

ST HELIERS / GLENDOWIE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17 September 2018

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Association has had a quieter year in 2017/18.

The 2017 AGM hosted the Mayor to talk about his achievement in his first year and priorities for the year ahead. The annual budget and long-term financial plan were major issues along with transport plans and housing priorities.

The SHGRA supported efforts to hold annual rates increases to the inflation rate and up the UAGC component rather than increase valuation components. The end result was a 2.5% average rate increase though additional "special" rates were levied bringing the average closer to 4%. No significant cuts were made to non-core Council costs. This ever-increasing rate rise, well above inflation, cannot be sustained against a generally static wage/income setting. The SHGRA will remain focused on Council spending, inefficiency and rate increases.

The Council agency AT continued with its public bus transport plans and implemented new routes and timetables. The SHGRA, through Robert Johnson, put a lot of effort into the proposals. The end result seems okay and will be monitored. The Ngapipi Rd/Tamaki Drive intersection issue carried on and the construction is now complete. The predicted backing up of traffic in the morning and evening has occurred but at least the road west of the intersection was raised in the process. It all apparently came in under budget.

The Association has also been focused on internal matters such as the website being hacked and a whole new website was created during the year. This effort was led by Rachel Buer our Secretary and was completed very efficiently. The Association has been discussing membership and the Committee as members of both have dwindled over the year.

Lastly the Tamaki Drive Precinct Events policy was finalised by Council after many years of delay and though the policy goes some way to fix issues it was not a quality effort. The SHGRA put considerable effort into this policy with little effect and was treated in a very cavalier fashion.

In the immediate future the SHGRA will help the Mission Bay/Kohimarama Residents Association work through a major development in central Mission Bay / Tamaki Drive. We can learn a lot that can likely be transferred to the Oceania Waimarie Rd development and the future of St Heliers village.

I would like to acknowledge in particular the Orakei Local Board Chair Colin Davis and also Toni Millar for attending meetings and keeping SHGRA up to date on Council matters.

Bill Carlin

Chair

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