

## Chairman's Report Commentary

### AGM 2019 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Again a big welcome to our 2019 AGM and it's very pleasing to see a large attendance today which reflects the strength and pride we have for Algies Bay. Once again welcome to Councillor Greg Sayers, Beth Houlbrooke from the Local Rodney Board and our special guest Robert Jones Project Director NX2.

Last year was a busy one for us with highlights, disappointments and work in progress

#### Highlights

- This time the gods were kind providing good weather to proceed with our Annual Algies Bay BBQ 2<sup>nd</sup> January. We estimate that around 400+ attendees which is a phenomenal turnout. We have to extend a big thanks to Wharehine Contractors for making the reserve available despite continuing works. Additionally a special thanks to Nigel Hayman for organizing the day and of course all the helpers who fed the people. Again we want to recognize Councillor Sayers, Beth Houlbrooke and the local Warkworth Police for their attendance
- The biggest highlight has been the completion of the main reserve seawall and carpark at an approx. cost \$1.4mio. It is a pleasing result and we are grateful to Auckland Council for seeing this as a priority project. There has been a lot of positive feedback from residents but we are aware there are some potential elements which require either more work or ongoing monitoring. We have to thank and congratulate the contractors involved in the project for their open collaboration with our community.
- Unfortunately there was no communication about the closure of the Laurie Road transfer station. Our Association together with the WALG and significant help from the Local Rodney Board managed to get a postponement until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. We will request an update from Council on the foreseen plan. It's disappointing that Council are not more proactive regarding matters affecting our region.
- Again we have enjoyed the Annual Secondary Schools yachting regatta this past week. The Sandspit yachting club do a lot to raise the profile of our wonderful bay

#### Disappointments

- There is still a lack of action from Auckland Transport to ease the congestion around Sandspit road and the general intersection at Hill Street. Despite considerable efforts from various community groups and in particular Roger Williams to provide solutions to reduce congestion little seems to be happening
- We saw a significant drop in our membership to fewer than 50% of residential properties in 2018 but still nowhere near our target of 60%. We

would like to see a much higher membership which is important because it delivers a strong message to authorities that our residents really care about Algies Bay and provides traction to get improvements

- With the growing population in our region, there is increasing demand for extended medical services. While there has been some progress this matter is rather slow moving. All the same there have been some extensions to the types of treatment offered by the RSC which is pleasing but still the Centre is under utilised

### Work in progress

- There has been some deterioration in the seawall towards the north end of the beach and some undermining of the bank beside the small boat ramp by the yacht club. A work request has been submitted to Council and representatives have visited the site. We understand that these issues will be addressed however we'll keep a watch on progress.
- Council and Davis Coastal Consultants have prepared a proposal for the next stage of seawall improvements along the Willjames foreshore. No budget has been set aside at this stage.
- A set of cameras is currently being installed at the entrance to Snells beach just before Arabella Lane at a cost of just over \$11000. Our Ratepayers Association has donated \$2000 towards to cost of equipment and installation as we believe it is increasingly important to have some form of monitoring into our peninsula

### Sponsors

- We are eternally grateful for our sponsors of both our website and our Annual BBQ. You know who they are but if you are not sure please visit our website or ask one of the committee. We thank the sponsors for their valuable support and look forward to you continuing with us.
- By the way we have a great website which is maintained by Nigel Hayman. A website has to be dynamic which requires a lot of work to provide new material to keep it alive. So if you have any material relevant to Algies Bay please contact Nigel who I know will welcome any input from the community
- Let's not forget Neighbourhood Support. We are fortunate to have a good coverage in Algies Bay thanks to Vivian Pollock's unrelenting work. Thanks Vivian. Also we have developed a good working relationship with Warkworth police who are now fully manned 24hrs at Warkworth station

### Committee

- The committee has allocated portfolios and covers many aspects such as working with Auckland Council, the Local Rodney Board and other Statuary parties, general maintenance, newsletters, attendance at the monthly WALG, liaison with Civil Defence, Website and email system and other needs affecting our bay. I thank to committee for willingly giving their time and dedication to making our bay a wonderful place to live and visit. This commitment is all voluntary

- Nigel Hayman has decided not to continue with another term after serving more than 12 years on the committee. Nigel has been instrumental on setting up our successful website which sees a significant number of visits each month. Additionally Nigel has been a strong pillar on our committee sharing his knowledge of Algies Bay as well as providing input into many aspects affecting our bay. I want to acknowledge Nigel's contribution to the ABRRA and I know he will continue to provide us with support for the years to come

#### Year Ahead

- Maintain our strong relationships with council & Local Rodney board
- Monitor the seawall upgrade
- Continue to ensure our bay is attractive to residents and visitors



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