyssen

Environmental Officer: Mark Lockhart

Fire Officer: Hank Postmaa