

Date: Wednesday 11 March 2015
Time: 4.30pm
Meeting Room: Reception Lounge
Venue: Auckland Town Hall
Auckland Central

Great Barrier Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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AUCKLAND COUNCIL
AND
St. BARRIER ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD.

REFERENCE ... OXPARK HOMESTEAD. (1870)
12 MEDLAND ROAD.
TRYPHENA.
St. BARRIER ISLAND.

CONFIRMING ON BEHALF OF THE HAWKINS FAMILY OUR ONGOING 100% SUPPORT INTO ANY INVESTIGATION INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF RESTORING OXPARK HOMESTEAD. IT IS OF GREAT HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, BEING THE OLDEST HOMESTEAD STILL STANDING ON St. BARRIER ISLAND. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE URGENT RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN A RECENT, COMPREHENSIVE AND DETAILED, SURVEY PREPARED BY SALMON REED ARCHITECTS FOR AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL. WE HOLD VERY SERIOUS CONCERNS REGARDING THE HOMESTEAD'S IMMEDIATE FUTURE AND FEEL IT IS VERY URGENT TO SECURE FUNDING TO STABILIZE IT, AS WE SEE IT NOW. St. BARRIER ISLAND IS EXPOSED TO EXTREME WEATHER PATTERNS AND EVIDENCE OF A VERY DAMAGING STORM DURING 2014 IS VERY VISIBLE. AS PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED TO AUCKLAND COUNCIL AND St. BARRIER IS. COMMUNITY BOARD ACCESS TO OXPARK HOMESTEAD COULD BE MADE EASIER BY PLACING A GATE IN THE EXISTING ROAD SIDE FENCE.

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Item 15

10 March 2015

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To: Auckland Council Local Board
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As a resident and health practitioner in Port Fitzroy I have long been part of a residents group lobbying the local board for the sealing of Kaiaraara Bay Rd. Extensive written submissions were made 2001, 2003, 2009 and by others more recently. A small improvement was made to improve the dust nuisance by sealing a short section by some of the houses. However the road still remains in poor quality and is dangerous for both vehicles and the numerous pedestrian visitors walking from the Port Fitzroy wharf and the Akapoua camp ground to access the DOC estate. Vehicular traffic is not only comprised of local residents but of buses, rental cars and private vehicles transporting tourists.

The road itself is predominantly in poor condition with potholes, sparse metal and uncleared culverts, and overgrown verges. As well the narrowness and camber in some areas directs both vehicles and pedestrians over the edge. This has resulted, over the years, in regular accidents such as cars over the bank, pedestrian's v's car, people slipping and falling over the bank and people slipping on the rough surface and breaking bones.

The dwellings along the road are predominantly inhabited by permanent residents and those few that are holiday homes are occupied on a regular basis. There are approximately 20 dwelling with a permanent population of 45 using the road (10 of whom are children) – this number swells considerably over the summer. One of the dwellings is The Jetty Tourist Lodge and another has a holiday home on site. The road also hosts a camp ground and the Department of Conservation compound.

I was aghast to hear that consideration was being given to the sealing of a section of road along the Medlands Beach foreshore and that the Kaiaraara Bay Rd has been pushed into the background. I do not dispute the need to eventually seal all of the roads on Great Barrier Island however I do feel that the northern part of Great Barrier has once again been relegated to the wilderness because another wheel is squeaking louder (after squeaking for 14 years our wheel has fallen off!).

Yours faithfully
(unsigned as sent by email)

Adele Robertson
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*Tabled at the Great Barrier
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11 March 2015.*

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15 February 2008

Mr Paul Downie
Chairman
Great Barrier Island Community Board.

Dear Mr Downie

Aerial Spraying of Cannabis - Great Barrier Island

I am aware that a public meeting was recently held on the Island regarding the aerial spraying of cannabis by the Police. I understand that a resolution from that meeting will be presented to the Community Board at its next meeting. I have also been given a copy of the notes from the public meeting and would like to make the following points relating to some matters raised at the meeting:

- The Police absolutely refute the allegations that the aircraft flew at heights otherwise than those allowed by civil aviation rules. The pilots used are completely professional and would not jeopardise their livelihood by breaching rules and regulations. I was on the Island throughout the duration of our operation and did not observe the type of low flying described by the people at the meeting.
- The circumstances surrounding the spraying next door to Gael Johnson are as follows. The spray unit developed a leak in flight. There were two options available to the pilot; fly to Claris with the leak trailing spray all the way or land at some nearby spot and fix the leak. Fortunately the staff in the helicopter knew of a property almost below their position which could be used to hover over while trying to fix the leak. The spray tank was lowered to just above the grass level and the spray nozzles were opened and closed a number of times to try and stop the leak. After about 30 - 40 seconds the leak stopped and the helicopter flew back to Claris for a complete check.

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- There is mention in the notes of individuals speaking at the meeting of incidents in the past of indiscriminate spraying. One of those alleged incidents is described as poison being dumped in the vicinity of White Cliffs/Te Ahumata and that a nearby resident tried to have this incident investigated but had no positive response to his enquiries. The truth is that last year Mr Tony Storey complained that the helicopter conducting the spraying had dumped a large amount of spray over the White Cliffs/Ahumata area. As a result of Mr Storey's complaint I conducted a full enquiry into his allegation. After examination of the area both on foot and by air, there was no evidence found that there had been any spraying of any sort as described by Mr Storey.

I understand that the resolution put to the Community Board asks for 3 things:

- That there be no aerial spraying of herbicide within the settlement areas on the island;
- That there is no aerial spraying within 100 meters of habitation ;
- That there is no aerial spraying within 50 metres of a water course.

The police cannabis eradication programme has two elements to it. The first is to uproot and seize plants found where they are easily accessible. The second is to aerial spray those plants located in hard to reach and inaccessible areas. Aerial spraying was implemented when the practice of lowering staff from the helicopter to remote plants proved to be too hazardous.

In considering the Police response to the resolution we would need to take into account how it may unduly restrict the purpose of our operations. This will require some consideration by us of the effects of the resolution. For instance not being able to spray within 50 metres of a water course could rule out almost all the island, depending on the definition of a water course. Perhaps there is a way to more properly delineate those water areas that are of most concern. We are however keen to work with your community to find a way to implement the intent of the resolution.

I would like to recommend that the Board resolve to work directly with me on behalf of the Police to see if we can find a way of addressing the issues raised in the resolution. If no solution satisfactory to the Board was able to be reached then the option would still be open for the Board to advocate to Ministers of the Crown.

Yours Sincerely

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