

Aotea Boardriders Club committee would like to update the new Local Board team on the latest happenings with our ABC Clubhouse proposal.

Over autumn and winter there have been some great discussions on the potential of a multi use ABC clubhouse at Medlands between members and locals. There have also been some submissions to the Local Board and Council employees with various concerns about the Memory Carpark site.

As committee members of Aotea Boardriders Club we have appreciated all input to our project being it positive feedback, or concerns. As a group we have seriously considered and reconsidered our options. Everyone's concerns and ideas are important to us.

Most recently, on the 15th of September we had a pre application meeting with Laura Christian of the Auckland Council planning team. We are awaiting a finalised report on the meeting. During the meeting we visited five prospective sites, including the three sites of which we have already begun researching the potential and engaging landowners opinion, plus two new sites.

It was a very informative meeting in regards to zoning and consent requirements. Considering the negative submissions we have received on the Memory site and the difficulties in obtaining consent due to zoning we have decided to look into alternative sites. Laura's advice to the Club, was to further research into the potential of the two new sites; engage the community again with a meeting in January when more Medlands landowners are likely to be able to attend.

As a group we will be researching the prospective sites over the coming months. We look forward to being able to invite the wider community to view updated plans and associated considerations for the new sites, initiated by a community forum in January 2017. We sincerely hope we can settle on a space to develop that will enhance lives of locals and visitors, without being disruptive to landowners and ecology.