

Date: Tuesday 20 March 2018
Time: 4.00pm
Meeting Room: Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chamber
Venue: Takapuna Service Centre
Level 3
1 The Strand
Takapuna

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Properties managed by Panuku in the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area- January 2018

Rental Object Name	Usage type of rental unit
1-7 The Strand, Takapuna (Sub-Lease Part Lev2 – South)	Commercial
1-7 The Strand, Takapuna (Level 4)	Commercial
1-7 The Strand, Takapuna (Level 3-South)	Commercial
1-7 The Strand, Takapuna (Basement carpark)	Commercial
102 Anzac Street - Takapuna	Residential
52 King Edward Parade - Devonport	Residential
56 King Edward Parade - Devonport	Residential
55 King Edward Parade - Devonport	Residential
5 Cheltenham Road, Devonport	Commercial
38A Hurstmere Road - Takapuna	Commercial
38 Hurstmere Road - Takapuna	Commercial
22 The Promenade - Takapuna	Commercial
27 Lake Road - Devonport	Commercial
46 Cheltenham Road (Kiosk) - Devonport	Commercial
3 Victoria Road, Devonport	Commercial
37 Fred Thomas Drive - Takapuna	Commercial
23-27 Sir Peter Blake Parade - Bayswater	Commercial
2 Forrest Hill Road, Forrest Hill	Commercial
34 Hurstmere Road	Commercial
2A Old Lake Road, Narrow Neck - Cafe	Commercial
1/328 Lake Road - Hauraki	Commercial

Mike Cohen Devonport-Takapuna Board Member's Report To The Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Meeting 20th March 2018

Our Parks our Local Volunteers

One of the issues that keeps coming up revolves around the maintenance levels of parks and reserves - while it is great to have volunteer projects that are engaging people with their local spaces through a bit of planting and small amounts of weed control, many of the reserves have weed issues that are far too extensive for volunteers to manage, and it puts people off getting meaningfully involved with the spaces at all.

The observation being made local people is that park maintenance contracts seem to only extend to keeping paths clear and grass mown, and even this is not always happening. The list of weed species that council have some obligation to control is very small, and the approach can be a bit random.

Our Auckland Council Park Ranger and Volunteers in Parks does have some budget for getting site preparation and some weed control done to support particular volunteer projects, but this is quite minimal.

The observation being made is it seems to be a lot of work getting put in across council to planning, reporting, health and safety etc, with very little going towards actual maintenance. Some examples that I am aware of are Brian Byrnes Reserve in Milford and Achilles Reserve on the Devonport Peninsula. This issue is I suspect not just prevalent in our parks sector of **appearances over substance.**

The issue is at both ends that Council maintenance is inadequately identifying and thus not responding to weed and pest infestation at an early stage. Secondly when volunteers actually do weeding and or planting of trees and plants the area is being neglected there after which is sole destroying for the volunteers.

In order to not squander the willingness of so many local people willing to be volunteers in our area this gap needs to be urgently addressed by Auckland Council.

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- 1. Requests Auckland Parks (Facilities) as to how they propose to plug the gap between the efforts of our local volunteers in weeding and planting in local parks and the ongoing maintenance thereafter by Auckland Council both in this year and especially in the 2018/2019 budget year.**
- 2. Requests that Auckland Council clarifying what is actually on the list of weed species they have accepted responsibility to control.**
- 3. Requests that Auckland Council clarify who (Council Officers or the contractor) actually is meant to identify these weed species.**
- 4. Requests that Auckland Council clarify whether this area of maintenance is subject to audit and if so provide a list of the Reserves and when they were last check in our Local Board Area.**
- 5. Requests that Auckland Council provide a list to the Local Board on those weeds that are not on it's list which are or have the potential to adversely affect our area.**
- 6. Request what action Auckland Council proposes to take to address this problem.**

No replacement of net at Woodall Park beach volley ball court over the whole of Summer (as per my February Members Report) Given now we are in Autumn it would be prudent that any replacement (given possible deterioration of a new net over winter) net be postponed until September 2018

The request for a new replacement net at the beach volley ball court was made in Spring 2017. Sadly in all that period one of our most popular beach reserves

has endured a net in sad need of replacement. Council has struggled to take action in all that time.

Now that it is Autumn and just in case a part of Auckland Council bursts into action please delay it to next Spring 2018 to avoid a deterioration in the net over the winter months.

If the system is still struggling to find someone to carry out the task of replacing the current net which is in very poor condition the system has a further 6 months to resolve the situation.

Variation of Lease of North Shore Rugby Football Club

The Devonport Domain Management Plan was approved in November 1993. Now 25 years on this management plan has highlighted a situation where this year's annual Seagulls Luncheon cannot take place which has serious implications for the North Shore Rugby Football Club.

The club is seeking a way forward in the short term until a new and or replacement Management Plan is completed. Auckland Council has made the Board aware of the need to develop, update and or replacement management plans for those that are out of date or are not covered by any management plan in our Board area. This could well take several years.

From information provided by the club:

"Our club costs around \$200,000 to operate each year. Half of this is funded through sponsorship, gambling charity grants and subscriptions. The rest we raise ourselves and the \$30,000 to \$40,000 raised through our auction at our annual Seagulls Luncheon is essential to our survival. We have also assisted a great many other local sports and charities over the past 25 years through these famous Luncheons.

We're completely amateur, our only paid position is a part time secretary. We have eighty volunteers coordinating around 600 rugby players. We have nearly 1000 members, we've been successful despite the well known drop off of young people's participation. We're actively involved with TGS, up to 200 of the students use our facilities for training for not just rugby but rowing, hockey and numerous other sports.

The funds raised at the luncheon assist in the purchase of on field playing gear,

essential training gear, medical strapping, the cost of Physio's to attend matches, the secretary's wages, utilities, maintenance of our facilities. We keep our subscriptions as low as possible to encourage young people to participate, we subsidise junior families who have more than one child playing. In some circumstances we waive the subscription altogether if it's difficult for parents to pay. Our senior player subscriptions are lower than many other comparable sports again to encourage our local youth to get involved.

Interestingly we are experiencing a huge growth in young female players. Sixty are registered for junior rugby this season.
(Help by the great success of the Black Ferns both in the 15 and 7's games)

Since 1873 we've been a huge part of the North Shore community. If we were unable to raise funds through our luncheon we wouldn't be able to replace these through sponsorship. We would therefore be forced to review the structure of the entire club and the costs to individual and families would increase dramatically. We would immediately be compelled to increase our subscriptions, regretfully remove the subsidy for struggling parents, introduce charges for TGS to use our training facilities, increase the rent for our hall, investigate ground entry fees, charge for all members playing gear and equipment, possibly reduce the Physio services at games despite the injury risks, reduce our Secretary's hours and restrict practice under lights. I'm sure there's other punitive steps we would need to explore.

The impact of not being able to hold our luncheon would be detrimental to the whole community and would without doubt result in a further decline in youth participation in a healthy pastime. As they say " kids in sport stay out of court". Without the essential \$30,000 to \$40,000 each season, the oldest rugby club in Auckland would rapidly deteriorate and eventually struggle to survive."

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

1. Supports a variation of the lease with the North Shore Rugby Football Club to enable the holding of the traditional Seagulls Luncheon fundraiser until a new management plan is put in place.
2. The reasonable cost of undertaking a variation of the lease and its processes which will require public notification will be met subject to their approval by the North Shore Rugby Football Club

Bayswater Community Committee (BCC) –Community views on a redevelopment of the Bayswater Marina Precinct

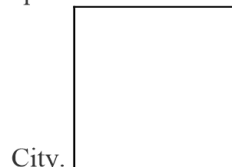
The information coming out of this professional and very fair non-guiding questions survey ought to be of real value to all interested parties. Even given the tight time lines of having to run the survey so close to Christmas in order for it to be relevant to any imminent resource application by the marina developers elicited a great level of participation from the public. As a member of the Devonport -Takapuna Local Board I want to acknowledge and thank the BCC for this invaluable undertaking to gain a better understanding of community views relating to the Bayswater Marina Precinct.

Monthly Report from Member Jan O'Connor

The tragedy this month was attending the March Auckland Council Planning Committee as part of our entire Board to find that neither the Mayor nor the majority of the Councillors heard our Chairperson or voted in favour of our request to not lift the carpark designation from the Anzac Street Carpark. We were grateful for the support of nearby Councillors, Walker, Watson & Sayegh.

We are the advocates of this community. Twelve months ago this week a petition signed by 8,500 people was presented to Council opposing Panuku's plan to sell that carpark. It has been ignored

(1) Three evenings last week, Wednesday-Friday there was gridlock in this carpark as customers for the numerous restaurants and/or the Berkley Theatre sought carparking. Yet we were almost reprimanded by Councillors & the Mayor himself who live nowhere near the North Shore or know how the business district is sustained i.e. with nearby carparking which could soon be replaced with highrise apartments. As many people have suggested apartments could will be built on the gasometer site with views over to the



GRIDLOCKED CARS IN CARPARK 6.30PM WED 14th MARC

RECOMMENDATION THAT the Board initiates a community awareness campaign and elicits general feedback as to the future development of 40 Anzac St Takapuna

(2) The March madness is taking effect on Lake Rd. By 8.00am the inside lane going to Takapuna is regularly far busier than that proceeding down Esmonde Rd. Some years ago Consultant Ian Clarke from Flow Traffic Engineers presented a paper to the Board suggesting that right hand turn lights be installed on the corner of Burns Ave allowing traffic to proceed northwards thus avoiding Takapuna Central

RECOMMENDATION THAT the Board follows through on the recommendation to investigate a right turn arrow on the corner of Burn /Ave & Esmonde Rd as soon as possible

Jan O'Connor
Member