

ORAKEI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – Annual General Meeting

Orakei Community Centre @ 7:00pm 13 July, 2017

Present:

<i>Committee</i>	Andries Van der Westhuisen, Peter Haarhaus, David Everard, Jill Goldkorn, Ross McCullough
<i>Auckland Council</i>	Desley Simpson
<i>Orakei Local Board</i>	Kit Parkinson, Ros Rundle, David Wong
<i>OCAI Members</i>	21 members

Introduction

OCAI Chairman introduces Councillor Desley Simpson to talk about the Unitary Plan and is Auckland Council Ready.

Desley Simpson

Auckland City's growth is huge: >40000 new residents/year
820 new residents/week
340 new dwellings required/week
405 jobs created/week
1 new street/2 days

The Unitary Plan is not fully signed off. Does Auckland have the infrastructure to support the growth?

The average price of a house in Orakei is \$2.037million and 64% are >\$1.5million.

Orakei is well placed for growth:

- There are good areas of parks and playgrounds
- Extra classrooms are being added at Orakei School. Kohimarama School and Selwyn College have also added extra classrooms. Yes, there is room for growth.
- Transport – not too bad with buses and trains. Walking access to trains could be improved. No pedestrian crossing across Orakei Road. Walking and cycling are reasonably served. Shared path GI to Tamaki drive will increase access.
- Sewage and Stormwater. Not all stormwater is separated. Okahu Bay stormwater needs upgrading.
- Boat moorings in Okahu Bay to be removed in the Unitary Plan, but this has been appealed.
- Vacant Land. There are 9 SHA's in Orakei. Coates Ave SHA of 14 units is no longer an SHA. The Ngati Whatua SHA in Kupe Street is a great example of an SHA. Eastcliff is owned by Ngati Whatua and has fire and weather tightness issues. Residents have been re-housed by NW whilst remedial work is done – well done!

Auckland Council Budget.

Auckland Council (AC) budget is dominated by the requirements for savings, transparency and infrastructure works.

Good news is the rates increase is held to 2.5%. Orakei ward contributes 10% of AC rates.

Transport spending is up 40%. Infrastructure spending is \$2 billion.

Auckland Transport (AT) is legally separate and are a problem.
AC will set AT performance guidelines.

Biggest constraint is CRL.

AC is very close to their borrowing limit. If they lose their current financial rating it will cost an extra \$12million in yearly interest.

Local Boards don't have enough budget for their functions.

Audience Feedback

Ngati Whatua Member: Very concerned about the flooding around the cemetery in Okahu Bay. This year is the worst they have ever seen. Keen to move the cemetery or prevent the flooding. How can we make it happen?

Response: Totally unacceptable. There is some action happening.

Chairman introduces Orakei Local Board Deputy Chairperson Kit Parkinson to give an overview of board activities.

Kit Parkinson

Apologizes as a last minute stand-in for Colin Davis.

Kit's major role is in Parks and Reserves, and Environment.

The Orakei Local Board plan is expected to be signed off in August.

Orakei Local Board is working toward a "Pest Free Auckland". Current initiatives are

- Eradication of wattle trees
- Possum trapping lines in Orakei bush areas.

Orakei Landing is undergoing significant development.

Orakei domain is to be upgraded. Other parks and playgrounds also.

Stage 1 of Orakei Spine (shared path) is complete and now working towards other stages.

New compacting rubbish bins will be installed in Mission Bay.

Feedback - Public Meeting with AT at OBC 08 June : OCAI Chairperson

A public meeting was held with AT to discuss proposals for

- Ngapipi Road/Tamaki Drive traffic lights
- Orakei Spine shared path
- Flooding on Tamaki Drive

The audience was very vocal in noting the seemingly uncoordinated and short term approach to planning and design. "A quick fix". The overwhelming response from the audience was for AT to take a comprehensive approach and do the job properly.

3rd OCAI Meeting

Apologies: Troy Churton, Lee Matthew, Annette Moodie, Justin van Wichen, Stuart Auld

Retirements: Graeme Woodfield, Andries van der Westhuizen

Committee Members

Andries is not available and new chairperson is required – no offers as yet.

Current members:

Peter Haarhaus (Treasurer), Ross McCullough (secretary), David Everard, Jill Goldkorn, Stuart Auld, Justin van Wichen

are willing to continue.

Jacqui Zelcer is also joining the committee as communications liaison. Others are encouraged to join.

Projects

- AT meeting at OBC. OCAI joined with Mission Bay/Kohimarama Association to hold and promote the meeting. It was very successful.
- Art Competition. OCAI is organising an art/photographic competition to promote the Orakei suburb.
- OCAI have joined with SASOC (Stop Auckland Sewage Overflows Coalition). SASOC is committed to stopping sewage and stormwater overflows especially into the harbour.
- Booklet of Orakei History.

Treasurer's Report

Income	Subscriptions and donations	110.00	
	Market lease	232.50	
	Interest	10.16	
	Local Board Funding	2500.00	
	Arts Competition funding	<u>3000.00</u>	
	Total	5852.66	
Expenses	Advertising	229.63	
	Venue hire	137.20	
	Communication	200.10	
	Tax	<u>3.35</u>	
	Total	570.28	

The Arts competition will held in the few months. Jacqui has volunteered to organise the event.

Accounts be accepted

Desley/ David

General Business

1. Flooding in Kupe St/Kepa Road shopping carpark. This has been ongoing for some months. Although there have been complaints lodged nothing seems to have happened. Desley/Ros will look into this.
2. New Street names. In NW SHA new street names were lodged but were changed by council. Kit explained there were acceptable naming conventions. The names were accepted by the Local Board. Need to check with NW management.

Meeting closed 8:30pm