

Muriwai Community Association AGM - 5th June 2025

1. Welcome 6:00pm

Attendees, Clare Bradley, Jessica MacDonald, Sarah McCraith, Kimberley Chambers, Kenton Osmond, Pier and Agnes Meat, Delwyn Shepherd, Mike and Tina Fitchett, Ian Philips, Brent Bailey, X lady, Steven Law, Charlotte Reynolds, Zac Bogdan, Kaiya Irvine, Cherise, Geoff Upson

2. Minutes AGM 20th August 2024 - Read

- Add former minutes to website -**ACTION: Jess**
- Officer stand as is, Hayley and Clare
- Financial report accepted
- Secretary - Charlotte

3. Chair report

- Hayley officially resigned
- Last AGM, last August.
- Clare acknowledges project leads and their hard work, and special mention to Maria and the work that went into the sculpture project and Joss Hikoi Ngatahi project.

4. Financial Report

- Report to go website - **Action: Jess**

5. Election of officers

- Chair- No nominations
- Secretary - Charlotte and Jess to continue sharing the role
- Treasurer - Sarah to stay on

Constitutional change may be needed to extend Clares role Once process of Constitutional change is formalised, we need to share with members to extend current chairs role, with no other options at the moment. Clare to continue trying to recruit new chair, thinks it's important to have a leadership change. ACTION: Clare to formalise constitutional change and circulate to members

6. AGM Ends

1. Project updates

Restore Muriwai Projects

Council grant \$ to be added?

Forest- Joss Hong

- Forest access activate, official opening of Hikoi Ngatahi happened in May.
- Walkers may buy year pass or single day walks.
- Acknowledge Iwi permission to use the land, the Trial is for a year
- MCA contributed \$ for F&B for opening event, and prizes for first sign-ups and printing costs. Graeme, Joss, Mike and Clare worked with the Iwi group.
- 144 memberships needs to get to 400 for Iwi to break even.
- Signs at the lodge and bottom shop - **ACTION: Jess**

Sculpture -Maria Koppens

Pou Hihiri Sculpture Update - roadmap to completion:

The Muriwai Commemorative Sculpture was publicly unveiled and gifted the name 'Pou Hihiri' in a ceremony led by local iwi on Sunday 23rd March. A large and diverse crowd of around 200 locals, politicians and supporters attended the ceremony. The name Pou Hihiri calls us to shine our inner light, strengthen our spirits and share knowledge of our stories.

Pou Hihiri is a collective artwork exploring texture, colour, and memory through materials reclaimed from homes removed from Muriwai as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle. Conceived by local residents and artists it was brought to life by Jeff Thomson and incorporates contributions from the community like mosaics, 'love Letters,' and 'Voices'. Pou Hihiri provides a space for reflection and connection.

Category 3 deconstruction in Muriwai has slowed. Two more panels will be added to the sculpture next week, and the mosaic pou will also be completed. By the end of June, five of the large columns and the two smaller columns will all be complete, leaving just two sides remaining blank to incorporate materials from the remaining Category 3 homes that are yet to be removed.

There has been steady media interest in the sculpture project from inception to launch, with several RNZ articles, coverage by Stuff and local media, and a soon-to-be released AUT news article. Public response to the artwork has been positive, with a steady stream of visitors from Auckland and beyond to the sculpture site since the unveiling. With the completion of the Muriwai public artwork expected before the end of this year, we envisage it will be a focal point for visitors to Muriwai during the summer season.

Pou Hihiri is self-funded and projected to be completed on time and within budget. Consultation regarding permanent signage for the artwork is currently underway with representatives from Auckland Regional Parks.

- TBA -**Delwyn:** Could the sound artist create a story's people can read the story
- TBA - Website needs to be updated, **ACTION: Maria to write blurb for website-Jess**

Audience member Q: Project was self-funded, does that mean no more to be paid or raised from the community?

CB: Yes, thats correct, there only a small amount outstanding roughly \$2.5k

- *Sign to be completed, fund to. Come from Sculpture project or MCA*

Neighbour Net- Agnes Matt

- NN was started to create Clusters so people could contact each other in emergency.
- Agnes, Helen, Gill and Gilli all stepped into help Agnes create clusters.
- Momentum is slow at the moment, possibly missing the why of NN
- Next coordinator meeting in July.
- Create sound emergency plan,
- Zac gives update people are keen to but don't want to give all the information out. Maybe just phone, number and house number.

Emergency plan- Luke (Clare)

- Glen, Glen, Luke and Jayne working together to create plan.
- There are three emergency hubs being set up.

- Surf Club has had some money spent on it to disaster proof it.
- Golf course and Houghtons also set up. Luke has mobile Hub set up. Kula and Good from Scratch, happy to be on board too.

Edwin Mitchelson cottage Delwyn Shepherd

- Current building too expensive repair so will be deconstructed.
- As a community we want to have a voice in what happens, Clare to organise a working group for this. Council to not have anything ready for this summer, Clare trying to push this along.
- One of the main issues has been that Sand dunes held exclusivity to Food, Alcohol and Coffee.
- Delwyn proposing to move the EM Cottage to this location. Commercial kitchen to be set up next to cottage, retain outdoor court yard. Garage to be potentially turned into a mens shed. Parking, water and septic all there and in the right place.

Scars on the land -Zac

- First planting day has happened at 181 Motutara road, group Called local motion (about 30 people) came out and helped. 300 trees planted, all natives.
- All plants locally sourced and locally grown by the nursery.
- Scars will be a multi year project, Biggest issue with the project will be keeping on top of the weeds and maintaining them.
- Approval for next to sites pending possibly end July.

Skate Park/Tennis

- Clare talked to Clare Bodem and budget it moved forward to 25/26, showing willing ness to get underway before summer.

2. Finance

- Currently \$47K in bank \$23.5k on call
- If you are a member if the MCA you get access to be a member of the surf club- need to promote-Action:Jess

3. Beach access

- No longer regional park now a Council matter now, there will be some access resolution to the safety and damage matter.

4. Local board

- Guy and Brent support what is happening at Muriwai and will continue to help anyway they can. Elections are coming, and anyone can stand.

5. Local iwi Update

- Forest access has given us a new and positive relationship with the Iwi, they have been integral in many projects.

6. Any other business

Deep sea mining - Kenton

- Fast track bill is going ahead, paddle out happening on Sunday to raise awareness.
- Concern is If this goes ahead they will keep moving up the coast.

Naming Collins Bay -Cherise/Delwyn

- Education around the name and the original Te Reo name, need to contact Robin to go through the correct process to get original name reinstated.- Cherise

Memorial to Craig and David- Cherise

- It's being worked on by Amy and Lucy and Clare Bodem, possibly that there's a static memorial on the landslip site, something reflective as a space on 181 Motutara. Project being guided by the family's.

Village Green - Ian Philips

- Group of 24 wildling pines to be removed, all resources onsite but they only removed 18 trees. Research from Ian shows a two stage plan to ensure that the surf club doesn't flood again. The current solution floods the green on the golf course. Trench planned to go from the nursery around the surf club. Stage two will require the stumps to be removed. Ian believes it is important to keep it as a local reserve, trench won't stop the flooding. Ian asks that council to ignore stage One and put all money into stage two. Ian is worried about the delay that may cause flooding of the Surf club.

Brent to share any correspondence when he receives it.

Meeting closes: 7:55pm