

Algies Bay Ratepayers & Residents Newsletter October 2013



All Algies Bay Tractor Owners



We are inviting all tractor owners from the Bay to assemble outside the Sandspit Yacht Club, Gordon Craig Place at 10.15 am Sunday 17th November. The Algies Bay team will then be led, in convoy, by Tom Taylor of The Nook to the Snells Beach event. Do join in to make this even a great success.

Auckland Unitary Plan

The Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan was notified on Monday 30 September 2013. The plan will be available in hard copy at libraries and service centres across Auckland. Submissions will be open from 30 September until 28 February 2014. This formal notification follows extensive engagement on the March 2013 draft of the unitary plan. Since this engagement, councillors and local board chairs have held 22 workshops (several with all local board members invited) to talk through changes and amendments to the rules based on public feedback. Auckland Council's Governing Body made the final decisions on changes to the plan for the formal submissions phase.

Sea Wall Restoration: We have been informed that work is planned to commence in February 2014

Local Body Elections: Congratulations to Penny Webster on her re-election to the Auckland Council. We wish to take this opportunity to thank June Turner for all the splendid work she has done for the Algies Bay community during her years on the Rodney Council and latterly on the Local Community Board. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Neighbourhood Support: Vivian our Bay Co-coordinator reminds us that we all need to remain vigilant and supportive of one another and to report any untoward activities occurring in neighbouring properties. **To contact Vivian Ph.4255141 or email vivian@actrix.co.nz**

Beach Cleaning: All volunteers are welcome to join David Cammell and Richard Papworth for the annual beach clean-up on 15th November. Meet at Boat Ramp 9.30 am. Bring your bucket and rake. We look forward to a good turn out.

Donkey Grooming:

Learn about grooming the Donkeys at Highfield and have the opportunity to “have a go”
If you are interested please contact Shona Duncan 4256129 or at dsduncan@xtra.co.nz Shona will then arrange suitable times. The Donkeys will be most appreciative



Membership: If you have not paid your \$10.00 subscription just fill out the attached form and with \$10 send it to: Algies Bay Residents & Ratepayers, PO Box 12, and Snells Beach 0942. Payment by Direct Debit is also an option; our bank account number is 12-3105-0013354-00. Remember to identify your payment with an a/c reference. Remember it is not about subscription but about membership as this gives us the mandate to represent and speak on behalf of the Algies Bay Community.

Residents and Ratepayers Committee:

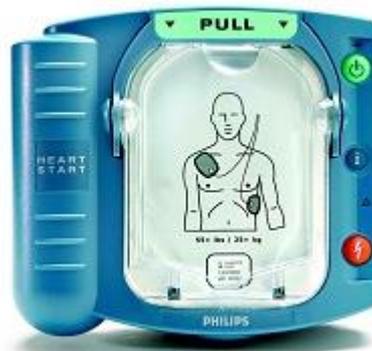
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Please feel free to contact any of the above Committee members regarding any concerns you may have.

Annual BBQ: an early reminder Thursday, January 2nd is the date for our BBQ on the Reserve. Please put the date in the Diary, to enjoy a hearty breakfast, good music and great company. All residents and friends welcome



Dear Ratepayers and Residents

The Committee of the Algies Bay Ratepayers Residents wish to support the NATIONAL HEARTSAFE COMMUNITY PROGRAMME by seeking assistance from residents within Algies Bay to purchase an AED (automated external defibrillator). HEARTSAFE is a community project that aims to increase the chances of survival after someone suffers a sudden cardiac arrest.



We plan to locate this equipment in its own highly visible safety box on the road facing wall of the Sandspit Yacht Club Building, near the Boat Ramp/Reserve, Gordon Craig Place.

As ST JOHN, will assist with the installation of this equipment it will be directly linked into their Emergency Response System.

When opened, the DEFRIBILLATOR gives simple step by step verbal audio instruction for use on a patient. St John will provide initial training for a group within Algies Bay, who in turn, will go on to instruct others who wish to also familiarize themselves with this equipment

We trust that you will support this initiative. We will not be seeking funds from any other source than from within this Bay.

Should you wish to donate to this worthy cause you may do so either-

- Directly to Algies Bay Residents Association Bank Account 12-3105-0013354-00
- By Post to the Treasurer, Tony Frogley, Algies Bay Residents Association, P.O Box 12 Snells Beach

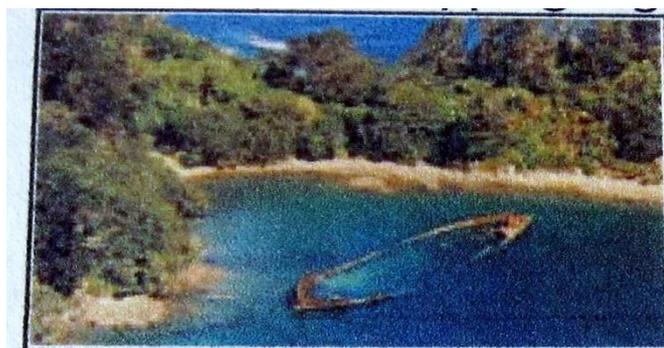
A receipt in acknowledgement of your support will be provided.

PLEASE NOTE.... In the event that the support we gain exceeds the total cost of this equipment that includes the safety box, installation and initial training , then any excess will be accrued and used for additional or enhancement of recreational equipment in various locations around Algies Bay.

Yes, this an Algies Bay initiative which we believe is very worthwhile and we look forward to your positive response and support.

Richard Papworth
Chairman

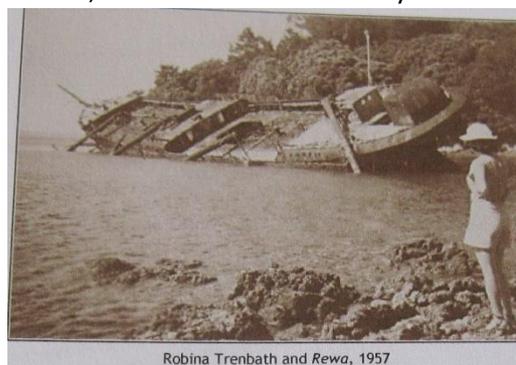
Did You Know! That there is an old wreck, or at least part of it, lying in the north western bay, on Hansen's Island (named after Charlie Hansen, a legendary, colourful character who lived on the island for twenty years from the late 1920's) or to give its Maori name Moturekareka, near Kawau Island. The wreck is the Alice A. Leigh / Rewa whose history is directly linked to the end of the days of sail.



She began her life in September 1889, a 3,000 ton four masted steel barque built by the Whitehaven Shipbuilding Company, Cumbria and named after the Mayoress of Stockport. Alice was the biggest ship built in Whitehaven, carrying 31 sails on her lofty rig. Alice ran the typical trades of the large four –masters, from India and Australia to London. The barque had several adventures, she survived a collision with the German ship Rickmers, a minor mutiny in 1904 and, in 1914, made a very fast passage of 48 days for the 900 mile trip from Mexico to Newcastle. In October 1916, she was nearly sunk by the famous German submarine U-35 in the Mediterranean. Alice was sold in 1917 to the New York and Pacific Sailing Ship Co. Her last visit to Australia as the Alice A. Lee was in 1920, she was the sold to George H. Scales Pacific Ltd. Of Wellington and renamed the **REWA**.

Her chequered history continued when she took a load of NEW coal to Wellington, only to be embroiled in a waterfront dispute over the use of new equipment for unloading her cargo. She made her last major voyage to London via the Cape of Good Hope in 103 days, with a load of wool. She arrived in Auckland in August 1922 on her final voyage. In December 1922, the Auckland Harbour Board , ordered the REWA be removed to a harbour mooring and the proud 33 year sailing ship was ignominiously towed up the harbour to a mooring of Chelsea Wharf where for nearly 10 years she swung round her mooring, becoming more and more decrepit.

Rewa remained laid up off Northcote Point until April 1931 when Charles Hansen offered to purchase the REWA as she lay for 800pounds. Legend has it that he was “the front man” for a local syndicate, who wanted to circumvent the strict licensing and gambling laws of the day, by converting the REWA into a luxurious drinking and gambling establishment, linked to the mainland by fast motor boats. The REWA was towed by the steam tug Te Awhina to Moturekareka Island. The plan was to await high tide so that the 309 feet long ship could be positioned, to sit across the Bay on a sandbank, in a level position. Alas this did not happen , the Rewa slid off the sand bank, with the bow in shallow water, and the stern in deep water, tilted steeply over to port, totally unsuited for what the syndicate had intended.



Robina Trenbath and Rewa, 1957

What remains today? A recognizable hulk of a massive sailing ship, an important piece of world nautical history and a draw card for curios boaties.

Rewa, soon after scuttling



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