

The WAIUKU FLASH

COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATES, NEWS & MEMBER INFORMATION TO WBDA MEMBERS

25th May 2018



Hi everyone

One of the Waiuku Business & Development Association's initiatives for 2018 was to become plastic bag free and look at greener options within the bigger picture of becoming a Zero Waste town.

As you may know, Raglan took up the challenge many years ago to become a very environmentally-friendly destination and this tag has presented huge economic and tourism benefits for the town.

Last Friday I was lucky enough to take a road trip to Raglan and Tauranga with Andrew Baker, Brendon Crompton and Sue Wallis from Zero Waste, to talk with some very knowledgeable people about trying to convert Waiuku to be a cleaner, greener town and push the Zero Waste initiative.

Our first meeting in Raglan was with Rick who was instrumental in converting Raglan over to Zero Waste. He gave us some amazing advice on ways to promote the initiative and start the ball rolling.

We then carried on to Tauranga where we were lucky enough to have a meeting with Marty Hoffart who leads Waste Watchers. He has implemented

many programmes in and around Tauranga and has worked closely with local businesses to help them save thousands on waste costs.

ZERO WASTE
Education

One misconception that was clearly articulated with Marty is that compostable bags are fantastic but as not everyone composts or has a compost bin, many would be thrown in the rubbish and end up in landfill. Here they do just as much harm as a normal plastic bag, as when buried they turn into nitrogen and make the landfill unstable.

When I asked if paper bags were a better option he said they take a lot more to make ie. processing, transport etc and the footprint they create is also not great for the environment. The ideal solution is to have reusable bags where possible. I know that Waiuku New World are already promoting their plastic bag free initiatives and handing out reusable bags with their promotions so that will help push this initiative. It really comes down to eliminating the one-use packaging.

We will be doing some brain storming over the next couple of weeks

and creating a plan. We are also hoping Marty or Rick will be able to come to Waiuku to talk with businesses and the community about how we can make this a reality. Watch this space, exciting times ahead.

Condition of the Waiuku Main Street Sealing

The WB&DA have sent a very stern letter to Auckland Transport conveying their disappointment at the state of the main street in Waiuku by the pedestrian crossing by Sunset Surf n Turf. With the continual subsidence in that area and repetitive patch work repairs by Auckland Transport, our main street has turned into a roller coaster track. This is not acceptable, and the WB&DA want AT to come out and repair it properly. I will keep you posted regarding their response.

Progress on Freedom Camping Bylaw Development

I attended a meeting in Manurewa a couple of weeks ago to discuss the pros and cons of freedom camping. A really good mix of stakeholders from different backgrounds came together to give their feedback on how they thought the bylaw should be structured, implemented and the



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important points which should be considered for inclusion in the forming of the new bylaw.

Since then we have been advised that engagement with local boards has begun and policy staff are collating the feedback gathered from stakeholders so far. The Council team are continuing to explore the principles that will determine how sites will be assessed for freedom camping suitability. A statement of proposal and draft bylaw will go to council's Governing Body for approval in the next few months.

There will be opportunities coming up for the public to have their say on council's draft freedom camping bylaw. Formal feedback on the draft bylaw and statement of proposal is scheduled for August/September.

Town Centre Trees

It is great to finally report that Council have approved the re-instatement of the missing and dead trees in our town centre. Due to the harsh conditions these trees have had to tolerate, they have decided on Magnolias which are an evergreen tree but give some colour. They are hoping to expand the tree pits which were part of the reason the trees didn't do so well when originally planted, and put the new trees in, in early June.

Finally, now that the wetter weather has arrived please can you keep an eye out for blocked drains or drainage issues and log a service request with Council. It is really important at the moment to log these as we have a very heavy leaf drop right now and some drains are clogged. Ring toll free on

09 301 0101 and log the job. Remember to ask for a job reference number so this can be followed up if nothing has been done within the timeframe given.

Have a lovely weekend.

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"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

Upcoming Events:

Waiuku Skate Park Opening

Sunday 27th May 11:00am - 1:00pm

Waiuku Blast to the Past

10th November (TBC)

FOR LEASE

78 Queen St Waiuku

100m2. Retail/Office space
 3-4 Carparks
 Available from June 25th

For more information,
 contact cjcpjb@gmail.com

Waiuku Business Park

Large 40sqm upstairs office
 Light & sunny
 Own kitchenette
 Could suit 1-4 people

For more information,
 contact Sam Wulff at the
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 021 671960

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6 Separate Offices
 Reception Area
 Male & Female Toilets
 Kitchen + Lunchroom
 2 Carparks at Rear
 Lease Length to suit Lessee

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