

Annual General Meeting

held 2:30pm, Saturday the 4th of January 2014 at Baddley's Reserve

Guests: Beth Houlbrooke, Greg Sayers, Rodney Local Board members

Attendees:

Robin McGregor, Simon Stephenson, Chris Stansfield, Terry Cornelius, Matt Casey, Jenny Tudhope, Kelly Wendelborn, Scott Lewis, Blair Geldard, Rod Carrow, Sally Carrow, Steve Watt, Pamela Marino, Anthony Marino, David Pooch, Vicki Moon, Willem de Lange, Sally Murphy, Marcel Hof, Wes Brown, Jan Brown, Peter Radley, Judy Chan, Neil Chan, Tim Sprott, Don Hanley, Les Hill, Wayne Lawrence, Craig Jones, Judith Jones, James McKenzie, Beth Houlbrooke, Tanya Williams?, Chris McKee, Tony Lanigan, Krys Lanigan, Bernie Chote, Raewyn Morrison, Grant Crawshay, Sue Crawshay, Ngaire Wallen, Anne Roach, John Roach, Kathy Sawell, Graham Sawell

The meeting commenced with a minutes silence in honor of Jim Oxley, Past President of the Association, who recently passed away

Council Guests were invited to address the meeting

Greg Sayers introduced himself to the meeting, advising he had come to listen to any issues we had, and seeking to establish a positive working relationship as evidenced by our experience with the lease for the tennis court.

He explained that the mammoth organization that is Auckland Council distills down to local plans. The community boards don't have much power but are our voice. The Rodney Local Board has responsibility to advocate for us.

Beth Houlbrooke explained that this is her first term on the Local Board, and that she has been coming to the Bay all her life. She observes that communities that help themselves get support, and her aim is to facilitate that but keep out of the way if things are going well.

A member of the Association asked about monitoring of erosion at Campbells Beach. The meeting was advised that the Committee have contacted the Council, which is keeping an eye on what is happening.

1.0 **Apologies**

Stephen & Margaret Tindall, Jude Sprott, Cathy Dunsford,
Sandy Herlihey

*moved Anthony Marino, seconded Judy Chan;
accepted*

2.0 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes of the last AGM held 30th December 2012 were
read in summary form.

*moved Grant C, seconded Anne Roach; approved as
correct*

3.0 **Matters arising**

Reported that the Family Day had been a great success,
and had been repeated to coordinate with the Regatta.
Picnic table had been purchased and installed at both
beaches. Mangrove works completed – now matter of
removing any <500mm high to maintain cleared area

Councilor Penny Webster joined the meeting at 3:00. She
advised that she believes roading is a big issue for Rodney.
The Annual Plan will be released in February for
consultation. Penny expressed her condolences on the
death of Jim Oxley.

4.0 **President's Report**

President Grant Crawshay presented his report for the
year.

He advised that in researching background information for
the constitution, he established that the reason the
Association was formed was to enable the group to be
recognised by the Council.

The survey of members undertaken during the year
confirmed support for environmental initiatives,
concentrating on animal and plant pests. He
acknowledged the support we have received from the
Council

The committee also completed the following during the
year

- Liaison with Council re maintenance, including
removal of the Flame Tree at Baddeley's;
- Reminded some locals about inappropriate
dumping of rubbish;
- Worked with the Harbour Master to secure the
installation of a buoy off Baddeley's beach to mark
the 5km/hr zone off the beach;

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- Sourced and installed picnic tables;
- Sent out regular newsletters.

Grant concluded by noting the skills and contribution of the committee, and advised that new members are welcome.

moved Don Hanley, seconded Anne Roach, accepted.

5.0 **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jeannette Hanley tabled the Financial Report for the year.

The Association had a surplus of income over expenditure of \$974.76. We have a total of \$25,878.20 funds in the bank.

We have 122 members and 94 properties covered by the neighbourhood watch team.

moved Jeanette seconded Kathy Sawell; Treasurer's report accepted

"That Brian Carley be reappointed auditor"

moved Jeanette, seconded Anthony Marino; passed

6.0 **Landcare Group Report**

Sue Crawshay presented a summary of the activities of the landcare group. 3 working bees were well attended by members of the community, with a focus on weed clearance from Baddeley's Reserve. The Clinton Road / Baddeley's Beach Road intersection was also cleared of weeds and planted with low-growing native plants. Next working bee is the 25th of January.

Keith Edwards, Steve Watt and Don Hanley have been active for some time in managing bait stations and traps, and with Council support we now have a trap line enclosing the inland perimeter of the Bay.

Support from the community has been great and anyone who would like to join in the organizing is most welcome.

7.0 **Neighbourhood Watch Group Report**

Don Hanley reported that it has been a quiet year apart from the theft of a petrol tank. He asked that property owners ensure that properties are safe for access, particularly during the winter. The neighbourhood watch team expressed thanks for the petrol vouchers.

8.0 Election of Officers

The President, Secretary, Treasurer and committee members were re-elected, except for Janet and Gilbert who are in France.

They are, then

President: Grant Crawshay

Secretary: Ngaire Wallen

Treasurer: Jeanette Hanley

Committee Members:

Don Hanley, Steve Watt, Graham Sawell, Bernie Chote, Chris Stansfield, Tim Sprott, Charlie Shears.

Grant and Don were appointed the Association representatives on the Tennis Club committee.

9.0 General Business

9.1 Subscription – to remain at \$15

moved Grant, seconded Graham Sawell, passed

9.2 Constitution

The draft Constitution prepared by the Committee was circulated prior to the meeting.

Don Hanley spoke to support retaining the historic name of the Association, rather than adopting 'Millon Bay'. No one spoke in support of 'Millon Bay'.

"That the name of the Association be Baddeley's & Campbell's Beach Residents & Ratepayers Association"

moved Don, seconded John Roach; passed

There was no discussion on the Constitution.

"That the Baddeley's & Campbell's Beach Residents & Ratepayers Association adopt the Constitution as circulated, with the name amended to Baddeley's & Campbell's Beach Residents & Ratepayers Assn"

moved Grant, seconded Chris Stansfield – passed unanimously.

9.3 David Pooch advised that he is willing to upgrade the Petanque Court and provide prizes for a competition, to be held in conjunction with the Tennis Tournament next year.

9.4 Some discussion was had re the Snell's Beach tractor parade.

9.5 Seagrass

The return of seagrass to the Bay was raised as a matter of concern.

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Willem deLange, member of the Assn and lecturer in Coastal Processes at Waikato University, responded.

Seagrass – 'zostra' – indicates that water quality has improved. It is a beneficial species as it provides nursery habitat for fish and filters the water to improve the environment for shellfish. Wading birds feed preferentially on the grass. Stingrays dig holes adjacent to the grass, which creates pools of water for fish. Generally found at the mid-tide level. Many other coastal communities are working hard to reestablish the grass.

9.6 Free Camping

Concern was expressed about the potential number of free campers that can now legally camp at the beach front. The committee will discuss and liaise with Council. Better to be proactive rather than wait until it is a problem.

9.7 Ironbark trees at Baddeley's – committee has approached the Council before, and were advised nothing will be done. To be discussed again.

9.8 Tractors

Tractor tracks are causing concern at Campbell's Beach. Legally allowed to drive on the beach. A plea to try and minimize damage. No doubt this issue will be on-going.

9.9 Website

A website has been developed by Chris Stansfield. The intention is to make access to committee minutes, newsletters, contact details etc on-line. Members to indicate on the subscription form whether they are happy for contact details to be in website directory.

"That the Baddeley's & Campbell's Beach Residents & Ratepayers Assn website be launched"

moved Grant, seconded Bernie Chote, passed

The meeting closed at 3:55pm