



Kia ora friends and neighbours

I hope you are all well.

So Neighbours **Day** has grown into Neighbours **Week** and our from lovely annual Neighbours **bbq** (I think we started ten years ago now) **we** have grown **Hapua Thrive**. (This year's bbq invite attached)

There have been a couple of really cool projects that have grown out of this,

1. The water access/steps behind the cricket/rugby clubrooms,- see the mighty paddlers photo on page 2
2. Us joining in with regular pulsing with our broader neighbours to reduce the number of ratties and possums and help our feathered friends- see attached not so lovely Rattie photo in our neighbouring stream (on page 2) - thanks Kit our OLB Chair who shared the photo, there are no rats in our parks are there! (don't worry we are talking to OLB and AC about that- There has been no rat control in our parks but that is now being highlighted and worked on)

In addition to this we are now we are looking to help tackle the weeds and help with water quality

Two cool things have happened

1. There are areas near us have been declared Significant Ecological Areas which means we can get regional and local board support to help preserve our area
2. We have been provided with this gorgeous link <https://www.tusharma.com/hobsonbay> to inspire us/everyone about the beautiful area we live in that we should explore, conserve and protect- thanks Tushar

We have also been given by Auckland Council some fabulous large photos/ maps showing us our valley changes over the years 1940- on so we can together think about and plan for what we can do now and in future to realise our dreams for our gorgeous valley. These will be available at our BBQ. We also will have some info on our initial weed plans if you would like to be involved.

Please encourage your friends and neighbours to come to the do on the 24th- you do not need to live in Hapua St, we are keen to make links with neighbours and neighbouring groups. It is very relaxed and casual, open to all ages and stages and most importantly fun.

PS for those of you that care about our water future check out <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/topics-you-can-have-your-say-on/Pages/default.aspx>. Submissions due 19 April 2019.

Go well and looking forward to seeing you on the 24th.

Ngā mihi

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