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Onetangi residents and friends:

Another busy month at your community hall with our usual activities plus several family celebrations. (remember that the Hall is a great place to rent if the party is too big for your house!)

The Onetangi Residents Association sponsored a meeting on 14 March between the Local Board and all the island's Residents Associations. It was a very fruitful meeting with great conversation about how we can work together for the benefit of Waiheke and our local communities. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached. Graeme and Tom will be presenting a short summary of the meeting at the next ORA Social on 9 April at 5 PM at the hall.

Due to the Easter holidays, the April social has been moved to Friday 9 April at 5 PM. Please come along and meet your friends and neighbours. Bring something to drink and some nibbles to share.

Mark your calendar for the Waiheke Garden Club's annual plant sale on **3 October**. This is an important fund-raising event for the Waiheke Budgeting Service and community support is essential. We need everyone to contribute items to be sold with your perennials, annuals, native trees and shrubs, succulents, vege seedlings, herbs, seeds, bulbs and dahlia tubers (and anything else). Dropoff will be on 2 October with more details to follow. Start growing now!

For your convenience, a list of useful web links has been prepared and is attached on page 2.

What's on at the hall

	Friday, 9 April 5pm	ORA Social + Report back on meeting with the Local Board & other Residents Associations Bring some nibbles and your favourite drink and join friends and neighbours. Tom & Graeme will report briefly about above meeting
	2, 3, 4, 5, 10 April, 9am Also check our website calendar	YOGA with Stephanie Nelson <i>Contact Stephanie to see if there are still places available on: 021 236 4414 or waihekeislandashtangayoga@gmail.com</i>
	Every Tuesday and Thursday 6.30 - 8pm	MARTIAL ARTS with Ignacio Olmos <i>Sorry, no places available any more</i>
	Thursdays, 5.15 - 6.15pm + often Sundays Check our website calendar or contact Sibylla	Qigong with Sibylla <i>Contact Sibylla to see if there are still places available on: 021538486</i> Website www.be.lightwaiheke.com
	Sundays, 4pm Check our website calendar	Table Tennis with Hervé Mavré and his kids <i>Contact Hervé if there are still places available on: 02 04 17 26 155 or h.mavre@gmail.com</i>
	Saturday, 1 May, 7pm	Mayhem with our favourites "The Red Herrings"
	Sunday, 3 October	Waiheke Garden Club Annual Plant Sale <i>To Benefit the Waiheke Budgeting Service</i> <i>(see note above about how you can support the sale)</i>

Our bank account number is **12-3114-0061489-00** in case you want to pay your subs/koha or make a donation.

Auckland Council Weblinks

Waiheke Local Board's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/WaihekeLB>

Report a maintenance problem online

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/report-problem/Pages/report-a-problem.aspx>

Auckland Council meeting agendas and minutes

<https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/>

Auckland Emergency Management

<https://www.aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz/>

Auckland's Hazard Viewer

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=81aa3de13b114be9b529018ee3c649c8>

Have Your Say on Auckland Council consultations

<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/>

Auckland Council's Research and Evaluation Unit, RIMU

<https://www.knowledgeauckland.org.nz/>

Auckland Council news website

<https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/>

Conservation Auckland

<https://www.tiakitamakimakaurau.nz/>

Pest Plants A-Z

<http://pestplants.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plants-a-z>

Environmental Data Portal

<https://environmentauckland.org.nz/>

Auckland Census Data

<https://www.censusauckland.co.nz/>

Business Improvement District programme

<https://bid.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/>

Auckland Design Manual

<http://www.aucklanddesignmanual.co.nz/>

SafeSwim

<https://safeswim.org.nz/>

Auckland's Future in Progress

<https://progressakl.co.nz/>

Minutes of Meeting with the Waiheke Local Board and Residents Associations

Date: 14.03.21

Blackpool Residents Association (BRA) – Julie Douglas, Emmy McDonald, Sandra Chesterman

Eastern End residents – Julie Cairns, Rosemary and Peter Thorne

Matiatia Oneroa Residents Association (MORRA) – Pamela Adams

Omiha Welfare and Recreation Society (OWRS) – Jo Bradley, Emma Korn, Silke Odimann

Onetangi Residents Association (ORA) – Graeme Couper, Tom Schaefer, Jude Denny

(minutes), Ross Coulter, Sandra Turley-Miller, Anita Goetthans

Palm Beach Progressive Society (PB) – Robyn Barrie, Fiona Pilling

Waiheke Local Board (LB) – Cath Handley, Robin Tucker, Kylee Matthews

Auckland Council (AC) – Fiona Gregory

Apologies – Onetangi Beach Residents Association, Bob Upchurch (Local Board)

The meeting was opened by Graeme and Tom who welcomed the groups and outlined the format for the meeting. Speakers will be given 5 minutes to present a brief overview of the purpose and activities.

Onetangi Residents Association

Hall maintenance a priority but it's a struggle meeting the costs.

The hall is hired for events – weddings, yoga sessions and other regular events. We want to make the hall a venue for social and community activities, a hub for Onetangi. Membership is up (approx. 900 members). Maildrops and brochures to promote engagement. Challenge to be relevant – trying to gather the community but geographical spread and holiday home owners are a challenge. e Challenge to be relevant – trying to gather the community but geographical spread and holiday home owners are a challenge. Hall needs to be more than just a place for a party.

Involved with consultations with Auckland Council – but don't always see the follow through.

Eastern End Residents

A new group has been established out of emergency planning need because nothing was in place, but area most likely to be cut off from services.

Also aim to meet the need for a strong community connection from the area. The biggest challenge is that there are no defining boundaries and also no meeting place. Julie acknowledged that the LB has been very supportive with emergency planning and funding. Interested in social events, farmers market, networking, 70 people on a membership list and we are developing a newsletter and website. Need for resilience as we are isolated.

Challenge - How do we encourage younger people to be involved ?

PB Progressive Asc.

Established in 1960. Incorporated society 1960 and a registered charitable Trust 2010. Aim to liaise with the local board with matters of concern. Fundraising activities and seeking grants for rates and maintenance (a large rates bill about \$4000). Mix and mingle gathering once a month and a website for booking hall. Database of 130 families. Civil Defense

procedures in place, utilized during Covid lockdowns. We want to improve communication, difficult getting action from the Local Board on issues.

Blackpool Residents Association

2012 established a group which came from the serious flooding in the Blackpool area and a meeting with Auckland Council.

Informal group, don't have a hall but run a regular pop up pub – Dog and Pony – in Blackpool Park. Auckland Council gives discount rates on hall hire.

Very good relations with the local board. Fruit tree planting, collections for Budgeting Services, links with the marae, workshops, rat busters. Civil Defense is a big part. Guest speakers at meetings. 200 people on mailing list. Meetings once a month (one hour as all busy volunteers). Engaged with the local community – good feedback from the community.

Matiatia Oneroa Residents Association

Hall was built in 1956 and an incorporated society was established after that.

A lot of maintenance has been done – for example painting of the interior.

Less focus on the community than other groups. Hard to get committee members. Has about 50 members. Many part timers/holiday homes in the area

Actively trying to have events to welcome new people.

Civil Defense place to go and the focus has been to get the hall in a good condition.

Omiha Welfare and Recreation Society

Aims as established in the constitution in 1930s. Omiha was isolated until the 1960s. The principal aim is to provide healthy recreation and social activity – creating a sense of belonging, comfort and sharing. New arrivals are welcome and the focus is also on people who are having difficulties in the community.

Gulf News Thursday – afternoon tea. Many older residents attend. There is a lending library plants and donated items for sale. Annual Xmas party for children. Once a month a social gathering. Regular soirees, exercise classes, yoga, quiz night and socials that raise money. 300 members – Newsletters online and delivered. Own assets - the hall and tennis court. A strong environmental and welfare focus.

Fundraising has been for the reserves in the area. Rocky Bay pest control has helped to reduce pests. Local community response group. There is a defibrillator at the hall.

Challenge is that there are a number of properties that rental properties with transient tenants.

Surfdale

Setting up in April. First gathering in April around emergency management and Red Cross is supporting this. Can use Surfdale Hall – group will have a role in supporting the hall and promoting its use. Old Surfdale PO also has tenants now.

Waiheke Local Board

Cath said the local board has no fixed view, but approach residents' groups on a "needs basis". Residents associations are a vital part of the community. Interested to understand the role of the associations. Funding has been distributed to various groups.

There is a local board public forum once a month and if you want to present you need to book.

Robyn (Palm Beach) – frustrated about trying contact the board and service centres. Thanks to ORA for setting up this meeting and it would be good to have regular meetings.

Cath - Some issues are not handled by the local board but by AT or Auckland Council. Issues need to be logged with them first – go on online Auckland Council to *Report a Problem*. Council keeps a log that goes directly to the contractors. Come back to the board if your report is not responded to. Email waihekelocalboard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Robin - it would be good to have a more formalised mechanism for communication, more of this type of forum with an agenda. Good to have connection outside of normal AC mechanisms. Kylee agreed residents assoc could be a vehicle for communication and consultations

There is an active Facebook page which has the agenda for the meetings.

ORA comments

How do we follow through with ideas which often don't get actioned and also share ideas to benefit the community? AT has frequently failed to respond to proposals. Need for consultation on local issues e.g. the Pah Road access walkway. Consultation between the Board and residents associations would benefit both parties. Residents associations are looking for more standing and relevance to the community especially to younger residents.

Sandra - Blackpool issues are often practical – stormwater, intersection problems. There is a real issue with rental properties and empty houses which makes it hard to get a comprehensive plan.

Julie - It would be good to have a designated person at the Board/Council for the groups to contact. Bottom End feels optimism about communication, naturally used to being on own, but people want to connect. Communities go through phases and COVID / emergency resilience has been a catalyst for knowing your neighbours. It takes volunteer time and commitment – challenge of engaging younger people who don't want to be on committees.

Would like to see more forums like this. Useful to learn from each other. Two way communication with local board. It would be useful to have staff at forums too eg AT.

Cath –The Board is actively seeking to solve issues about Fullers and government action. Robin and Cath will visit the Minister of Transport in 3 weeks to discuss Waiheke inclusion in PTOM. AT supports this. AT's 10 year transport plan will not be fully funded to bring upgrades required (\$80m over 10 years). AT has a mandate to make areas accessible – for access to education, medical services, etc. But the obstacles are political. Battle with Council to keep budgets.

Pamela – Suggestion that the LB add a message to their member newsletter to help its relevance for members

Kylee – there could be an opportunity for MORRA to collaborate with WRT – synergies and opportunities to share spaces – *Fiona G to introduce*

OWRS – receives agenda and minutes via the secretary who checks for relevant agenda items. They have a CD plan with area champions / telephone trees for emergencies, Emergency equipment in hall. OWRS working with other organisation eg Te Korowai. AT frustrations – OWRS have been asking for speed restrictions, road calming by playground but AT ignores this. OWRS has a committee member on Transport Forum so they're regularly updated.

Cath – a priority is the slowing of traffic on Waiheke. Speed restrictions were included in AT 10 year plan, especially for narrow and shared spaces. But the safety fund has been suspended in AC Emergency Budget cuts. Healthy Waters was also effected. Governing Body decision. Residents associations can provide feedback to Auckland Council 10 year plan – local board to send the link.

Robin - Nationwide review of speed limits (eg inner city is now 30km/hr) – coming to Waiheke next year. Cost is in surveying, consultation and implementation. When the 10 year transport plan is reviewed that is the time to put forward concerns – safety for getting children to school, road safety, speed limits and signage. Local board will check when this is happening.

Cath – There will be follow up conversations at Board level of how to improve and open up communication. Why aren't the residents getting the newsletters – Cath to check. Suggested that there is a designated liaison person from local board staff to support each group. Residents associations can be a conduit for sharing of information.

Actions:

- LB will look at allocating a staff contact/ liaison for each RA
- RAs to be available to consult on plans and share this with the groups
- LB to share link to 10 year plan and include in e-newsletter – RAs to provide feedback
- LB comms for RA newsletters eg consultation dates, community forum dates and contacts, website useful links, agenda link, report a problem
- RAs to look through agendas for relevant issues
- RAs to communicate their issues from committee meetings
- Schedule future forums for all RA groups – 6 monthly. LB to suggest a date.
- Tom to share updated contact info