

PIHA R&R PRESIDENTS REPORT TO THE 72nd AGM 8 JANUARY 2012.

Welcome to Piha R&R Members and thanks to Elected Representatives and Council Members for their support during the year.

In particular: Councillor Sandra Coney and Local Board Chairperson: Denise Yates.

This has been a busy year for the R&R Committee and I thank them all for their dedication and resolve to tackle the many projects undertaken. The Committee has worked well together and my hope is that the new incoming committee manage to work as well together in this New Year.

These days we have the advantage of email contact and much is achieved with information passed to committee members prior to meetings, resulting in the monthly meetings being better prepared and Committee members familiar with what's going on.

To summarise matters addressed during the 2011 year, I list the following ::

1/. Library Trust : A report will be given to the meeting. The aspect of the Sub-Committee breaking away from the R&R and forming a Trust without following an agreed procedure has not been resolved. Much time has been put into this and the Library Trust remain steadfast in their demands that all ownership which has always, and is, in the hands of the R&R be handed directly over to them. The R&R are keen to settle the matter, but the progress with the Library group at present, is at a stalemate.

2/. Piha Walksafe: This group, outside the R&R, achieved funding for some footpaths to be built in areas mainly Seaview Rd. The R&R over time have had many attempts at improving pedestrian access, opening of and publicising Plantation Reserve accessways around Piha. The R&R had much dialogue with Akl Transport on Piha Walksafe plans and tried to contribute constructive ideas but the result was mostly with Piha Walksafe.

3/. Water Quality: The R&R reps Graham Caley and associate Simon Brown have worked diligently testing and addressing problems connected to contaminated outfalls from Piha streams, parks, runoffs, septic tanks, and drainage. The work is demanding and we are fortunate to have such dedicated personnel handling these ongoing investigations.

4/. Streams: We have liaised (and will continue to), with Council and Piha Coast Care on outfalls, ponding, and resulting erosion.

5/. Sand and Dunes: We work with Council and Parks and support their monitoring of areas under threat and I am pleased to work with Coastcare – particularly their dedicated Pat La Roche who keeps excellent contact with me on items targeted and to be addressed.

6/. Stormwater: Improvements from Council as a result of input from R&R – thanks again to Graham Caley with his work in this area.

7/. Open Day: Results from this Council initiative and feedback ::

a/. *Post office Parking.* After much time and effort on practical solutions and an original idea from Past President Keith Franich – we now have in hand a new plan which reflects the R&R's previous requests.

b/. *Domain roadway dust:* In support of a request from member Brian Rainger to address this, we have been working with Council- AKI Trans supplying ideas to alleviate this, and slowing traffic.

c/. *Domain Sports-Field re-grading.* This is work to level and re-seed this area by Council and supported by R&R.

d/. *Domain Campground Toilet Block upgrade.* The R&R supported what will now be a complete rebuild and recommended / approved by our local Board to be financed in this year's Council estimates.

8/. Contact with Council as under :

a/. Input on safety improvements top of Piha Rd which is on-going.

b/. A programme to arrive at removal of fence bottom of Seaview Rd. Cushion-planting required has already been carried out by Beach Valley Rd Project – Thanks to them for their prompt action.

c/. Parking from Post Office to Lion Rock Corner : After R&R and Walksafe input and time spent on trying to get a resolution, Council made a unilateral decision not to have parking in this area (which adjoins the large domain parking area).

9/. During the year, the R&R supported ::

a/. United Surf Club's waste-water improvement proposal.

b/. The proposed Piha Combined Sports Club facility replacing the Bowling and Tennis Club areas.

c/. Proposed Basketball half-court at the Domain.

d/. Nth Piha underground power initiative. This would be a costly exercise for the Power Company but the R&R supports any power undergrounding in principle to enhance visual and practical aspects.

10/. R&R Committee were also directly involved in ::

a/. *Post Office:* The continued efficient running of. Thanks to Chris Warman and Marit Larson for their work.

b/. *Website*: A complete rebuild at cost of around \$1500. Thanks to Vice Pres Ken Cowan and Monique Olivier who now manage this important R&R facility.

c/. *A new Membership Brochure* has been produced. Layout / photos from R&R members. We need to actively work at increasing and promoting our Membership base which has been seriously eroded by ongoing malicious attacks on the R&R.

d/. *Noticeboard* : Thanks to generous donations, a new Notice Board has been manufactured and is to be installed alongside the Post Office accessway.

e/. *Fireworks*: Following a motion put at last R&R AGM, the Committee has promoted restricting or banning, and safety, in the letting off of fireworks which in previous years have resulted in serious fires – this is a high-risk area.

11/. As well, Committee Members have attended Local Board Meetings and had input on various “Open Forum” items including Signage and Speed restrictions.

12/. Also attended an inaugural Combined Waitakere R&R group meeting and will continue to attend these in order to keep up with overall matters relating to our Waitakere area.

Normal R&R Committee business involves submissions to Council and I thank *Helen Pearce* for her excellent work in this area and also particularly our present Secretary *Monique Olivier* who I can say I could not carry out my position without her expertise.

I reiterate my thanks to all Committee members and generally to our wider membership for your support. We look forward to continuing our efforts in the coming year.