

## **Campbells Bay Community Association - Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 13 July 2016, 7.30pm

Venue: St John's Anglican Hall, 327 Beach Rd, Campbells Bay

The AGM was attended by 37 residents and guests and was preceded by a congenial half hour of refreshments.

**Apologies:** Peter Aimer, Jenny Chamberlain, Kate Jacobi

Holly Strever, Chairperson, welcomed residents and guests, Councillors John Watson and Wayne Walker, Julia Parfitt, Lisa White (both from the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board), Jacquie Jarry (Neighbourhood Support) and Sylvia Durrant, *The Bird Lady* and Annwyne Standish, *the Penguin Lady*.

Minutes of the 2015 AGM were approved at the first committee meeting following the 2015 AGM.

### **Report from the Chairperson:**

CBCA activities over the year included:

- Surveys to residents and submissions on the Unitary Plan
- Surveys to residents and submissions on transport issues.
- Holly and Max made presentations to meetings of the Local Board on issues including feeder buses to the busway, undergrounding of power lines and the Campbells Bay Community Penguin Project.
- Meetings with Councillors Wayne and John about community assets in Campbells Bay.
- Regular follow up of issues concerning the increasing corrosion of the bridge, maintenance of the toilets at Campbells Bay Reserve, and parking buffers at the Reserve.
- A "Mix and Mingle - Social Safety Evening" was held on 29 October to meet neighbours, encourage neighbourhood support and connect with Emergency Response personnel (Gretel is our ERG contact).

### **Election of Committee:**

Current committee members Cathy Roughan, Gretel Silyn Roberts, Max Thomson, Peter Garrett, Richard Biddle and Warren Sanderson were prepared to stand again. Welcome to new committee member Gillian Bogan. (Committee duly elected)

Holly is standing down, and Kate Jacobi and Jenny Chamberlain are also unavailable for the new committee. Thanks were expressed to Holly for her role as Chair over the last 3 years and to Jenny Chamberlain for her many years on the committee as secretary.

## **Financial Report:**

Richard Biddle (Treasurer) thanked residents for their voluntary subscriptions (\$5.00 per household) and donations. There was a balance of \$331 in the account as at 31 March 2016. Thanks to printing and meeting refreshments being donated, our only expense in 2015/16 was the cost of a Post Office Box, shared with Centennial Park Bush Society.

## **Transport Update - Peter Garrett**

Peter has been advocating strongly for the community on transport issues for several years. In 2015/2016 he has been in regular contact with Auckland Transport and NZTA to get better connectivity with buses. Following submissions on the Draft Transport plan, there will be a bus connecting Campbells Bay to the busway. It will run from the North end of CB, (near the Kowhai / Beach Rd junction), along Beach Rd, Aberdeen Rd, Sunnynook Rd to the Sunnynook bus station, then Totaravale to Constellation Station. It will run both ways, at about 30 minute intervals.

Auckland Transport are consulting on proposed yellow no-parking lines between 178 - 182 Beach Rd, near the Centennial Park entrance to improve visibility and avoid potential collision from passing parked vehicles on that corner.

Peter was thanked for his considerable effort to secure improved bus services for local residents.

## **Emergency Response - Gretel Silyn Roberts**

Gretel presented a report on Emergency Response mentioning the new app to get notification of emergencies, hazard assessment and local evacuation areas. The local Evacuation Centre is Campbells Bay School, but where possible, the best advice is to stay at home and ensure there is an emergency pack kept handy.

For further information, there is the Auckland Civil Defence website ([www.aucklandcivildefence.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcivildefence.org.nz)) and the new app for hazard notification (Red Cross Hazard App) can be downloaded from there.

## **Launch of Campbells Bay Community Penguin Project**

Max introduced the 2 guests, Sylvia Durrant and Annwyne Standish. For 30 years they have been bringing sick or injured penguins for a daily low-tide swim in the rock pools at Campbells Bay. Prior to that another carer, Leila McNamara, brought them to the same area for around 20 years.

The Penguin Project broadly aligns with the 'Love Our Bays' programme and is part of a joint local beautification programme between the CBCA and the Centennial Park Bush Society.

Stage 1 of the Penguin Project was launched at the AGM. Six life-size bronze sculptures of little blue penguins will be placed on rocks near the slipway and by the overbridge at Campbells Bay Beach at the end of Huntly Rd. This is to recognize 50 years of recuperating penguins swimming at the Bay. The sculptor will be Samantha Lissette. The cost of Stage 1 is \$9600. It is hoped to get 6 local resident sponsors donating 1 penguin each (\$1600 per penguin). Three donors have already offered so we are half way there.

Stage 2 will require further fundraising and will include a statue of a dog. A dog always accompanies the penguins to make sure they are safe and don't head out to sea. The cost is about \$25,000.

Charitable donations can be to the Bush Society account 38-9001-0816766-03. Email us for further details - [campbellsbaycommunityassoc@gmail.com](mailto:campbellsbaycommunityassoc@gmail.com)

It was suggested by Julia Parfitt that Tower Insurance could be approached to see if they may be interested in sponsorship.

### **Speakers:**

Councillors Wayne Walker and John Watson covered some of the initiatives they are involved in with reference to Campbells Bay. These include the QBE Stadium extension, the Albany Pool, transport network and environmental issues. With particular reference to suggestions that Pupuke Golf Course could be sold to raise money for Council programmes, they stressed their support for retaining all green space as Council will not provide new reserve areas.

They congratulated the CBCA on its active work in submitting on issues and Peter, in particular, on his feedback and follow up to secure improvements in transport for local residents.

A question from the floor about spraying on the reserve area near the beach was re-directed to Richard Hursthouse. Spraying was necessary to prepare the area for the recent overall beautification project stage one planting.

Julia Parfitt - Chair of Hibiscus and Bays Community Board mentioned that a strength of the Bays is the connection and cohesion of the area. This board had the most submissions on transport in the recent plan.

Traffic issues are arising with residents concerned about the speed of traffic through Campbells Bay and the villages such as Mairangi Bay. There is a 30km/hr limit being trialled through Orewa and other areas may be keen on the 'slow town' concept.

Jacque Jarry spoke about the importance of the Neighbourhood Support network.

## **General Business**

### Campbells Bay Preservation Society

Mike Elgar and Stuart Horne raised the issue of the proposed Day Care Centre.

The main concern is the number of exemptions to site and building regulations that the owner is seeking and the substantial impact the additional traffic would have. The resource consent application is for up to 150 children. They expressed a need for donations to pay for the consultants on transport and planning.

For information: email [stopcbdaycare@gmail.com](mailto:stopcbdaycare@gmail.com)

Richard Hursthouse mentioned that Centennial Park Bush Society is requesting that the Council approve the removal of the *Dracaena draco* along Beach Rd. They are now spreading into the park. Replacements are to be decided but may include coastal maire or kowhai. The Bush Society would do the bulk of the work on this if the council supplied the trees.

Max mentioned the Greenways Plan to extend walkways and cycleways through the city. In particular he is interested in investigating a link from the end of Park Rise up to Sunnynook Road. He had attended the Local Board workshop on the plan the previous night and advised of a consultation on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at the Mairangi Bay Arts Centre.

Holly, the retiring chairperson, thanked Max for all his support and work.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Thanks to the St John Anglican church for their use of the hall, an excellent venue for the meeting.

Thanks to Jacquie Jarry and Julie Thomson for their assistance in providing and serving refreshments.