



**In favour  
Passed**

**Against**

**b. Waitakere Ranges Local Board update –**

1. Michelle firstly acknowledged the issues created by the 27<sup>th</sup> Jan flooding and ‘Gabrielle’. Let her know if there are still issues with blocked culverts etc.
2. Acknowledged the work the ORRA committee does.
3. Local Board budget out today, cut by \$130K, half-expecting worse. Grants still available.
4. Annual Plan due out soon, there has been lots of submissions.
5. Now working on longterm budget – ‘have your say’
6. Road Closures –lack of staff to repair; need Geotech reports (Central government will provide some funding)
7. Those residents whose properties have been stickered should start to hear what is happening.

**c. Oratia Native Wildlife Project –** got some free bait, traps are available through Waitarua R & R. Simon attends pestfree alliance meeting. Need an organiser!

**d. Oratia Road Safety – Safety around the School and other speeding concerns.** A lot of reports of speeding around mid-West Coast Road. Some speed signs haven’t yet been changed from 70 to 60.

**e. Our Halls – more community events?**

**f. ‘Resilience’ – Guest speaker – Chris Thomas, Henderson Valley Ratepayers’ and Residents’ Association President**

The HVRA decided a resilience plan was needed after two weather events – 2016 and 2019. Parts of Henderson Valley are considered ‘semi-rural’ and residents ‘can’t expect services to be repaired straight away’, hence a plan is needed. Booklet ‘Henderson Valley Community Led Emergency Guide’ produced – included are important numbers and info on personal readiness. Street co-ordinators work to ensure (door-knock) all residents are okay in an ‘event’. Funding being sought for walkie-talkies to maintain communications if no power, internet, cellphones. Important that residents take care before attempting to clear slips etc themselves to prevent making the situation worse.

Discussion – Simon Oosterman - Sunnyvale badly hit by flooding – they have no R & R. Poplar trees caused problems by the Parrs Cross Road bridge. Bowling Club is doing their own resilience work (BTW their AGM Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June).

**g. Other business** –As per the President’s report, would like to set up 3 groups, pests; resilience and streams (Healthy Waters to assist). Sue Dell will take the lead on the ORRA emergency guide.

Issue raised - contaminated soil being dumped locally and that soil close to streams has contaminants leaching into the streams.

Will move monthly meetings to second Tuesday of the month so next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> July.

**Meeting closed:** 9.00 pm

From the Chair –Presidents Report to the AGM June 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 Oratia R&R

Firstly we note the recent passing of Dot Parkin. Dot was a well known, liked and respected community leader and a Life Member of the R&R. Dot was instrumental in the operation and running of the Group in its early years and will be missed by many in Oratia especially friends and neighbours on Carter Rd.

Some thank-yous. To the small, dedicated team of Ben, Sue and Diane for their continued contribution to our monthly meetings through the year.

A special thanks to Diane (our Treasurer) and Audrey (Hall Co-ordinator) who between them have managed both the regular hires and the one- off bookings of the two halls. The halls continue to be the most utilised in the area and this is in no small part a result of their continued work.

Thank-you also to the Local Board for their continued support and to Michelle Clayton in particular for her regular attendance, valuable contributions and assistance at our monthly meetings.

With such low numbers on the team, we have been very much ‘treading water’ this year and this needs to change. To this end we are looking for at least 4 or 5 more to join us on the core team.

In addition, I would like to set up 3 teams of 4 or 5 people. Each team will drive one of the following initiatives: (Working titles only 😊)

1: ‘Flood and Waterway team’

Working with Healthy Waters (Ak Council) and others on projects identified by us (locals) that will help reduce the impact of future storm events.

2: ‘Community Resilience / Community Response Team’

Working to develop an Oratia focussed plan and network that builds on the excellent work done already by Henderson Valley, Karekare Piha and others.

3: Plant and Animal Pest team. Active Management of plant and animal pests in the Oratia area. Work to bring Oratia into existing control networks already in place in the Waitakere Ranges. Identify where the R&R can help (trap library – join with Waiatarua? Etc)

Anyway, that’s the plan.

End.

## **ORRA HALL REPORT AGM 13<sup>TH</sup> June, 2023**

- It is great to be ‘back in business’ after two years of disruption with Covid.
- Our regular users are the Playgroup, Scouts, Fit Mama and, new to the Halls, Xtreme Hip Hop.
- Our Halls are very popular for parties! We have also hired the halls out to dancing groups for a couple of weeks at a time. Watch out for the film ‘One Winter’, part of it was filmed in the Small Hall (this gave us \$4,500 income). There were 90 bookings in the Small Hall and 61 in the Settlers Hall in the year to March 2023.
- We have hired out the halls to several charitable trusts at a reduced rent.
- Bookings – continue to be managed superbly by Audrey.

- The Heat pumps are installed after some delays getting approval through the Council system. We have still to have security cages fitted and have the old heaters removed.
- We are planning on installing electronic locks to make it easier for access for regulars, casuals and tradespeople and tracking who has entered the hall and when. As funds allowed, we will renew the lighting in the Small Hall.
- We have purchased a defibrillator and this is housed in the Settlers Hall. Once the electronic locks are up and running this will be available to the wider community.