



## Chair's Report 2025

As the Joint Chairs of the Association we are pleased to present this report on our activities and achievements in the past year. It has been another productive year for us, with some fun along the way, and thank you to the hard work and dedication of our committee members and volunteers.

We would like to express our thanks to the committee members who have served with us this year. They are:

- Jeff Robertson (Co-Chair)
- Fiona Hyland (Co-Chair)
- Kathy Davies (Secretary)
- Suneil Connor (Treasurer)
- Craig Fraser
- Wanda Mountfort
- John Biggs
- Ray Parry (resigned), Frank Thompson (resigned), Anne Stevenson (resigned), Tom Lyons (resigned)
- Mike Padfield

The team has contributed to the success of our Association through their donated time and efforts this year. **THANK YOU!**

Every year we have committee members moving on and often moving out of our area. This year we are sad to lose from our Committee: **Frank Thompson, Anne Stevenson, Tom Lyons and Ray Parry**

We thank them for their input and support for a strong community representative Association. A special call out to Frank, who broke the back of the work required for the development of the new constitution - attached. This is required due to changes in the laws governing Associations.

**Calling for new committee members** We are always very keen to get new committee members. We never have all our available quota full. It is important to have a good range of skills and backgrounds on the committee as well as sufficient numbers to spread the load. Please contact [committee@missionbaykoho.co.nz](mailto:committee@missionbaykoho.co.nz) to find out what's involved or put your hand up at the AGM. To note- we would **love someone who would like to support us on the social media and communication component** - it is not a lot of work, but is rather key, so if that is you, please reach out!

Over the past year we have continued working on projects, with a focus this year on advocating for the initiatives for the newly returned Tagalad Reserve for community use, and significant input through presentations and submissions to Council on budgets, initiatives and major planning projects that have a real impact for our area. There have been a lot of *Have your Say* submissions which we input into advocating for our local Kohimarama and Mission Bay community.

We have a strong relationship with our Orakei Local Board members and have worked through the initiatives constructively with them with a focus on resources and support for our area. We would like to acknowledge the good support we receive from the Orakei Local Board, chaired by Scott Milne, with Scott, Penny Tucker and Angus McPhee attending most of our Committee meetings. We continue to have an excellent working relationship with this board and hope to continue to jointly make great things happen for our area.

We also continue to monitor planning Resource Consents in our areas to ensure notification of breaches to Unitary Plan standards and to ensure good outcomes for our suburbs.

## **Tagalad Reserve is OPEN!**



After celebrating the victory of a 7 year long fight to get Tagalad back for community use, this year has been focused on engaging with OLB and Council, encouraging, supporting and a fair amount of pushing, to ensure Tagalad Reserve received the required maintenance so it could open safely to the public for community use. It is wonderful to have our first AGM at this newly opened community space. There is still a required work programme over the next few years to bring the buildings and green space up to their potential, however the first step of being able to open has finally been reached.

**Very shortly** we are hoping to be able to share with you how this wonderful community space, our special communal green and club house, in the heart of Mission Bay, can be booked for your events, gatherings, club meetings, exercise programmes and much more!

**The ongoing issue of noise and disruptive behaviour on Selwyn Reserve,** while improved due to significant initiatives, is still a concern for locals and businesses. We appear to have some new issues, which we have been addressing with the OLB – noisy motorbikes and loud music and cars. Many of the solutions actually require legislation changes to enable council and law enforcement to have the right tools to be able to limit and curtail this activity. It is great that Brooke, our local MP, is here tonight at our AGM and we can hear what is being planned at Government level.

# Shoreline Adaptation Plans for Orakei to Karaka Bay

With increasing weather and climate events impacting our Community, and of course the world, Auckland Council have developed Shoreline Adaptation Plans. Council held multiple community events and members of the MBKRA attended these and subsequently we completed

a submission focusing on the protection of our vital waterfront and emphasised the interrelationship with sea encroachment, flooding and stormwater management and the need for a clear integrated approach.



The impact of these Council plans are critical, they dictate and categorise the level and type of investment

our local area will receive from Council to adapt and protect from the impacts of weather and climate events.

## **Key Points We Made to Council**

- 1) Tamaki Drive is a vital and irreplaceable zone for commuting, access, public transport, and community facilities and activities. All of Tamaki Drive, not just selected areas, should have the Hold The Line (HTL) status for short and medium term time periods.
- 2) We support the HTL (Hold The Line) status shown in the short term time period for St Heliers, Kohimarama Beach, Mission Bay Beach and Tamaki Drive. Mission Bay and Kohimarama Beach medium term status needs to change to HTL, matching St Heliers Beach HTL for the medium term time period.
- 3) An ongoing and budgeted review and maintenance process needs to be in place for the vital sand replenishment and groyne protection system for Kohimarama and Mission Bay beaches. When executed and maintained, this is a very effective and proven means of HTL strategy for our beaches, recreation and transport assets.
- 4) Stormwater management is vital for flood management. Our storm water drains and system in the Kohimarama and Mission Bay zones need to have a future proofed, budgeted and executed maintenance and improvement programme, in addition to ensuring the draining of storm water further into the ocean versus ending and degrading the HTL current protections in place.
- 5) Our current valley stormwater flow paths in Mission Bay require a review to understand and improve on their current workings, and an ongoing maintenance and improvement programme to ensure they are effective and future proofed.

## Yellow Lines on Kapa Road, Keeping the Traffic Moving on this Key Arterial Road

We are a vocal advocate for initiatives to support the free flowing traffic on our roads, especially



the ever busier, vital arterial road of Kapa Road. After much advocacy, the yellow no parking lines finally happened on one side of the road, stopping cars parking on both sides, which had resulted in some seriously dangerous avoidance maneuvers, especially at rush hour. While still a busy road, and slow at times, each improvement like this supports safer and more flowing traffic.

## Feedback On Annual Plan for Auckland Council and OLB

- 1) We outlined that a clear, visible and integrated plan is required from the OLB, for the Kohimarama and Mission Bay area, incorporating sand maintenance and protection, groynes effectiveness, stormwater management, flooding management, transport routes, and planning re the significant impact of higher density development.
- 2) We supported the bed tax concept, with the proviso that the funds raised does go to investing in cultural and sporting activities that continue to support Auckland as an interesting and vibrant City to live in and visit.
- 3) We supported ecological restoration and animal and pest control and support for our local Eastern Songbird group.
- 4) We reiterated that funds and facilitation for the preservation of Kohi Forest are very important to protect this vibrant green space in the heart of our city community.
- 6) We strongly supported the investment in the Tagalad Reserve for community use.
- 5) We strongly supported the initiative to repair seawalls, replenish sand and extend stormwater outflows further off shore on our current sanded beaches. We did however state that we felt that the current beaches - St Heliers to Mission Bay need to be prioritised with a clear plan and budget in place, **currently NO budget is in place for this- BEFORE** a totally new re sanding project is begun at the currently rocky Tamaki Beach, requiring significant additional funds.

### Plan change 78

- 1) Plan still in consultation
- 2) Council using both Plan Change 78 AND old Unitary Plan rules when assessing developments

3) Waiting for Council and Government to align on a final direction.

4) Currently Plan change 78 removes practically all Special Character zoning within our suburbs when we had very few to start. That removes the few pockets that were zoned to continue with single homes on large sites with open large garden road frontages.

5) Blanket rezoning of all Single House and Mixed Housing Suburban (this zone was the majority of our suburbs) to Mixed Housing Urban allowing 3-4 story apartment buildings that fill most of the land.

6) Rezones areas close to the Eastridge local centre to allow 6 storey developments without resource consent. While we are not averse to the higher rise along the ridge, the zoning to 6 storeys spreads into narrow feeder streets in parts (affects Patteson Ave, Godden Cres, Dudley Rd, Atkin Ave).

We have been actively involved in submissions on Plan Change 78 and are now waiting for a final direction by Council and the Government on MDRS and the impact on Plan Change 78.

**Storm Resilience / Flooding** – as a committee we believe one of the important issues in our community is the risk we face of flooding and coastal inundation in future weather events. All our submissions and advocacy have a focus of driving for real and integrated solutions for our area.

**Other projects** - Some other things we have been involved in are

- Working on getting a defibrillator available 24/7 for Mission Bay
- Monitoring and reporting graffiti in our areas for Council clean up
- Monitoring and reporting illegal campers in our local parks and reserves
- Informing our residents of events and Council news

If members or local residents have issues that they would like us to address, we are happy to consider these, so please feel free to let us know.

We remind you of our website and social media presence which allows you to see more detail about work we are engaged in. Our website is [www.MissionBayKohi.co.nz](http://www.MissionBayKohi.co.nz), and we have a Facebook group "[Mission Bay – Kohimarama Residents Association](#)" to provide two-way discussion of issues of interest. Please join this as it is a convenient way to keep up with activities in the area.

Our membership remains around 800, and our Facebook Group membership is 3,400, allowing us to provide a strong voice for the community.

Our financial position remains strong as you will see from the financial reports, and we have been able to build up our reserves again after the major expenditure on the Mission Bay development. We intend to maintain sufficient reserves to allow us to respond to unexpected issues in a timely manner.

Finally, thanks to you, our members, for your support over the past year. We look forward to working on your behalf over the next year.

Jeff Robertson and Fiona Hyland

Co-Chairs  
Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents Association

