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## SANDSPIT RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the meeting March 10, 2020

Tuesday Meeting is now changed to March 10 at 7pm and will be at Margaret McCallum's place at 40 Kanuka Road.

Present: Greg Doherty, Nancy Doherty, Margaret McCallum, Peter Deans, Jan Monk and Tim Holgate

1. Apologies Ron Dyer, Warren Churches, Pam Eede and David Astbury.
2. Minutes of Last meeting – Moved by Greg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter.
3. Matters arising – Tim will get Local Board members to inform us as to the status of Brick Bay and Freedom Camping.

It was noted that at Brick Bay, Freedom Camping is not on the Reserve.

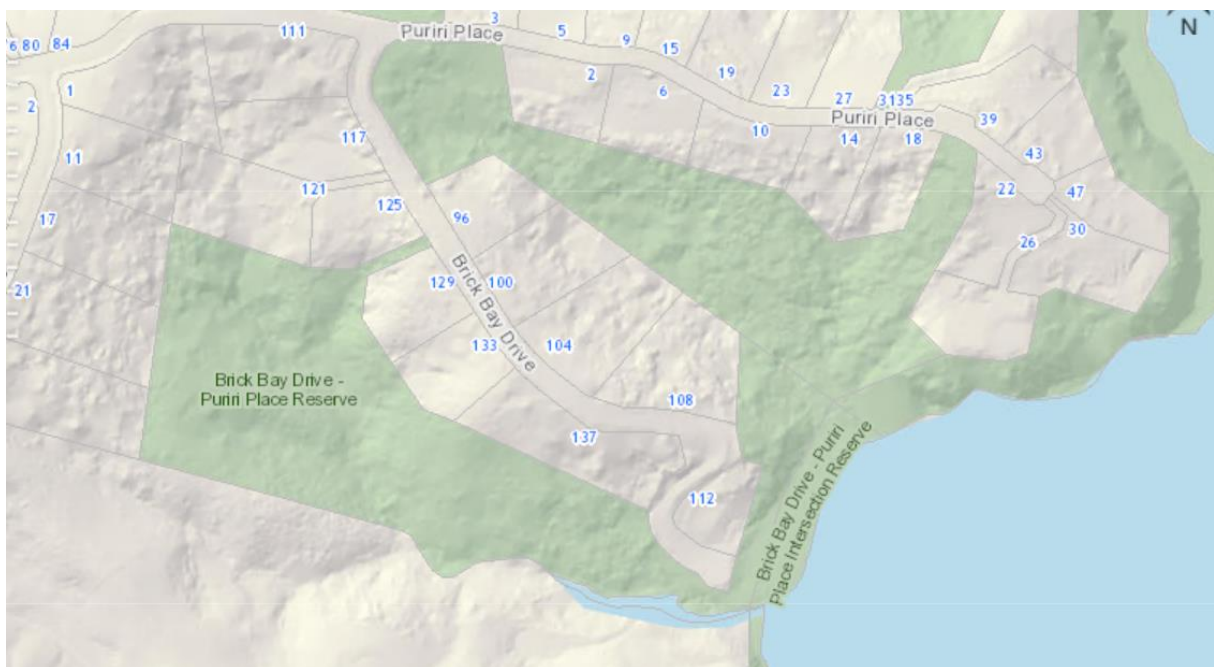
Brick Bay Drive Reserve Information update. A conversation took place about Brick Bay Reserve. Freedom Camping is not on the Reserve, it is on the road allowance where people park. Tim Holgate said we need to have clean definitions regarding the Reserves. Some people don't like Freedom Camping at Brick Bay as there is not very much parking available to the general public.

At Matheson Bay there is a sign which clarifies that there is only 2 nights parking a month allowed per unit, and that units must be self-contained. At Matheson Bay locals keep track of the Freedom Campers and make sure the campers follow the rules. Peter pointed out that we do have the Holiday Park for Campers and Tents.

The problem with some Freedom Camping sites, is they are not supervised, and the stench of urine is abundant. The units that Freedom Camp must be self-contained, which means they have their own toilets.

There was opposite views on approving Freedom Camping. We need to see whether the Community of Sandspit approves of Freedom Camping at Brick Bay.

Tim will get an update from Council about Freedom Camping. He will find out how many people can camp at Brick Bay. The Freedom Camping bylaw was so full of holes that it needed to be relooked at.



## District Plan Map Sheets

Auckland Regional Plan: Air, Land and Water Sheet number 13, series A Snells Beach North Rodney

It appears to be a proper reserve and its name is “Brick Bay Drive-Puriri Place Intersection Reserve”

Planter box Restoration Project nothing further at this time. Jan gave a report. Greg will send out an E-news requesting helpers to enhance the planter boxes. The dirt and plants need to be cleaned out and replaced. Jan will be the contact for the project. Margaret said that somebody has been upgrading the planter boxes along the spit and weeding the boxes. Jan said she had contacted Mahaurangi College to see if any students were interested in taking on the upgrading of the planter boxes as a project. She was told by the teacher that only two boys were interested. Jan gave them her email address so they could contact her but nobody has contacted her.

It was suggested that the community have a working bee. Greg said we could put out in an e-news recommending a working bee to beautify the planter boxes. Jan said she's happy to be in charge of the planter boxes project but she can't do it. The old dirt and plants need replacing. Plants that need to be put in there need to be able to survive wind and no watering.

Greg said he'll put something in an e-news. Jan will email Greg pictures. Jan said there are 20 boxes on the spit. Poor Knights flax and succulents survive. Snap dragons have survived. Greg says anything that survived the drought will be good to put in the boxes.

Trevor Horner's Bench: Ken McLean and Mike Smith have had a look at the Bench. Ken figures we could get a new piece of Macracarpa to replace the rotting seat back. Greg and Ken to have another look and measure up what's needed. Ken needs to measure up and he'll get started on it. Greg will contact Ken before the next meeting to get started.

Annual General Meeting. The meeting room at the Marina is booked for May 26, 2020 at 6:30pm. Notice of the AGM. A flyer advising notice of the meeting needs to be sent out 10 Days before the AGM


Installation of the new rubbish bins, replacing the Moluk Bins is due to rollout in April. A keycode will allow access to the new bins. Greg said Camp Benson generates a large amount of rubbish. Margaret said at her grandchildren's school the students are not allowed to bring plastic which will be waste. (The kids are not allowed single use drink bottles nor glad wrap.) It could be that Camp Benson will need to reduce their waste. Nancy said the ferry sometimes brings old stoves and fridges over from Kawau Island and dumps them at the Moluk Bins.


Nancy said the transition from the Moluk Bins to the new rubbish disposal will require vigilance seeing that rubbish is not dumped illegally.

Greg said the new rubbish disposal replacing the Moluk Bins is for Kawau Islanders only.

4. Correspondence – moved by Greg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret

Files attached

 20200220 Correspondence re Sandspit rubbish Bins

 20200301 CCO Review Drop-in sessions

5. Treasurer's Report- Margaret McCallum. Moved by Margaret McCallum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Monk.

Greg will give Pam the form so that she can pay invoices online with a double login requirement.

6. Social Media Report- Margaret McCallum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg Doherty. Margaret said nothing was coming in on our SRRA Facebook page. She needs people to give her information to put on it.

7. Parks & Reserves Reports

i. Tracks- David Astbury – Peter said the tracks are looking splendid. The signs are all repainted. The next bit of work will be the steep section. A digger is required. The kauri dieback meeting was presented by a Council expert on the subject. He said it started on Great Barrier Island in 1976. He said you must sanitize yourself before and after visit a kauri tree. And he said its humans, not animals that are spreading the disease. Peter said he wondered if the Council could do more informing people about Kauri Dieback. Tim said the Council had an enthusiastic staff who are getting information out there.

Nancy said she was super impressed by the sanitizing system at Tane Mahuta. There is no getting on the boardwalk without getting your shoes sanitized. And when you leave the boardwalk it is the same situation. You cannot get near Tane Mahuta – there is a clear view of the tree.

Greg noted that a similar station has been put in at an Albany Reserve.

Tim said under Greenwaste and the Walking Trust

Tim talked about the Walking Track that is being worked on at Snells Beach area. It goes down to the Grange. There will be a boardwalk down by the river for cyclists and walkers. This is funded by Greenwaste and Auckland Council. The Walking Trust with Alison Roe is involved in that.

Nancy spoke of Pat who has a cabin at the Holiday Park.

Whenever Pat is at Sandspit, she is out in the morning pulling weeds. She knows where all the weeds are and she is an enthusiastic weed puller.

Greg was saying he could put in an e-news that volunteer weeders would be appreciated. A phone number for people to

contact if they want to be volunteer weed pullers should be sent out.

Greg said the retaining wall in front of 1260 and 1262 Sandspit Road is going to be replaced. The new retaining wall will be put on the landside of the current retaining wall.

Predators & Weeds – Peter said that is going well. He said the weeds they are dealing with are climbing asparagus, agapanthas, privet.

- ii. Mangrove Control - date will be April 5<sup>th</sup>, at Green Point  
Upcoming Sunday Morning Low tides: 29<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 19<sup>th</sup> April. . This will now not take place due to the countrywide Lockdown.

Nancy said that in March she was down at the dinghy locker and she picked up 50 mangrove seeds that had sprouted with roots sticking out. We need to be vigilant when we're swimming or walking along the spit to make sure mangroves aren't taking root there.

Greg asked if anyone went to COO drop-in sessions. Tim was the only one who went. He said it is still open for feedback. Its an opportunity to give feedback to the Local Board. He said you can do it Online. Tim explained how to give the feedback as you see it as a ratepayer. There are options you can download. Tim said the responses need to be in by 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. He said there are more forms at the Library – but due to the Lockdown the Library is now closed.

There is another form. The CCOs (Council Controlled Organizations) – there are 5 of them. 1. Auckland Transport- it has a Council Appointed Party on the board, 2. Auckland Tourism which is known as AT. 3. Panuku Development whose job it is to pick up surplus properties and flick them on. They deal with capital assets. 4. Auckland Facilities Group – they deal with the parks- and

various sporting facilities. 5. Watercare Services. The CCOs are autonomous unto themselves. They have their own board structures and are on good salaries.

A conversation took place about Waste Management and what happens to the recycling of plastics.

Tim says Auckland Transport directly affects us as does Panuku with regards to land preservation. There are some that don't have to be replied for 6 weeks.

Jan spoke about the BID – about Business Management in Warkworth. Jan said Warkworth businesses need to improve, they need to improve their opening hours, and improve parking in Warkworth. She said business employees need to park away from the main street so that customers have room to park.

Businesses refused this a few years ago. Tim said One Warkworth is a great supporter of it. Mark Mitchell is at the heart of it.

Greg said Warkworth used to be a NZ Regional town. Now it has had a lot of growth pushed on it, so people are having to change.

8. Civil Defense Report – Jan Monk. The Mahurangi East January meeting was cancelled and Jan was unable to go to the February meeting as she had a death in the family. The minutes were sent to Jan and they asked if the SRRRA want their minutes circulated to this group, or could they just send the info to Jan. On 24 March they were planning a Neighbor's Day – which now due to the lockdown would be cancelled. Sandspit was going to be invited. They are organizing a joint exercise with the Fire Brigade. The Fire Brigade will deal with Hazardous Chemicals. Greg says he's happy for Jan to be the liaison person and for her to report to us. Jan said she's happy to do that.

Jan said the Mahurangi East Civil Defense group wants to get all the Civil Defense groups in this area co-ordinating together. Previously we've all been separate entities.

9.Social Functions/Membership Report-- Pam Eede – No report

10.General Business –

Margaret brought up that we may need to change the date of the AGM due to the Corona Virus. We will keep this in mind. Greg will send out a notice about this. Greg spoke about us having an AGM on zoom. This needs to be discussed with the complete committee.

- Regarding the bench for Max Freeman. We need a measurement of what we have in mind. Nancy will review the paperwork about Max's bench and will follow up. We need to know where we want it to be put.
- Nancy commented on the Blue Waste Management trucks speeding along Sandspit Road. She will report to Waste Management.
- Jan brought up about vehicles parking in roadside parking places. She said a certain resident parks on the side of the road and takes up a parking place that other people could use. A conversation took place but the consensus was not to do anything about it.
- Nancy reminded Greg that he is going to arrange a meeting with Auckland Transport about people speeding along Sandspit Road. Peter said originally the meeting was going to be about the 2 sharp corners on Sandspit Road. Tim said unfortunately action often comes about if somebody dies in an accident.
- Nancy said she would like not to be the secretary after the AGM. Peter said he will probably not stand for the committee. Margaret and Jan said they would be happy to stay on the committee. Nancy suggested



Greg put out a message in an e-news about a new secretary. Margaret suggested we have meetings once every 2 months. Peter thinks the 2 monthly meeting is a good idea. Jan thinks if we communicate by email between 2 monthly meetings it is a lot of work for the secretary. We will discuss this at the next meeting in March.

- Jan said thanks to Greg and Nancy for the jobs they are doing. She said she would be happy to have meetings every 2 months.

Meeting closed at 9:18pm.

Next Meeting April 7<sup>th</sup> on Zoom 7 PM. This will be an online zoom meeting.

Invitations will be sent out