

ST HELIERS / GLENDOWIE RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4 September 2017

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Association remains focused on Auckland Council Policy and activities that directly affect St Heliers and Glendowie residents.

The biggest issue for the Association for several years was the Unitary Plan. The Plan was completed in 2016 and sent through a bogus 'independent' review process which resulted in decisions unfavourable to the Association and our partner "Save Our St Heliers". The final phase was a High Court review of the main decisions of interest to the Association. Again the decision was unfavourable. We are now at the conclusion of this effort to prevent unnecessary and harmful intensification. All that remains is to watch the inevitable loss of character, overcrowding of transport systems and education resources and eventually the failure of key facilities such as water and sewage. Efforts to reduce the impacts will always be taken where possible.

The Association made submissions on the Council's Annual Plan and the end result went somewhat to curbing rate increases also with a welcome rise in the UAGC occurring. We will continue to argue for a fair rating system.

During the year the St Heliers/Glendowie Resident's Association supported democracy by sponsoring very successful well attended Mayoral Candidate, Orakei Ward and Local Board Candidate public forums.

We continue to be involved in the Auckland Transport Ngapipi Rd/ Tamaki Drive intersection decision. The final result meets some of our objectives though the building of traffic lights remains a bad decision as we believe a large traffic build up will occur. Our contribution to the public bus route review was significant and achieved a much improved system than that proposed.

We also continue to pursue a beneficial Events policy for the Tamaki Drive precinct. Auckland Council and ATEED have resisted having a written policy especially one that curbs open ended and unmanaged event use of the Precinct. The Orakei Board has been a good ally in this effort.

Longer term Council financial planning will be a priority for the future.

Finally I wish to thank the Orakei Local Board led by Colin Davis and the Orakei Ward Representative Desley Simpson for their strong support and informed input to the Association.

Bill Carlin

Chair

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