



Pukehina Beach Ratepayer's Association Inc.

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Pukehina Rate Payers Association Inc. Minutes of the AGM 2.00pm Saturday January 3rd 2015 at Pukehina Beach Community Hall.

These minutes remain provisional until ratification at the January 2016 AGM

Welcome & Introductions were made by Ian Rodger (Chair) to Gary Allis (WBOPDC Deputy CEO), Kevin Marsh and John Scrimgeour (councillors) and approx 70 members. The committee was present bar two.

Apologies: John Cook, Ray Foster, John Mc Millan, Ian & Denise Stewart.

Ian Rodger moved that apologies be accepted, seconded Alex White, carried.

Chairman's Report, as printed in the December Newsletter, was circulated - See appendix I. Ian thanked retiring Treasurer Alex White for fifteen years service and presented a small gift. Ian Rodger moved the report as circulated be accepted, seconded Carole Forrester, carried.

Minutes previous AGM:

Ian Rodger moved that the minutes of the AGM held 4th January 2014 as circulated be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Rod Davenhill, carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Alex White thanked all for their support in his fifteen years as treasurer and will remain as committee member and security car driver. Sponsors for the vehicle running costs were gratefully acknowledged and further ones welcomed. See appendix III.

Ian Rodger moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted, seconded Carole Forrester, carried.

Election of officers:

One 2014 committee members has resigned while the remainder of the committee agreed to be nominated for re-election. Nominations for new committee members were welcomed.

Nominations made as follows –

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Seconder	Nominations closed by	Carried
Chairman	Ian Rodger	Alex White	Dave Taylor	Dave Taylor	✓
Treasurer	John Cook	Ian Rodger	"	"	✓
Secretary	Bev Nairn	Ian Rodger	"	"	✓
Committee	Rex Cameron	Ian Rodger (en bloc)	Chris Luxford	Rod Davenhill	✓
Committee	Alex White	"	"	"	✓
Committee	Stella Cressey	"	"	"	✓
Committee	Alan Sutherland	"	"	"	✓
Committee	Carol Forrester	"	"	"	✓
Committee	Ray Foster	"	"	"	✓
Committee	Dallas Bates	"	"	"	✓
Committee	Angela Trudgen	Ian Rodger	Maria Mc Callum	Alex White	✓
Committee	John Mc Millan	Ian Rodger	Maria Mc Callum	"	✓



General Business:

1. Objectives Review

The committee held extra meetings during the year to hone priorities, and based on the 2009 Community Profile plus recent initiatives, elaborated a slogan and objectives list for PBRA.

- Slogan: Paradise - A kiwi beach like the one you remember; Created by nature, cared for by a great community. Effectively to preserve the ageless feel of the place.
- Mission Statement - To promote a great community that protects our environment and preserves our unique character.
- Objectives: Promote and Represent generally the interests & welfare of ratepayers at Pukehina Beach by:
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2. Waste water /Infrastructure – Ian for John Cook

Council provided booklets on voluntary septic tank care based on Maintenance schemes at Ongare Point and others. When applying for building consent, council specifies septic tank and field size or the requirement for on-site sewage treatment. Currently about 50% of properties have passed and are on council files. The generous \$100 discount on cleaning offered by Pete's Takeaways remains in place for PBRA members.

While use for sewage reticulation was the original aim, and this is unlikely to ever eventuate, the \$263K held can be used for other capital expenditure.

Janet Andrew moved "We accept the committee's proposal to wait until the 2016 BOPRC survey results are known before taking any further action", seconded Jennifer Sharplin, and carried 47/3. Ian Rodger moved "Continue collection of the Infrastructure Fund, seconded Naomi Rees, carried 40/1.

3 Development Fund – Ian Rodger.

The sand dune refurbishment fund stands at \$169K at present and annual contributions are \$20 per Oceanside property and \$8 per estuary-side one, plus approx \$7K interest. Resource Consent application has been submitted.

Ian Rodger moved the development fund contribution be continued, seconded David Taylor, carried (35/3).

4. Waihi Estuary Walk/cycleway – Dallas Bates

BOPRC Resource Consent has been approved through to Cutwater Rd. but is currently on hold for review. Total cost estimate has been struck and quotes for materials done, and construction priority is drafted. Temporary signage is up and will be superseded by permanent signs and information panels in consultation with local iwi, Ngati Whakahemo. This year's focus will be on fundraising.

Gary Ellis outlined the council plans for cycle ways Omokoroa > Tauranga city > TEL expressway > Te Puke > Paengaroa > Maketu and finally proposed to Pukehina around the back of the estuary. Ultimately this could link up to our wetland section.

5 Submissions to the WBOPDC District Plan,

The committee's representation of Pukehina Beach community to Council has been made and we encourage you all to participate through private applications.

6. Community Emergency Plan/ Tsunami Warning – Carole Forrester.

All regional meetings have been attended and major re-organisation is afoot. A new local CD plan is being worked on in 2015 linked closely with Emergency First Response/Fire Brigade and



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neighbourhood support networks. We strongly encourage you to get in touch with your group leader – ask Joy Walker on 533 3070 for details.

7. Closed Circuit TV Surveillance – Alan Sutherland.

Security cameras are Police care and have been viewed six times this year, unfortunately they didn't show anything useful in the recent Surf club burglary.

Realignment of the state highway was acknowledged with great enthusiasm.

Parking lines for the Surf club car park are being investigated to curtail POPS (overnight campers) randomly dominating the area. NB: Surf club day space requirements. Use council's Service Request Forms, available on the website, if you have any issues.

8. Pukehina Beach website – Stella Cressey

It is going well being accessed globally. Attendees were asked to promote its benefits to any business sponsors who fund the monthly updates. All suggestions welcome.

9. Community Hall/ Community Patrol/ Bikes on the Beach - Rex Cameron & Rod Davenhill

Keep bikes on the beach not the road. Fines of up to \$20,000 are possible for driving without helmets. The hall has two regular weekly bookings, with bowls recommencing Feb 4th, and 7 functions in total for January. New drapes improve light control.

The Hippi Pippi is hosting youth bands on Saturdays 5.00pm – 6.00pm. The film Z-Nail Gang has won the Supreme award for Community funded film 2014 and will have local screenings to raise funds for the Surf club. Vehicle patrols are noticed by visitors, and number of POPS vehicles are recorded. WBOPDC are responsible and allow 'all that can fit' within the designated zone.

10. Dotterel Point & Coastal Environs – Bev Nairn

Not much new since the major report in the October newsletter. Dotterel numbers have almost doubled since 2011 and awareness of the dog restriction appears to be growing.

11. Water meters

Water rates are since July, part funded on a consumption basis. Council report a huge reduction in water use, saving future infrastructure costs, as leaks and wastage are addressed. Costs should be neutral for a 2 person household, less for absentee owners and more for larger families. Paul Carter quoted 26 & 130% increase for some. Queries to Gary Allis 571 8008.

12. Surf Club Upgrade – Margaret Williams (Pukehina Surf Rescue Chair)

The community was thanked for New Year's day donations and they are still open.

Typically 202 members and up to 150 beach users on a Nippers club day. Toilets were closed earlier in the season as unserviceable. The surf club asks for PBRA help in approaching council for a rebuild. See Appendix II for the full report.

13 Drainage

Drains below Pukehina Pde haven't been cleared in years. Committee will pursue with WBOPDC.

14 Wish List

- Public Toilets in all of the parks – R & J Kinloch
- Loud speaker system for the hall
- CD alarm at west end of beach
- No exit added to Pukehina Parade sign. (also Pukehina Beach Rd ?)

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.30pm, thanking committee, councillors and all those who participated.

Approved :

Signed :



Appendix I Chairman's Report

It is with a certain amount of satisfaction that I report that your committee has continued to work very hard on the members' behalf through 2014. There are a number of projects that have been completed and others that are still work in progress and all will be reported on at the AGM – so please make a diary note, to attend the meeting to hear about the projects and use your vote.

One subject that deserves your input is the ongoing role of the Association. Through the year your committee held special meetings (in addition to the regular monthly meetings) to focus on a Strategy going forward. We believe that members should have input into this strategy, so should attend the AGM where we will describe the process and the final outcome, detailing a Mission Statement and set of clear Objectives to meet it.

The survey "Community Profile 2009 – 2029", which established the desires of ratepayers was reviewed along with current initiatives, and a document produced which aligns these into a working guideline.

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Ian Rodger
Chair




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Appendix II



Pukehina Surf Rescue Contact Details
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Website: www.pukehinasurfrescue.co.nz Email: admin@pukehinasurfrescue.co.nz
Mission: We exist to prevent drowning and injury at Pukehina Beach
Vision: Pukehina Surf Rescue – the future for our community

03 January 2015

Dear Pukehina Beach Ratepayers Association Members

Pukehina Surf Rescue committee and members who volunteered to collect in our annual Pukehina beach fundraiser on New Year's Day are very thankful for the generous donations received. It is great to know that our club is well supported and appreciated by Pukehina beach and Little Waihi residents, holiday makers and visitors alike. The collection funds will assist with operational costs in particular the excess of our insurance claim for replacement of stolen equipment.

As you may recall from the 2014 AGM a letter indicating our (Pukehina Surf Rescue) interest to upgrade the facilities (i.e., lifeguard building and toilets) on Dotterel Point Reserve was tabled, and questions addressed by Andy McDowell. Subsequently, Andy and Kevin Barugh were appointed as our representatives for this project with rate payer representatives, while our committee agreed to provide membership and patrol statistics to Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBDC), retrospectively. Hence, since 2010 to 2014 Pukehina Surf Rescue held an average of 202 financial members (excludes others) per season, Figure 1. Our junior surf membership is the largest at Pukehina Surf Rescue, and is credited for feeding our lifeguard membership. Adult members remain in the background enabling successful club management. We are likely to reach a similar active membership for the current 2014/2015 season.

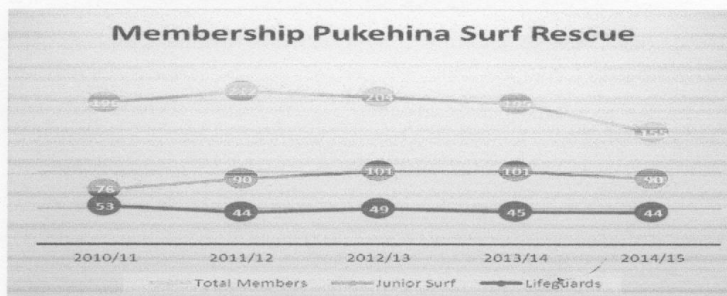


Figure 1. Pukehina Surf Rescue financial members for five seasons

A snapshot of our voluntary patrol statistics across three seasons (2011 to 2014) showed a total head count of 23,412 (an average of 7804 people) in the estuary or ocean at Pukehina beach. We are proud to boast that the paid Regional Lifeguards at Pukehina beach for the past four seasons are indeed our Junior Surf and Rookies of yesteryears. It is also important to acknowledge WBOPDC for extra funding that was allocated to provide an extra week of Regional lifeguard patrols at Pukehina beach. You may also see our lifeguards patrolling at neighbouring SLSNZ clubs in particular Maketu and Thornton boosting their life saving services. Further our lifeguards help at carnival events hosted by Mount Maunganui, Omanu, Papamoa or Whakatane. In addition, our club received the **supreme club award winners for the 2013-2014 Pacific Medicare Bay of Plenty Patrol Club of the Year.**



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Of interest we have noted that the freedom camper rating of Dotterel Point Reserve is an average of 9/10 (90%). Their positive reviews are based on a combination of location, food, friendly residents and **toilet facilities** as described in the following quotes:

Great parking space just next to the sea and beach. It is a simple place with space for several campervans, but only self-contained ones, although **there are toilet facilities**. Quiet and one of our favourite spots!!

Reviewed about 1 month ago. (Visitor from Germany).

One of our highlights. Self-contained freedom camping in small car park with sandy beach on one side and lagoon/estuary on the other, and picnic tables. Well worth the easy drive from main road although at first looks alarmingly residential – but residents did smile! **Toilets open all night** and check-up patrol at least once on our overnight stay. Very good fish and chips 1.8 k back down the road, with bar and small store.

Reviewed 3 months ago and experienced in March 2014 (Visitors from Scotland).

Source: (www.rankers.co.nz/experiences/4634-Dotterel_Point_Overnight_Campervan_Parking_Pukehina, 2015)

Given these reviews it is clear there will be an implosion for the use of the toilet facilities at Dotterel Point Reserve, if the management plan of the toilet facilities is left as is.

Although many discussions have occurred since the last Pukehina Beach Ratepayers Association AGM (January, 2014) it is noticeable that our request for the upgrade of facilities at Dotterel Point remains absent from the Maketu Ward Reserves Management Plan for 2015 forward. A letter of support from Pukehina Ratepayers and/or Western Bay of Plenty District Council would be greatly welcomed to assist our process to upgrade the toilets and lifeguard building located on Dotterel Point Reserve. We are keen to apply for funding that will assist with obtaining the resource and building consents for the upgrade of the toilets and our lifeguard building located on Dotterel Point Reserve.

In closing, we are progressing through our 2014/2015 summer programme well even though equipment was stolen from our club-house earlier this season. It is business as usual for us. That is, every Sunday from 10.30 am the junior surf programme is active and board training occurs during the week at the club, and swim training at Pongakawa School. Our next major event is the **Selwyn Harris Carnival scheduled for 1st February 2015**, be great to see you there. Please view our website (www.pukehinasurfrescue.co.nz) and/or facebook page to keep informed about our calendar of activities. We extend a friendly welcome to individuals with new ideas and a positive attitude aimed at helping our club benefit our community for members of today and future generations. "It is never too late to join our junior surf and/or lifeguard programmes."

Kia pai to haere (Go well).

Margaret H. Williams
(Pukehina Surf Rescue Chairperson)



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Appendix III Financial Report

Provisional