

Algies Bay Ratepayer & Residents



October 2014 Newsletter

Spring Regatta



Another Spring Regatta done and dusted! After a weather hampered first day things got underway and a full 2 days of sailing was completed - this regatta is an excellent training opportunity and the perfect chance for teams to practice their skills together at a fantastic location.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped on land, on water, in the kitchen, with baking, encouraging the teams and generally partaking in the spectacle! The provision of support and RIBs from each of the 5 teams involved in this regatta was fantastic and makes the whole thing possible, particularly given we run alongside the Interdominion regatta - lots of boats to rig/de-rig and the logistics of getting RIBs to and from Sandspit are just some of the tasks that were carried out by willing Spring and Interdom sailors!

Sea Wall Restoration



The project is progressing well, however, we have encountered a few delays that have us running behind schedule, namely: Wet weather making an already narrow tricky site very difficult to work on. Extra depth retaining walls required due to Consent conditions relating to matters outside the site. Poorer soils than anticipated in places. The discovery of manholes and storm water lines not shown on any services plans. The project information signage erected at the beginning of the project stated end date for the project as the end of October. We have received an updated programme from Wharehine indicating that the likely date of completion is now the end of November.

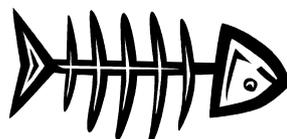
Navigation Safety Bylaw comes into effect on Labour weekend. It aims to reduce the risk of preventable drowning by requiring people to wear life jackets at all times on vessels 6m or less in length. **Remember: 1 Check your boat 2. Wear a lifejacket 3. Stay in touch 4. Check the maritime weather 5. Avoid alcohol**



Weedbusters:

Auckland Council have given \$20,000 to the Rodney Board for the Warkworth War on Weeds Plan. This is to be carried out from now until autumn 2015. Algies Bay is in the Plan. The Operational Plan so far will be happening in 3 stages 1. Working Bees in defined areas; 2. Monthly advertising re local weeds. The first should appear at the end of October, early November. 3. Weed amnesty weekends. **In the meantime while walking the dog or undertaking your daily "constitutional" see what weeds you can identify.**

Fishing: This is the usual reminder Please, please do not leave fish are ample rubbish bins available.



walkers and to dogs who frequent the beach particularly at holiday time.

to all enthusiastic fisher folk, skeletons on the beach. There Skeletons are a hazard to

Hill Street -Warkworth

Update from Auckland Transport

- The project is progressing as expected. Northbound widening prior to Labour weekend.
- The southbound widening works will be the second component to be constructed and will occur before Christmas.
- The completion of the shared pedestrian / cycleway will occur in the new year (after the summer peak).
- Also, as part of the mitigation for the removal of the right turn from SH1 into Hill Street the access to the Warkworth Primary School needs to be upgraded - to account for the change of entry angle for school buses. This work is underway at the moment

Report from Local Board

- All Local Board members have been very busy lately with workshops and meetings about the draft Local Board Plan. Over 200 submissions to the Plan were received. The general thrust was that many people are calling for a return to an emphasis on core services such as roads, footpaths, cycle ways and walkways. More local community involvement in decision-making was called for too.
- Council spending has undergone cuts called for by Len Brown so money is harder than ever to get for projects the local community want done. However, Local Board members will push as hard as they can to get local projects done.
- The Local Board has approved some funding to promote the development of a local Businesses Improvement District (BID)
The Local Board is also allocating \$30,000.00 for a feasibility study on Aquatic Centre in Warkworth. This will be used to identify a site for an Aquatic Centre.

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