

# Update from the Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents Association

## Tamaki Drive road closures

We have been advised of the schedule of road closures for Tamaki Drive this season. As per agreement, these are limited to 8 events:

- Auckland marathon – 1 November
- Peoples triathlon (2 events) – 21 December, 18 April
- Ironman – 18 January
- Weetbix kids TRYathlon – 22 February
- Round the Bays – 8 March
- World Series triathlon – 29 March
- Anzac Day (limited closure -Goldie to Turua St, St Heliers) – 25 April

More detail has been attached, including an event schedule for Vellenoweth Green in St Heliers.

## ASB Auckland Marathon

The Auckland marathon will be held on Sunday 1 November this year. This is a great event, but in order to run it safely, there will be road closures and parking restrictions.

The ones that affect our area are:

- Tamaki Drive – no parking 5am -1pm
- Tamaki Drive – road closed 6am -1pm, except for a single westbound lane from St Heliers to Aitkin Ave Mission Bay for residents and emergency vehicles, and a single westbound lane from Ngapipi Rd to The Strand.

A letter from the organisers with more detail is attached.

## Are you entitled to rates relief?

All residential ratepayers by now will have received their Council 2015/16 Rates Assessments. Included in the envelope was an explanation of the Rates Rebate scheme along with a rebate application form and table to indicate entitlement. If you thought this did not apply to you because your income was too high, you might be surprised, particularly if your rates are at the high end of the scale. To help those in this category, we are providing the following indicative table where the numbers are extracted from the rebate calculator on [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz)

<u>If your 2015/16 rates are</u>	<u>and your taxable income is this,</u> <u>you can get a \$100 rebate</u>	<u>Or your taxable income is this, you</u> <u>can get a the maximum \$610</u> <u>rebate</u>
\$3,500	\$41,400	\$37,380
\$4,000	\$44,000	\$42,700
\$4,500	\$46,800	\$42,700

\$5,000

\$49,400

\$45,350

For further information, check out [this site](#).

## Bastion Point project

The Council is proposing to upgrade the small reserve on Tamaki Drive at the bottom of the walkway to Bastion Point to incorporate artwork and seating and generally make this a more attractive spot. This is one of the main entrances to Bastion Point, and has always been a bit underwhelming, and so an upgrade would be good. The Residents Association has made a submission on this, however, suggesting that the project should be combined with a review and upgrade of the steps and walkway itself to deal with problems of overgrowing trees, poor lighting and poor drainage resulting in water flowing over the path.

Further information is attached.

## Check before you chop

Changes to the RMA removing blanket protection for trees came into effect on 4 September. In general, this means that most previously protected trees are no longer protected. But be aware that some trees are still protected and cannot be removed or trimmed without approval. These include notable or 'scheduled' trees (which are listed in the district plans), trees within reserves, any area subject to a conservation management plan or conservation management strategy, and trees within a Significant Ecological Area (SEA).

So, while the RMA has changed, the Council advises you to check with them before cutting any trees.

For further information go to <http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/> and search 'tree rules'.

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