



Chair's Report 2017

Let me start by acknowledging the effort of our Committee over the past year. The Committee comprises:

- Don Stock (Chairman)
- Cherie Cook (Secretary)
- Kathy Davies (Treasurer and Membership)
- Robert Benton
- Kevin McCready
- Alan Minson
- Mike Padfield
- Howard Small
- Lorna Stansfield

They have done a great job. A very big thanks to them all. In particular, my thanks to Cherie and Kathy in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer. These roles are critical to the smooth running of an organisation such as ours, and Cherie and Kathy between them have added huge professionalism.

I would also like to thank the Orakei Local Board for their outstanding support during the year. A new board was elected during the year bringing several new members and a change of Chair. Desley Simpson has moved on to become our Orakei Ward Councillor, and Colin Davis has replaced her as Chairman of the Local Board. A big thanks to Desley for her great leadership and support, and we welcome Colin as the new Chair and look forward to working closely with him and his team.

The Mission Bay Kohimarama Resident's Association (MBKRA) exists to provide a voice for the residents of our two suburbs, particularly when dealing with the Auckland Council and other organisations that make decisions that impact our community. Individually, our voices are rarely heard and almost never achieve anything, but collectively we have more ability to influence the decisions that affect us.

Over the past year we have involved ourselves in a wide range of issues. The largest by far has been the Unitary Plan, just as for the previous year. We had been involved in the overall consultation process for some time, when at the last minute, the Council slipped major zoning changes without any consultation with affected parties, and which were inconsistent with the current character of our suburbs. We organised a public meeting in February 2016 in conjunction with other local Residents Associations to publicise the issue, and had an

overwhelming response with more than 700 people attending. This started some real momentum which culminated in appearing at a special Council meeting, where the Council voted to withdraw their changes. That felt like a real victory, but ultimately the decision lay with the Independent Hearing Panel. We presented our case to the Panel and felt we put up a good case, then waited to see the outcome when the panel released their report in July. Unfortunately, the panel bowed to political pressure, and we lost out on virtually every aspect. The resulting Unitary Plan has subsequently been appealed by several parties, but we had neither the resources nor enthusiasm to continue the fight, and felt it best just to let the Unitary Plan be implemented to allow more land to be made available and ease the pressure on Auckland's housing.

While the Unitary Plan process was a major focus early in the year and has taken a huge effort, we have been active on a range of other issues. We had real success with improving Auckland Transport's proposed new public transport network in our area. Based on our submission made late in 2015, Auckland Transport reconfigured the bus routes to address virtually all the points we had made, in particular reinstating bus routes that run through the centre of Mission Bay, reinstating a direct Britomart service from Kepa Road, and adding a local loop bus to connect Kepa and Kohimarama Roads to Tamaki Drive.

We have continued to monitor the various wastewater and storm water projects around Madills Farm, and have improved the standard of reinstatement for some of these. We have not yet been able to get all the sunken areas brought up to standard, but continue to work on this with reasonable hope of success. The drawn out nature of this has really tested our patience! Thanks to Alan Minson who has been on top of all Madill's farm issues.

We appeared at the Resource Consent hearings for the Ngapipi Road/Tamaki Drive intersection, concerned that AT was pursuing this expensive project for very little benefit, while not assessing the priority of other Tamaki Drive improvements required, such as fixing the flooding near the Outboard Boating Club, or maintaining the seawall. This was perhaps not the correct forum to raise such concerns, but there was no other suitable forum, and we did get our message across. Regardless the project to install traffic lights will proceed.

We will be following up the Tamaki Drive Master Plan with the Local Board, to ensure that this high level vision is further developed with progressively more detail. We hope this will provide the umbrella plan under which individual projects such as dealing with flooding can be assessed.

The Mission Bay clock stopped working quite a long time ago, and we have lobbied to get it fixed. Ultimately that required a complete new set of internals, which have now been installed. The clock was back in operation, although at the time of writing it had stopped again! We are also trying to get the tower cleaned to make the clock tower a feature of Mission Bay rather than an embarrassment.

We have held a number of public meetings to inform residents about specific issues. Upcoming meetings include one on 1 June to provide an update on the Melanesian Mission stone house restoration, along with information about the history of the site, archaeological survey results and a sneak preview of the new restaurant. We will also be holding a meeting later in the year with the Mayor, to allow him to explain what he has achieved since being elected and where his focus will lie next year, and we are planning a meeting for the general election candidates for the Tamaki electorate. We are considering possible meetings to discuss plans to reduce sewage discharges in our area, and to discuss pest control in our

parks and waterways. To help us choose what meetings would be of value, we would appreciate feedback from our members, so let us know your thoughts.

We have made a strong effort over the past year to coordinate with other community organisations, particularly the Residents Associations covering Orakei, St Heliers and Glendowie. We see that there is strength in numbers, and that if we work together on matters of common interest, it adds weight to our influence.

As always, we encourage our members to contact us and let us know what they think about any matters relating to the area. We try to represent the community as best we can, but we do need people to tell us what they think. We now have around 350 members, most of whom are receiving regular emails updating them on matters of interest in this area, and we would love to get more feedback. On a positive note, we are receiving much more feedback now than we have in the past, with members raising a range of issues with us, and we are responding by investigating points raised and dealing with them as appropriate.

We would welcome any members who wish to join the Committee. All Committee members are standing for re-election, so we have a strong basis for going forward, but new faces are always welcome. Please let us know before or during the AGM if you would like to stand.

As a minor final note, we are updating our logo. You will have seen one of the options at the top of this report, and by the time of the meeting we hope to have selected a final version. Our old logo was only available in low resolution and was not suitable for many situations, so we have taken the opportunity to update it to better reflect the Mission Bay and Kohimarama community. We hope you like the refreshed design.

Thank you for your support over the past year. We look forward to working on your behalf over the next year.



Don Stock

Chair
Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents Association