

Kia ora koutou, Welcome everyone!

After a couple of years of upheaval it's nice to be holding any sort of meeting in person!

Your committee has extensively utilized zoom for meetings over the last 18 months and we've become quite adept at it! In addition to our Zoom meetings, we've continued to keep the community informed via newsletter, website and social media – I guess we can thank Covid for making us digitally savvy!

Throughout the year we have kept you across Council bylaw reviews and initiatives, such as freedom camping, emergency planning, boat ramp charges, traffic management, water and wastewater.

### **Work Completed**

So, what have we done for the Residents and Ratepayers this year?

1. Along with other members of the local community, Bill & I presented to the community board objecting to paid parking at the domain car park in Hot Water Beach. Many locals use the carpark to access the beach, away from the tourist hot spot of the pools. We have ex Community Board members Jeremy Lomas, Deli Connell and Rekha Giri to thank that this deeply unpopular plan was scrapped.
2. As a committee we submitted on the Freedom Camping Bylaw, and even though I spoke at the hearing we successfully maintained a freedom camping ban in Hahei! And extended the prohibition to sensitive sites in Cooks Beach too!
3. Brett, as our resident expert, drafted a submission to council on the district wide Waka Kotahi speed limit changes, ensuring we maintain Hahei as a walkable, safe, family-friendly village.
4. Paul worked with Council contractors to develop a local emergency plan and we created a database of people in the community who may need extra help in an emergency, and those who could help out if needed. The plans were delivered to your properties last year, but we have spares here today if you would like one.
5. Extensive planting has been done at the entrance to Hahei village (left hand side as you enter Hahei from just beyond Lois Lane through to Emma Place) and around the ambulance station – the HRRRA, Richardsons and other businesses in Hahei covered the cost of the planting and thanks to John and the Flat Plate Society for the weeding & planting and to Pip Walters for organising the plants. The community also assisted DOC in planting the area above the Cathedral Cove carpark and Waikato Regional Council in planting the dunes at the end of Wigmore stream
6. Following a request from ex-committee members we lobbied Council to continue the footpath from the bridge on Pa Road to Wigmore Crescent, which has been completed.
7. It was our great pleasure to surprise Bill by nominating him for a 2022 Community Service Award and for him to be one of 3 recipients in Mercury Bay. This is an award presented by the mayor in recognition of outstanding community service. Its well deserved and when we sat down to write the submission, we were astounded by how much Bill does here behind the scenes! So thankyou again Bill for all you do!

No surprises, our work in progress continues to be:

1. Management of vehicles on the beach and on reserves
2. Water and Sewage
3. Concessions

### **Community Support**

We feel it's important to give back to our community and this year as a committee we have:

1. Funded rescue tubes for surf lifesaving for Hahei and Cathedral Cove beaches, after the old ones 'wore out'
2. Assisted with funding planting and pest trapping initiatives, thanks to John and the Flat Plate Society, and The Greens & Becs Wood for driving these initiatives in the community
3. Funded 2 car seats for Country Kids
4. Financially supported the very well attended ANZAC day service in the Kotare Reserve memorial garden, special thanks to John for organising the event with military precision!

### **Thankyou**

I'd like to thank the committee this year who have uncomplainingly put up with me delegating tasks and projects to them!

Particularly Dianne, the most unflappable secretary ever, even when faced with a laptop malfunction, Bill thank-you for the mentoring, and huge thanks to Brett, John, Paul, Anna, Maggie and Mark who surfed the digital wave with me!

I'm going to ask Brett, Anna and Bill to speak briefly about their portfolios in General Business.

- Brett – traffic management
- Anna – the skate ramp
- Bill – water and wastewater

### **Donation Approval**

At the last AGM a \$3,000 cap was put on community donations.

I'd like to table a motion for members' approval to make two donations today.

1. A donation to our local Bellyful of \$3,000. Bellyful supports communities by cooking and delivering free meals to whānau with babies or young children, who need support.
2. We'd also like to contribute \$2,000 to Country Kids for new shade sails. I believe they have a bake sale and raffle outside the Hahei Store today if you're hungry after the AGM?!

This is total expenditure of \$5,000.

Finally, we sent out a newsletter last week advising that DOC is calling for submissions on marine protection in the Hauraki Gulf, this includes proposed expansion of the Whanganui Hei marine reserve. Submissions are due 28 Oct and we're reaching out to the residents and ratepayers for a clear mandate before deciding whether to make a submission as a committee. We'll discuss this further in General Business.