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Kereru feeding in Paraoa Crescent, Omaha. Photo: Marina Zubielevitch

AN ENDURING OUTLOOK

Omaha Beach coastal settlement is defined by Whangateau Harbour to the west, Ti Point to the north, Omaha Bay and Little Barrier to the east, with Te Kie Point and the hillside to the south east and south west.

Communities are defined by events and Omaha Beach Community is no exception. Significant stages in the evolution of Omaha include the building of the causeway, the original subdivision by Broadlands in North Omaha, the development of the golf course, the storms that washed away sections in the north in the 1970s, the subsequent building of the groynes and the building of the Community Centre in 1993. Two Environmental Court cases have also helped to define the Omaha Community.

All these events were momentous steps in Omaha settlement's development and there is a danger that we forget those

whose efforts and successes through the years have made this community a stronger and better one.

We tend to take for granted the wonderful bush-covered landscape to the south of the Omaha spit. In 1993 this area of land was degraded pastoral land, with the odd clump of gorse, and small pockets of bush to the west and around Te Kie Point.

Di Andre Estates Limited, a company owned by long-time Omaha (now Point Wells) residents Erin and Warwick Mortimer, applied in 1996 to subdivide the higher and eastern areas of the hillside where you can now see the Ching and (former) Abraham residences amidst the large swathes of bush that spread across that landscape. At the time, Rodney District Council District Plan provisions provided for "bush block" subdivision, whereby existing areas of native bush were permanently protected by

a subdivision which enabled creation of a rural-residential title and a defined building area. There was no provision for areas of degraded coastal pastureland to be re-vegetated to create new bush areas over time, also enabling limited new residential dwelling locations in appropriate locations identified by expert landscape assessment. The application by Di Andre Estates was the first of its kind, with the re-vegetation proposal designed by Dennis Scott, a specialist in re-vegetation, with his own native plant nursery and team of planting specialists. Ultimately, Di Andre succeeded on appeal before the Environment Court.

The Di Andre subdivision proposal presented a remedial approach through extensive and expensive re-vegetation on a substantial scale. The planting project started in about 1998 and, despite some of the areas not having been looked

after as well as the Ching and Abraham properties, the planted areas you now see have transitioned from the initial predominantly manuka vegetation to what is now semi-mature bush. The Court considered that the re-establishment of bush on the prominent headland position was worthy of the Court's and the Council's approval and ongoing support. The Court noted that possums had wreaked havoc with the significant vegetated elements of the headland and that pohutukawas had been virtually obliterated. The Omaha community is all the richer for Di Andre's efforts.

It should be noted that the "neighbour" referred to in a later Environment Court appeal, in relation to a significant part of the re-vegetation subdivision, opposed the Di Andre re-vegetation subdivision. Subsequently, that landowner made a submission to the proposed Rodney District Council District Plan seeking development opportunities, including a land zoning which would enable an extension of the Omaha South residential settlement onto the hill slopes, providing for development of a hotel and some 800 residential dwellings.

The subsequent appeal hearing in 2008 arose from the Rodney District Council rejection of that proposal. Along with the District Council and the (then) ARC, OBC opposed the plan change promoted by our neighbours. At a cost of some \$650,000 the OBC successfully opposed the urban development aspect of the appeal, with the retention of the re-vegetation of the slopes to the south of our coastal settlement being a central consideration in the Court decision. It is impossible to fully express the effort and expense involved.

In its decision, the Court stated that Te Kie Point represents the most southern of the headlands containing Whangateau Harbour, Omaha Beach and the distal spit. It is a prominent landmark and has recognised cultural values.

In a recent Environmental Court case judgment endorsing "incentivised subdivision" it was noted that Judge Smith visited the Di Andre site and noted a gradual and steady improvement in the quality and bio diversity of vegetation.

As a community we are fortunate to have these values and outcomes recognised by important Environment Court decisions. It means our slice of paradise is effectively book-ended and surrounded by bush clad headlands, with Te Kie Point to the south

and Ti Point to the north, and, beyond that, the prominent Mt Tamahunga behind which is also covered in native bush.

As a community, we express our gratitude

to the Mortimers for their foresight and risk-taking. Twenty years later, we now have a stunning natural backdrop to the Omaha South residential settlement.



Omaha South, early 2000, before the bulldozers moved in. Photos: Chris Allan



Looking south, November 2018. Photo: Sally Blyth

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018

Rain ... after a dryish four months since August, we have just had tank loads. In last year's President's Report Peter Hooper observed how much rain we had had and how bad our storm water infrastructure was in coping with high levels of rainfall. The OBC Committee is pleased to note that the conversation, started by Peter Hooper and the then-team in relation to flooding issues following high rainfall events, resulted in a meeting with Auckland Council's Healthy Waters being held in March. At this meeting, agreement was reached on the way forward with issues, and setting up a specific line of communication with interested community members and OBC with those communications being regularly updated and recorded on our website. (See also the brief update in this Newsletter).

Some of you, particularly residents in Omaha South who walk the footpaths regularly, will notice the new bridge across the reserve area east and adjacent to Paraoa Crescent. And those of us who drive down Paraoa Crescent after heavy rainfall events will note that flooding now rarely occurs, thanks to some excellent engineering works alleviating the problem and draining water on to that reserve.

I encourage you to make the OBC website your "go to" place for information - www.omahabeach.co.nz

In an attempt to minimise costs, and keep the website up to date, we have brought much of the maintenance of it 'in-house'

amongst the Committee. It's not perfect, but we believe it's much improved, and we will continue to work on it. Please do use it. Please also keep us updated with your contact details. Email OBC at us@omahabeach.co.nz with any changes.

The OBC Committee has been busy this year engaging with both the Rodney Local Board and also direct with Auckland Council (and Auckland Transport and Healthy Waters) and writing submissions on a considerable number of matters. Where we become aware of relevant issues that the Council is 'consulting' on, we post these on the website. Although the OBC Committee may lodge a submission on behalf of members, we've learnt from experience that the Council has a focus on the number of submissions - so we would encourage you to have your say and also make a submission. Many are quite simple and online.

The OBC submissions include:

- Submission to Rodney Local Board March '18 re projects and priorities for 2018;
- Supplementary submission to Rodney Local Board March '18 re Omaha Drive Cycleway/Walkway;
- Submission to Councillor Greg Sayers March '18 re Dry Attenuation Pond (Pukemateko Reserve), and Rahui Te Kiri Reserve, Flooding;
- Submission to Auckland Council March

'18 re Budget and The Auckland Plan 2050;

- Submission to Auckland Council May '18 re Draft Proposal for RFT and Regional Land Transport Plan;
- Submission to Auckland Transport (via Rodney Local Board) July '18 re Proposed Bus Stops Consultation;
- Submission to Rodney Local Board October '18 re Road Signs and Markings;
- Submission to Rodney Local Board October '18 re Pest Free Omaha;
- Submission to Rodney Local Board November '18 re Freedom Camping;
- Submission to Auckland Council / Auckland Transport November '18 on Matakana Link Road; and
- Submission to Rodney Local Board November '18 re Public Toilet Facilities.

We are currently writing submissions to Council in relation to public nuisance and, in particular, the set net ban plus the Hill Street intersection.

In late November the Committee was advised of further "consultation" notices in relation to both Hill Street intersection and Matakana Link Road. We emailed members with a request to make an individual submission and with advice as to the preferred option/responses.

As President I am grateful for all of the support and assistance the OBC Committee

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members have provided to me. It has been easy to delegate, and the delegated tasks are attacked with zeal, always mindful where battles can be won and lost. Keeping on top of rubbish and recycling collections, particularly over the busy Summer holiday period, remains a major annual task and, after much to-ing and fro-ing with Auckland Council in relation to the recycling, we have successfully negotiated a continuation of weekly recycling collections and twice-weekly rubbish collections over this peak period – thanks to the ongoing support from Northland Waste. See details later in this Newsletter. I also particularly want to thank Rob Zubielevitch for his tireless work in managing the OBC finances and handling the secretarial duties. We now have assistance from Macnicol & Co and are also grateful that Debbie Lee will be assisting us.

A special thankyou to our special projects co-opted Team of community members: Chris Martin, all matters security and the environment; Dennis O'Callahan, environmental matters; and Graham Painter, anything that requires an acerbic tongue and political nous. Richard Brabant continues to provide me and the Golf Club pro bono resource management advice on wide-ranging issues – thank you. Without these people we would not be able to achieve a lot of what has been accomplished.

I also want to specifically thank Beth Houlbrooke, Chair, Rodney Local Board, and Councillor Greg Sayers for their active, co operative responses and support in relation to Council matters.

As mentioned in my mid-year report, the Community Centre and golf course leases are being dealt with independently by the Community Lease Advisor at Auckland Council. I was able to attend a meeting



of the Rodney Local Board Parks and Reserves Committee meeting in mid-November. At this meeting, the Community Lease Advisor requested Local Board approval to change the underlying reserve status of small parts of the golf course land upon which golf course facilities are constructed, so as to be able to regularise a new lease of the golf course. I am pleased to say that the Rodney Local Board sub committee approved the change in reserve status without question. I am grateful for the support shown to both this community and the Golf Club by the Community Lease Advisor, who is driving these lease processes, and also by the Local Board. It is anticipated that formal leases will be offered towards the end of the first quarter of the new year on similar but more modern terms as those that existed previously.

We continue to work with Omaha Shorebird Protection Trust who try to make the bird sanctuary at the north of the Omaha spit as safe as possible for our birds. However, we have to accept the Dotterels are independently-minded and wherever they want to set up a nest they will set

up a nest. We initially had three separate nests located on Omaha beach itself; at the time of writing, there are now two. These are well-marked by OSPT members, so please respect the nests and the birds and ask your friends, visitors and children to do so as well. Be sure to keep your dogs, surfboards and beach toys well away from those nests in order to give the eggs a chance to hatch.

Finally, we need project-driven Committee members. What has worked really well this year has been the fact that Committee members have adopted an issue and have driven that issue to the extent that an outcome is able to be achieved. At present we do not have anybody who has the time to deal with Civil Defence and we appeal to the community for someone to step up and take this project on. Could this be you?

All of your current Committee are standing again and that is somewhat testament to the quality of the individuals who make up your Committee, the collegiality within the group and the interest all of us have in matters affecting the community.

Our AGM this year is on Sunday 20th January 2019 at 4 pm, at the Community Centre – a little later than usual. It will be run shortly after the formalities of the Omaha Beach Residents Society (Omaha South Society) have been concluded. See you there!

Chris Allan, President OBC

OBC COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chris Allan, Rob Zubielevitch, Terry Brailsford, Murray Beatson, Debbie Lee, Paul King, Alan Wham, Tony Marks, Simon Martin, Ian Russell

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES:



FROM COUNCILLOR GREG SAYERS

Season's greetings and wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

It's appropriate timing to look into "Santa's sack" to see what wins have been achieved with Auckland Council. Opening doors to the right decision makers within Council, to assist the OBC Committee achieve their objectives, has been very important this year. This occurred twice when your Committee reached out for help.

We summoned the Healthy Waters (stormwater) division to physically inspect the lack of storm water infrastructure. Flooding is a regular occurrence during heavy rainfalls and getting face-to-face with the decision makers has resulted in Auckland Council doing something to fix the flooding. Helped by the unwavering persistence of the Committee, Auckland Council is now spending more of your rates back into the Omaha area. The OBC website has the details about exactly what is being upgraded and built new.

Next was the summoning of Auckland Council's Regulatory Division regarding set nets and crab pots. I believe these fishing methods introduce a public safety issue and have been in full support of the Committee's position to rid Omaha of them permanently. I pushed hard for the interim half-year ban which was won and is currently in place. The relationship building that was established with key Council staff continues and the Committee is receiving direct guidance from the Council policymakers about how to tackle the issues, thus giving Omaha the best chance of a successful permanent outcome in the near future.

Contrariwise, the poor quality of our road maintenance, I believe, is the result of an inappropriate and underfunded maintenance contract designed by former Rodney District Council employees who are now serving jail terms. I have given clear instruction to Auckland Transport to renegotiate the contract to meet proper international standards for open market retendering, with adequate funding to be allocated to it. I will maintain the political pressure until this occurs.

Equally, I am bitterly disappointed that my battle to win \$89m from Council's budgets for the Matakana Link Road was reduced by the NZTA (government). Furthermore, the \$23m shaved off the project got allocated to CBD projects, not to fixing Hill Street. That is a disgrace.

On a positive note, and with able assistance from the hard-working Rodney Local Board, we were able to work collaboratively to divert the closure of the rubbish transfer station at Snells Beach (Lawrie Road). This facility will now remain open over summer and will close, instead, on 30th June 2019 for contamination remediation work. Importantly, Auckland Council has now agreed it will provide an alternative facility during the two-year remediation process. This will be important to those of you who need to conveniently dispose of additional rubbish generated over the summer period.

Another win was a new regional bus service for Omaha, provided for from the general rates rather than from any additional local targeted rate. The Omaha service has some teething problems, with Auckland Transport wanting to improve the bus shelter along Omaha Drive, which are not particularly conveniently located. Again, I am happy to support the Committee, and other local community groups, during the review that Auckland Transport will conduct of this new service to achieve the outcomes wanted.

Throughout the year I have aimed to keep myself above the schoolyard politics, remaining focused on making myself available and working hard for the best interests of Rodney's ratepayers - who pay my wages. Accordingly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person who has contacted me throughout the year for assistance. It has been an absolute privilege to assist you and to meet you.

In closing, I would like to wish you, and your family, a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Greg Sayers, Rodney Ward Councillor, Auckland Council

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FROM BETH HOULBROOKE, CHAIR - RODNEY LOCAL BOARD

Once again, for the fifth year in a row, I have had the privilege of representing, along with my fellow Local Board Members, the Omaha community. You have a very capable Committee who are a pleasure to deal with and who are very effective at bringing the concerns and aspirations of the bay to Council's attention through submissions, deputations and, of course, that very good relationship that has developed between the Committee and your elected representatives. I have enjoyed my regular visits to be shown around to look at issues such as drainage, boat ramp parking, freedom camping, toilets, walkways, signage, erosion, shorebird protection, speed limits and other road safety and maintenance issues, bridge repairs, erosion, unstable trees, and community lease matters. It really doesn't feel like a hard day at the office whenever I come out because the people and location are such a delight - yes, the odd glass of wine has been consumed after tackling the business at the Community Centre. You would be hard-pressed to come up with a concern of which I have not already been made aware!

This year the Rodney Local Board has completed a feasibility study for walking and cycling routes around the estuary, including a shared cycle/footpath from Broadlands Drive to the Community Centre. The latter section is presenting some

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challenges for funding and collaboration between two parts of Council – Auckland Transport and Auckland Council Community Facilities (i.e. Parks) – to come up with an agreed plan on which we can get some accurate costs. The Local Board and your Committee are both keen to see this done as economically and efficiently as possible. Yes, I know – a bit of an oxymoron when the Council gets involved! However, thanks to some local pro bono design services, we are now making steps towards a final plan, and there is more work to do next year.

We have also undertaken a Rodney-wide public toilets provision assessment and identified that Omaha is one of the areas that should be prioritised for further investment in this area. The Local Board will advocate to Council for capital funding for this, either from general rates or development contributions.

Likewise, we have also conducted a play provision assessment. These assessments are to help inform our forward budget planning in a logical, evidence-based way. Omaha has been identified as an area that lacks active equipment for older children and adults. Should the community wish to pursue a project that fills this gap, then let's talk. We may not have full funding available for it immediately, but we can look at options combining community fundraising, third party grants, and Local Board input.

Your Local Board is also responsible for walkway and reserve maintenance, pest plant and animal control, community leases, approving local events on public spaces such as the beach polo, running and swim events, and local bylaw reviews such as alcohol bans, dog access, set netting, and freedom camping. We recently upgraded the playground at William Fraser Reserve, and will shortly be doing renewal work on many of the walkways at the north end of the spit, and at the Omaha Quarry reserve. We funded a pest free management plan last year and will now work with our community rangers and your local volunteers to implement it. We've been working our way through a complex series of reserve re-classifications in order to be able to grant community leases on the public spaces around the Golf Club, tennis courts, Bowling Club, and Community Centre. This work has revealed some historic oversights, anomalies, and gaps under less stringent Rodney District

Council days, so it will be good to get everything cleaned up and secured for future generations. You have input into bylaw reviews, about which I endeavour to keep the OBC informed in a timely way, for opportunities to have your say.

Once again, I pay homage to your hard-working OBC Committee members, volunteer service providers, Surf Club, Omaha Shorebird Protection Society, Whangateau Harbourcare liaison, business sponsors, and all of you who share your beautiful piece of paradise with so many of us from the wider area and beyond. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, filled with the laughter of visitors and family, and create memories to treasure.

Beth Houlbrooke, Elected Member Chair – Rodney Local Board, Auckland Council

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SET NETS

The community will be aware that, after considerable lobbying by the OBC over an extended period of time, we finally achieved a set net ban at Omaha Beach for the period from Labour Weekend to Easter.

This limited ban has been relatively effective, but it is the OBC Committee's view that the ban should be extended for the whole 12 months of the year as set nets are still being set and abandoned – and hence a hazard to swimmers and other users of the beach.

Representatives of the OBC have met with relevant Council officials and been advised that we will need to make a request to the Regulatory Committee of Council for a change to the Public Safety (PSN) bylaw.

For the Regulatory Committee the issue is whether or not set nets create a "Public Nuisance". The fact that an abandoned set net, of which there have been many, may cause a public nuisance by reason that a swimmer could easily be caught in such a net would seem to be a foregone conclusion. However, in these days of political correctness, it would seem that we may need someone to be caught and drown before the message gets home.

The OBC will be making submissions to the

PSN Bylaw review scheduled to be finished in March 2019.

Graham Painter



HEALTHY WATERS: STORMWATER/ FLOODING ISSUES UPDATE

We provided a brief update on our progress with resolving the various stormwater issues around Omaha in our Spring Newsletter ... also referring you to the update on the OBC website (www.omahabeach.co.nz).

Progress continues to be made, but there are no quick fixes.

Auckland Council's Healthy Waters team have been very good at communicating with us and providing periodic updates. The latest of these updates (October 2018) is on our website. We will continue to post these updates on the OBC website, however the next update will not be until the new year.

If you would like to receive updates directly, there is a link on the Healthy Waters Update on our website where you can register for these.

In addition to what was in the Healthy Waters Update, discussions have been ongoing in relation to the flooding of the stormwater pond (known as a Dry Attenuation Pond) at the Pukemateko Reserve, and also the flooding at the Rahui Te Kiri Reserve, in the southern end. This followed a meeting the OBC had in April with the Chief Executive of Healthy Waters, along with other Council officials, at our request, and arranged with the assistance of Councillor Greg Sayers.

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We believe good progress has been made in establishing what's required to fix the issues at the Pukemateko Reserve (essentially mucking out the Dry Attenuation Pond – as it was meant to be), and also re-sowing grass at the Reserve itself. However, further work is still required with Council in relation to the fix at the Rahui Te Kiri Reserve.

STORMWATER FLOODING TO DARROCH SLOPE

Long-time Darroch Slope resident Peter Turner has been advocating on behalf of a group of residents of this street, to get some resolution regarding stormwater flooding in the area. A number of site meetings and many communications have occurred between Council, Consultants and the group regarding the stormwater running from the road into properties in the neighbouring area.

The following commentary was received from Council:

“Unfortunately, there were delays in awarding the contract, and we the Auckland Council apologises for this, but the contract has now been awarded. GHD (the consultant) are putting together a programme of works that will indicate the time-frames and key deliverables for all the projects and this should be available in about a week's time. Once we receive this programme, we will be able to provide an update.”

Peter responded with a proposal to re-form the swales to the original subdivision design, together with the construction of “large” water detention/retention pits at pre-determined positions along Darroch Slope. The response from Council (mid-November) was as follows:

“The proposal that you discussed is still the preferred option. GHD will

review this option and once it has been confirmed we will undertake the detailed design of the project followed by construction. Council is prioritising this project.”

The Council has suggested that the proposal from residents may have an effect on properties further down Southern Isle; this is, in fact, without verification.

The residents concerned thank Peter for his continued efforts and will continue to “watch this space”.

PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES

Following the OBC AGM at the beginning of the year, the Committee put together a submission to the Rodney Local Board, setting out our priorities for the year ahead (a number of which were repeat requests from previous years, where we had previously been unable to get Council support!). This was submitted in March and included a request for improved public toilet facilities in Omaha.

The observations made were that the existing public toilets located under the Surf Club building, adjacent to the main public walkway to the beach via the William Fraser Reserve, were totally inadequate. Although recently refurbished (the cost of which we queried with the Local Board also – as being extravagant and a waste of money), the toilets are not large enough and are grossly inadequate to cope with the number of users. The Surf Club regularly has to deal with members of the public seeking to use their toilets because the public ones are fully occupied or unusable because they are dirty or blocked.

We submitted that the Council needs to give urgent consideration to building a new public toilet facility on the William Fraser Reserve – this new facility to incorporate appropriately-sized toilet and changing facilities, together with shower facilities, for residents and visitors to Omaha Beach. We believe the opportunity exists to develop a modern facility which is well-ventilated, easy to keep clean and of sufficient size to cater for the existing and projected growth in use. We recommended that consideration might also be given to upgrading the water supply to a potable one and include a drinking fountain. The new facility should

include at least five women's toilet cubicles, three men's cubicles and three urinals, a unisex disabled toilet as well as facilities for infant changing. In addition, public changing facilities need to be included in this building as well as outdoor showers and foot and hand washing facilities. The OBC had previously undertaken a concept design and budget, which was shared with the Local Board.

Discussions took place with the Local Board but, before our request could be considered, Council was first to undertake a ‘stocktake’ of all such facilities in the Auckland area. The Council's report has now been produced and studied by the OBC – and our earlier submission was re-submitted to Beth Houlbrooke, who has re-sent it to all board members.

The report noted that, based on the analysis undertaken within the Rodney Local Board area, the current level of public toilet provision is sufficient in most areas. There may be some renewals needed, mainly in Kaukapakapa, Helensville, Parakai and Wharehine. Provision of new public toilets in Omaha and Riverhead is needed. The rest of the towns will need additional toilets in the future to support the anticipated population increase (Coatesville, Waimauku, Dairy Flat and Waitoki). In Warkworth, Omaha and Kaukapakapa, improved signage could increase the visibility of existing toilet facilities.

The Local Board has noted that in Omaha the current toilet provision is slightly lacking (we would disagree with the ‘slightly’ description), and those at the William Fraser Reserve are insufficient to meet the demand from both locals and tourists. They have acknowledged that new toilet facilities will need to be considered shortly to serve the Beach and Reserve users and the locals from the other side of town.

It appears various options are being considered for additional facilities. The suitability of these is also being considered by the OBC, and we will be making a submission.

FREEDOM CAMPING - AUCKLAND COUNCIL'S PROPOSALS FOR OMAHA

Some of you may have seen the press reports relating to Auckland Council moving to open up potentially hundreds

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of supercity parks, reserves and parking areas to freedom campers. The Council has directed officers to draw up a freedom camping proposal and draft bylaw to increase the supply of Auckland sites and improve enforcement. The bylaw intends to take a proactive approach to managing freedom camping and to address what they term as primary harms.

The move is, to a large extent, being forced on the Council by national legislation. Apparently most other NZ local authorities have already met their responsibilities under the act, which basically rules that campers must be allowed on Council or Conservation Public Land, unless there are specific reasons to exclude them.

Once the Auckland bylaw is passed, campers will have to follow rules that:

- Specify the type of vehicle;
- Limit the number of campers at any one time and detail where they can park;
- Introduce maximum stays of two nights;
- Cut stays to one night with a 'Vacate' time of 9am for busy sites.

But that apparently only goes for the 107 restricted sites to be listed under the bylaw where most campers will be directed through the Council communication channels.

On learning of these proposals, the OBC Committee commenced work investigating the issues further. Initial enquiries were made of the Rodney Local Board, with requests for information. Lengthy correspondence followed, with us building up a much better picture of why the work was being undertaken, and what recommendations were being made to Auckland Council's Regulatory Committee.

Within Omaha, five sites were identified and reported on. Of these five sites, two were recommended as requiring prohibition of freedom camping – which we supported:

- Omaha Beach Boat Launching & Wharf (223 Omaha Drive); and
- the Omaha Reserve (Community Centre / Golf Club at 15 North West Anchorage).

The remaining three sites identified and reported on were:

- Pukemateko Reserve Omaha South, 177 Mangatawhiri Road, Omaha: where it was being recommended that three



A cloudy day. Photo: Sally Blyth

parking spaces be made available – for certified self-contained vehicles only, and overnight use only.

- Rita Way, Excelsior Way, Lagoon Way (overflow boat trailer parking), 160 Omaha Drive, Omaha: where it was being recommended that two parking spaces be made available – for certified self-contained vehicles only, and overnight use only.
- William Fraser Reserve, 37 Broadlands Drive, Omaha: where it was being recommended that five parking spaces be made available; permitting non-self-contained vehicles, and overnight use only.

Following numerous emails, we then suggested a meeting with the Rodney Local Board, and Beth Houlbrooke (Chair) made time available to meet with us in November to view each of the sites, and discuss our concerns with what was being proposed. We were hesitant about just waiting until the public consultation opened to make our submission.

Our concerns included:

- Use of the overflow boat trailer parking area on Omaha Drive – when there's already a shortage of parking;
- Sites located close to, and surrounded by, residential properties;
- Although a number of restrictions were proposed (i.e. the number of parking spaces were to be limited; restrictions on the types of vehicles permitted; and time restrictions et) we deem that an inability by Auckland Council to control this would lead to numerous breaches and issues;

- Lack of support facilities (toilets, rubbish bins etc).

In an effort to address the concerns we had, and reach a compromise position, which we hoped would be accepted by Council, we put forward an alternative proposal.

- 160 Omaha Drive (location of the secondary/overflow boat trailer parking). The area is heavily used throughout summer and, whilst it may not be heavily used outside of daylight hours, it is highly unlikely freedom campers will vacate the sites during the daytime. The area is also surrounded by residential properties, and these residents would be impacted. Although only two parks were proposed, we felt lack of enforcement would not prevent greater numbers, and also others using the area, and setting up camp. We recommended that prohibition was required to protect access to this area.
- Pukemateko Reserve, Omaha South. The area is surrounded by residential properties fronting onto the Reserve and, again, these residents would be impacted. It's also adjacent to a children's playground, which is not ideal. Whilst the area may well not be heavily used outside of daylight hours, again we felt it highly unlikely freedom campers would vacate the sites during the daytime. Although only three parks were proposed, we felt lack of enforcement would not prevent greater numbers, and also others using the area, and setting up camp – possibly on the Reserve itself. We recommended that prohibition was required to protect access to this area.
- William Fraser Reserve, 37 Broadlands Drive. We felt this was a more appropriate area to permit limited freedom camping sites – if located in the lower area adjacent to the Reserve. However, we felt it needed to be only for certified self-contained vehicles; and also with a restriction of night stays only (vacate site by 9am) – although the proposed restrictions will be of little use if not continually policed.
- 198 Mangatawhiri Road (Omaha South). This area was not considered by Council, and not proposed as a site. However, we considered this a more suitable site than some of the others, being a parking area surrounded by bush, with only one adjacent property, but protected by surrounding bush. We proposed this

site be used instead, but with restrictions on numbers (say four max.); location; and length/time of stays.

Whilst we have proposed certain sites be prohibited from freedom camping, we have supported others (with restrictions), and the overall number of proposed sites remains similar to that being proposed by Council.

As we understand it, a draft bylaw and statement of proposal was to be presented to the Council Regulatory Committee in November, after which it will be presented to the Governing Body. If accepted, it will then go out for public consultation, before final adoption next year.

Please keep monitoring the Posts on the OBC website (www.omahabeach.co.nz) for updates, and particularly the Council's consultation process – where you need to have your say!

TRAFFIC REPORT

The following is a communication written by Paul King, on behalf of OBC, regarding road signs and markings with the aim of creating safer roads and safer journeys in our area. Well done Paul on articulating these road concerns and bringing them to attention.

*NB: If you would like a copy of Paul's spreadsheet, please email us@omahabeach.co.nz

8 October 2018

Chair of Rodney Local Board, Beth Houllbrooke

Dear Beth

Re Omaha Beach – Road Signs and Markings – Safer Roads, Safer Journeys

On behalf of the Omaha Beach Community Inc, I wish to highlight the poor state and lack of road signage throughout the Omaha Beach roading system.

There is daily evidence of vehicles being driven well over the 50 kph speed limits especially on the main feeder roads, Mangatawhiri Road and Omaha Drive, let alone the 80 kph limit along Broadlands Road (Causeway). The Causeway is a disaster waiting to happen and needs to be dealt with separately, as with other road safety issues in the greater Matakana area.

I have undertaken a study of the existing road signage in Omaha which has highlighted the fact that the area is woefully lacking in many road signs (50 kph signs, Give Way signs, Keep Left signs and arrows and associated road markings).

Attached is a spread sheet* which details what's what in the Southern section of Omaha, from Broadlands Drive along the length of Mangatawhiri Road and associated side roads.

I have also inspected the northern area along Omaha Drive. The northern section is almost devoid of road signs except for two 50 kph signs on Omaha Drive, near Meiklejohn Way. There is also a Give Way road marking at the Omaha Drive and Meiklejohn Way intersection, but no Give way pole sign.

This issue is really about safety in our area for road users, pedestrians and cyclists. Although the permanent residential numbers have increased significantly in recent times, and there are large numbers of people travelling to Omaha in weekends, school holidays and the main summer holiday period. Sooner or later, there will be an injury or death in the area if we don't get some controls in place to mitigate the risk.

We wish to engage with the respective authority (NZTA, AT and/or AC) responsible for placing road signs and markings, have them come to Omaha, meet with us to view the current road signage and get agreement as to what needs to be put in place. Additional to road signage, there needs to be some thought and action undertaken to put in place speed reduction road design, with the exception of road speed bumps, as these cause noise and vibration to adjacent properties.

I look forward to discussing the above issues and working toward practical solutions being put in place as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Paul King, on behalf of Omaha Beach Community



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ENVIRONMENT

NEWS FROM THE OMAHA SHOREBIRD PROTECTION TRUST (OSPT)

October to December is the peak breeding time for the Northern New Zealand dotterels and the variable oyster catchers at Omaha Spit. With the predator-proof fence in place, a dedicated team of volunteers, and the support of the local community, our shorebirds are well looked after yet there are still many threats to their breeding success. The dotterels and variable oystercatchers both nest on the ground, laying up to three eggs at a time. Their eggs are well camouflaged, making it easy for someone to step on them inadvertently. We therefore fence off the nests and place signs alerting visitors to the spit of the nests nearby.

This season, storms during winter months have changed the topography of the spit leaving large flat areas just above the high tide zone where some of the dotterels are choosing to nest. They like to have 360° visibility when they are incubating on the nest so that they can see any danger approaching. This means that the chances of disturbing the nesting birds has increased this season. During the incubation period, human disturbance can keep the birds from sitting on their eggs. If this happens too often, or for too long, the developing chicks within the eggs will die. The birds share the incubation of their eggs until the chicks hatch. Once hatched, although the parents protect the chicks to some degree, they need to forage for their own food. Dotterels especially love the sand hoppers and other invertebrates that can be found at the edge of the tide. Normally, by this time of the year, we have several small dotterel chicks, but we have had a slow start this season, with no chicks hatched yet.

Please remember, over the summer months, to walk on the wet sand below the high tide mark when you visit the shorebird sanctuary on Omaha spit, and do not stay close to any of the taped-off areas for too long. We also ask that you keep your dogs away from any dotterels and other shorebirds on the main Omaha beach, and keep your cats indoors at night. There are three pairs of dotterels nesting outside of the sanctuary (see photo #1). We expect that there will be many chicks about over the Christmas and New Year period and we want to make

sure they all thrive and become fully-fledged adults. If you notice dotterels on the beach acting strangely and feigning an injury (see photo #2) then please leave the area via the wet sand below the high tide mark. The Northern New Zealand dotterels at Omaha Spit make up about 10% of the total population in the world and, outside of protected areas, they still struggle to reproduce successfully.

Marie Ward,
OSPT Trustee and Chair.



Example of a Northern NZ dotterel incubating eggs on the main Omaha beach between WW 17 & 18. The shelter above the nest (wooden posts showing only) is to help prevent aerial predation of the eggs. Photo by Denis O'Callahan.



Adult dotterel with a nest nearby displaying distraction behaviour. If a dotterel does this near you then please follow the dotterel as it leads you away from the eggs or chicks which you may otherwise step on. Photo by Marie Ward.

If you would like to help look after this special place at Omaha contact the Omaha Shorebird Protection Trust at info@omashorebirds.co.nz and for further information see <http://www.omashorebirds.co.nz/>

PREDATOR FREE OMAHA

We now have a range of traps set at the rear of houses on Mangatawhiri Road and around the quarry lake area. The traps are a mixture of DOC 200s, which target stoats and rats, and Victor rat traps inside rat motels, targeting rats and mice. There are also a number of rat traps throughout Omaha on private properties. Recently we were given permission by the Department of Conservation to trap possums and stoats in the DOC-owned Taniko Reserve and 15 Goodnature Possum traps and 12 DOC traps have subsequently been set there. We know of six possums killed so far and no doubt, in the next few weeks when we look again, there will be more.

We also work closely with the Omaha Shorebirds Protection Trust and help wherever we can with traps.

It is really pleasing to have members of the community encouraging us when they see the volunteers out baiting and resetting the traps.

We owe a lot of thanks to Kiwibank Predator Free Communities Trust, Department of Conservation and Auckland Council for their support. Last month we pitched to the Local Rodney Board at Auckland Council chambers in Orewa for further funding. Our plan was well received and hopefully approval will be in place early 2019. You can find this pitch on our website www.omahabeach.co.nz.

We have killed 15 stoats, 7 weasels, 45 rats and over 120 mice in the last eight months. It is particularly satisfying to catch stoats and weasels.

Finally, a big thanks to the following people for all their support during the year

- Beth Houlbrooke – Chair, Rodney Local Board
- Paul Duffy – Team Leader, Volunteering and Programmes, Auckland Council
- Jo Ritchie – Natural Logic Environmental Management
- Sinead Brimacombe – Community Park Ranger, Auckland Council
- Kat Lane – Senior Ranger, Department of Conservation
- Marti Alegre – Trainee Ranger, Department of Conservation
- Helen Rowlands – Senior Ranger, Department of Conservation
- Denis O'Callahan – Omaha Shorebirds Protection Trust

- Marie Ward – Omaha Shorebirds Protection Trust
- My fellow trappers Phil Bougen, Tod Tait and John Mew

Finally, thanks to the Omaha Beach Community committee who have supported our efforts.

Thank you all.

We have some spare rat traps with rat motels to protect your pets so call or email robzubielevitch@gmail.com or 021 963 434

*Weasel caught on quarry path,
30th October.*



RABBITS

There are a lot of rabbits around in Omaha at the moment. The committee last year was supplying some Pindone to residents who had been trained how to handle it, along with rabbit bait stations. We have decided not to continue with that program and have left that activity to Auckland Council who have promised to continue setting bait stations. They will not, however, place any bait stations on private property. When Council are using bait stations in a particular area, they will be well-signed in advance

NORTHERN BANK EROSION PROJECT

We were very pleased with the Council's quick response to the erosion along the

harbourside sandcliffs during the January storm. This was followed up with the replanting of the sandcliffs during the winter planting season.

OBC submitted to the Council's Local Board asking for a permanent solution and we will be following up with the Council officers to ensure the request is not overlooked.

These coastal projects often take some time getting through the consenting stages. In the interim we have been assured the Council will promptly replace any sand lost during storms.

REMOVAL OF HARBOURSIDE PINE TREES

Around three years ago the Council started the process of giving themselves permission to remove these trees.

Council have consulted with OBC, the local iwi, arborists, planners, archeologists, botanists, coastal experts and others. Their resource consent application was then advertised and received numerous submissions. All the submissions received were in favour of removing the trees and doing minor reshaping work to make the sandcliff easier to stabilise with coastal plants. Some of the key players supported the application subject to the Council also planting the fragile area at the top of the sandcliff with dune plants.



Looking north, Monday 26th November ... not a soul in sight. Photo: Sally Blyth

We are waiting to hear whether this change to the resource consent application will be incorporated in the consent.

This fragile dune area, as with other dunes at Omaha, should be fully planted with dune plants. Protecting these areas from damaging pedestrian traffic will help the plants grow and stay healthy.

Terry Brailsford

MARINE AND COASTAL AREA

The OBC Committee has been made aware of six separate claims by Iwi under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 in respect of the Omaha Beach and Whangateau areas. We are advised that these claims will begin to gather momentum from now, and anybody who is interested in learning more about these claims should contact Peter Turner on omaha@xtra.co.nz

The OBC has sought and obtained some further information about these claims and that information has now been placed on the OBC website.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS 2019

OBRS - NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING 2019

The ANNUAL MEETING OF Omaha Beach Residents Society will be held at :

Omaha Beach Club, North West Anchorage, Omaha Beach

on **SUNDAY 20th JANUARY 2019, AT 3.15pm**

Followed by

OBC - NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING 2019

The ANNUAL MEETING OF Omaha Beach Community Incorporated will be held at:

Omaha Beach Club, North West Anchorage, Omaha Beach

on **SUNDAY 20th JANUARY 2019, AT 4.00pm**

OBC Inc. AGENDA

1. Welcome
 2. Apologies
 3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 4th January 2018
 4. Receipt of the President's Report for 2019
 5. Receipt of the Annual Accounts for the period ending 31st October 2018
 6. Confirmation of the appointment of a Chartered Accountant to conduct a Review Engagement for the period ending 31st October 2018
 7. Confirmation of Amount of the Annual Subscription Fee for the 2019 Subscription Year and Security Levy
 8. Election of the Committee for the 2019 year from nominations received in accordance with the Constitution
 9. Receipt of Club Reports
 - Golf
 - Bowls
 - Surf club
 10. General Business
- Secretary
Omaha Beach Community Inc.

BOAT RAMP ETIQUETTE & OVERFLOW CARPARK

We are very lucky here in Omaha to have a large all-tide boat ramp. The boat ramp is used not only by locals but by the North Rodney community in general as it one of the only all-tide ramps in the area. It is also very popular for boaties to launch from for

destinations such as Great Barrier Island, often parking their vehicles and trailers for days at a time. We have already seen some weekends in October and November where the main carpark and overflow park across the road are full by 10.00am.

It is still disappointing to see cars without trailers continuing to park in spaces reserved for cars with trailers, even though

we have signs clearly stating that the parks are only for trailers.

Please launch and retrieve swiftly and observe simple manners when using the ramp. And if you have friends meeting you for a day on the water, please ask them to park on the road or elsewhere to allow trailer parking for those with the boats.

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OMAHA BEACH COMMUNITY INC. ACCOUNTS

Due to space constraints, we are publishing an abbreviated set of financial Accounts. The full set of accounts may be viewed on our website www.omahabeach.co.nz or you may request a copy by emailing us@omahabeach.co.nz

Copies will also be available at our Annual General Meeting on 20th January 2019.

An independent Assurance Practitioner's Review report on the financial accounts has been completed by Macnicol & Co. Chartered Accountants and is included in the full set of Accounts.

Statement of Financial Performance

Omaha Beach Community Inc
For the year ended 31 October 2018


	2018	2017
Income		
Advertising Income - Newsletter	2,348	2,149
Advertising Income - Other	700	825
Donations Received	1,040	1,410
Interest Income	1,684	1,068
Security Levy & Subscription Income	57,810	58,992
	63,581	64,444
Expenses		
Audit/Review Fees	1,217	1,238
Bank Fees	91	85
Database & Website Maintenance	2,957	1,160
Depreciation	3,116	2,057
Footpath Investigation Costs	4,100	0
Freight, Courier & Postage	1,105	712
General Expenses	424	106
Insurance	1,140	852
Legal & Consulting Fees	370	419
Loss on Disposal	87	1,000
Newsletters	9,580	8,553
Pest Eradication	912	822
Presidents & Office Expenses	2,121	1,398
Security Cameras Maintenance	4,495	3,985
Security Patrol Costs	23,418	22,049
Taniko Walkway Study	0	180
Xero Fees	495	495
	55,628	45,111
Operating Income/(Loss) for the Year	7,954	19,333

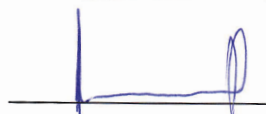
Statement of Financial Position

Omaha Beach Community Inc
As at 31 October 2018

	31 Oct 2018	31 Oct 2017
Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank	29,481	40,478
GST Receivable	1,013	974
	30,494	41,452
Non-Current Assets		
Term Deposits	51,192	35,984
BNZ - Taniko	25,122	25,122
Property, Plant and Equipment	13,524	10,820
Intangibles	300	300
	90,138	72,226
Total Assets	120,632	113,678
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables	1,500	2,500
Total Current Liabilities	1,500	2,500
Net Assets	119,132	111,178
Equity		
Member Funds	119,132	111,178
Total Equity	119,132	111,178

For and On Behalf of the Committee

 President: Chris Allan

 Treasurer: Rob Zubielevitch

Date: 28.11.2018



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Omaha Beach Community Centre Maintenance Fund

Omaha Beach Community Inc

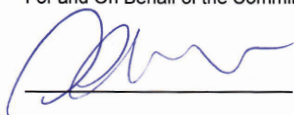
Statement of Financial Performance For the Year Ended 31 October 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Income & Expenditure		
Contribution from Omaha Beach Golf Club	6,750	5,000
Interest Received - BNZ	544	728
	<u>7,294</u>	<u>5,728</u>
Less: Community Centre Maintenance	5,523	24,043
Increase/(Decrease) in Fund	<u>1,771</u>	<u>-18,315</u>
Accumulated Funds 1 November 2017	34,284	52,599
Accumulated Funds 31 October 2018	<u>36,055</u>	<u>34,284</u>

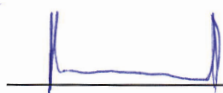
Statement of Financial Position As at 31 October 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
BNZ Current Account	8,166	6,554
BNZ Term Deposits	25,471	24,633
GST	2,377	2,857
Accrued Interest	41	240
	<u>36,055</u>	<u>34,284</u>
Less Owing to Suppliers	0	0
Accumulated Funds at Year End	<u>36,055</u>	<u>34,284</u>

For and On Behalf of the Committee



President: Chris Allan



Treasurer: Rob Zubielevitch

Date: 28.11.2018

The OBC committee would like to thank Macnicol & Co, Chartered Accountants, for all the assistance they have given us over the last two years. Their advice has been invaluable, and we specifically acknowledge Paul Macnicol, Abby Brown and April Corry for their efforts.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE - A HISTORY

People who have purchased property at Omaha over more recent years may be unaware of the background of the golf course and Community Centre.

Below is an adapted version of an article that appeared in the May 2014 OBC Newsletter.

In the early days (1970s), Omaha had to pay for its own existence and was rated separately to the rest of the locale. So, back in the day, Omaha Ratepayers contributed to a special Rating Levy and, after the yearly expenditure had been spent and finalised, whatever was left over was put into what became known as "the Omaha Pot". The money built up over time and sat there for quite some years until 1990. At that time, the special rating areas were to be done away with, so local resident Bill Freeth took a case to the Audit Office and "the Pot" funds (approx. \$1.2m) were successfully located.

Bill and others pushed hard for the money to be spent at Omaha, as it had been contributed solely by residents over those years. He worked with Brian Sharplin and Betty Paxton of Council, also Gordon Mason and others, to come to an agreement as to how the money would be spent. Bill addressed a meeting of ratepayers at the Pt Wells Hall to discuss what ratepayers wanted the money to be spent on. There was support for a local community centre.

The developers initially offered the old Site Sales Office as a community centre, but this was rejected. The Ratepayers Association then negotiated with the developers to obtain the land where the Community Centre now sits, and this land was ultimately gifted by the developers. (NB: The developers had originally planned to develop the land along Omaha Drive on the golf course side, for sections, but these plans were scrapped because of concerns about water levels).

Plans were subsequently drawn up for the new centre, which was built at a cost of approx. \$490,000. The rest of the money from "the Pot" was put towards building the fishing bays on the causeway bridge and the jetty, as well as improvements to the boat ramp and tennis courts.

Additionally, the original 9-hole golf course was purchased for approx. \$120,000 using funds from "the Pot". Ownership of the land and Community Centre had been vested in the then Rodney Council, as they were purchased with funds contributed to the special Rating Levy from those early days, as mentioned above. An important aspect to note is that the funds in "the Pot" came from early residents, not from the developer.

The Community Centre was opened by Doug Armstrong on 20th September 1993 and, since that time, has been leased back to the

Golf Club to run and manage the facility. The Club contributes to a maintenance fund. The Centre is for the wider community, not just for use by Golf Club members. In fact, all OBC Members automatically become Social Members of the Golf Club and can enjoy the café, bar and facilities.

A similar situation exists regarding the Surf Club and the Bowling Club - no money was exchanged for the land and the Council leases the building back to the Surf Club.

Both the OBC and the Golf Club have contributed towards expenditure for maintenance and refurbishment work to the Community Centre over recent years and it must be said that the Centre is a magnificent and well-utilised facility for the community - a far cry from the cold characterless community halls of yesteryear.

As we approach the end of 2018, it is timely to acknowledge the significant financial contributions by all those households from earlier days, as well as the many hours that went into locating the funds and negotiating a great outcome for all.

Both the funds and the energy injected into the project have ultimately helped the community to thrive, with some great facilities for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to Bill Freeth, Peter Turner (who was President of the Ratepayers Association at the time) and all those who played a part in this happy outcome.

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OMAHA BEACH GOLF CLUB

OMAHA BEACH GOLF CLUB - SUMMER 2018 REPORT

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The grass is green and Summer has arrived, with warmer weather and Pohutakawas blooming, so why not bring along your visitors and friends and enjoy a round of golf with us at the Omaha Beach Golf Club? The Community Centre and Club house, and our Café, are ready and waiting for the summer patrons to call by for a coffee and chat on our outdoor deck.

Omaha Golf Club continues to move ahead. It is no secret that success breeds success. With continual course upgrades Omaha has New Zealand Golf Tourism recognition as a support course for the Top Tier courses (Tara iti and Kauri Cliffs) and in 2016 was rated 25th best golf course in New Zealand. Since 2014 our membership has grown by over 100 members and now stands at 680 members, an all-time high for Omaha.

Annual Golf Club Membership with full playing rights is set at \$1,050pa, a subscription that is very reasonable when compared with Auckland city courses. We also offer Midweek membership, a Nine-hole membership and Junior membership. We are again offering a NEW RESIDENTS MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE, for new residents to the area, that consists of:

Two Full Memberships (over 18 Years) and Two Youth Memberships (under 18 years) for \$500 for the period starting 1st December 2018. The offer is open to all new residents in the area who have recently purchased a property. People wishing to take up the offer are invited to make contact with Club Manager Mike Reid or our Pro Shop Team - Ph. 09 422 7551 or send an email to gm@omahagolf.co.nz

NZ Long Drive Champs

2018 saw the introduction of The Bayleys Long Drive championship at Omaha. The inaugural event was attended by the New

Zealand's national team 'The Long Blacks' and a number of international 'Long Ballers'. The Sunday session generated a load of interest from spectators who were duly rewarded with an afternoon of high energy entertainment. Eventual winner



Anthony Thomas of the USA also had the Long Ball of the day recorded at 354m!

USA's Tyler "Boom" Barton

Course Update

Although we experienced another very wet winter, our Course Superintendent Corey Willcox and his staff have the course turned out in spectacular condition. We look forward to 2019 and the further development of the Northern nine holes. The course will be in top shape for summer.

Golf HQ and Summer Golf Operation

The golf course is open daily, and bookings are recommended. Our resident golf professional team Golf HQ - Blake, Hamish and Peter - can be contacted on 09-422 7551 Ext. 1 for all golf-related enquires. Hire clubs, golf carts, trundlers; clothing, souvenirs and all the basic essentials are available at very reasonable rates.

- Take advantage of our 10-round concession cards: 18-hole \$400; 9-hole \$300.
- Coaching is available for all ages and abilities.
- Lost for inspiration for a Christmas gift? I am sure Golf HQ will have the answer!

Upcoming events:

- Sunday 9th December, She Loves Golf - Give It A Go Fun Day

- Saturday 15th December, New World Warkworth Ham & Turkey Mixed Open
- Sunday 16th December, Team Golf Day - Adult & Child Team Event
- Wednesday 2nd January, Mitre 10 Mega Warkworth Mixed Open Tournament
- Sunday 27th January, Surf 'n Turf Mixed Open
- Fri/Sat/Sun 15th, 16th, 17th March, Mondiale Pro Am
- Sunday 24th March, Long Drive Championships

Junior Golf - Coming Events

- Team Golf, Sunday 16th Dec - Adult and Child Team Golf day.
- Holiday Programme, 9th & 10th Jan

Trying to work out what you are going to do with the kids or grandchildren over the school holidays? Bring them along to our School Holiday Programme hosted at Omaha Golf club and run by Blake Cowley, NZPGA AA Professional.

Details:

- Omaha Beach Golf Club, Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th January 2019,
- Time: 2pm - 4pm
- Cost: \$80 pp. Limited numbers so book in early.
- How to enrol? Please email Blake at info@golfhq.co.nz

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Community Centre Café and Bar

The Club is delighted to be offering barista coffee and café food seven days a week, with the regular Friday evening meals catering for 100 dinners. Members of OBC are, by the Golf Club's and OBC's constitutions, automatically entitled to become social members of the Golf Club (Register at the Club Bar). So, please call by

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over the summer months for coffee, a meal, or a drink on the deck.

The Café is open 7 days from 8.00 am through to mid or late afternoon, with dinner service available on Friday evenings.

Friday evenings have been well-supported throughout the winter months and continue to be popular. OBC members are welcome to utilise the Club house facilities, particularly on Friday evenings where we all gather to enjoy 'social time'. With raffles, lucky draws and alfresco on the deck, it's a great way to start your weekend.

- The bar features a new selection of premium beer and brands including Asahi, Carlsberg, Boundary Road Craft Beer and the occasional guest beer on tap.
- We pride ourselves on providing an extensive list of premium wine brands mostly available by the glass.

Happy Christmas to you and your families and all the best for the New Year. Hopefully we will get to meet you sometime over the summer.

Mike Reid, General Manager

OMAHA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

President: Linda Crisford
Email: mail@omahasurf.co.nz
Phone: (09) 422 7022

The last surf season was a very busy time for our guards, who turned up week in and week out to patrol our beautiful beach. The statistics show many good outcomes resulted from this dedication, including six rescues, 28 people assisted to safety, 36 first aid treatments (including three major), one search, 551 preventative actions and 3,508 lifeguard-patrolled hours.

The size and quality of our Surf Sports teams at carnivals continues to improve, to the point Omaha is now a force to be reckoned with, particularly on the Junior scene, with national titles and records to prove it. This success reflects the increasing numbers participating, the awesome lifeguards and parents who turn up every Sunday to coach, the team managers and the supportive hard-working Junior Surf committee. We also have a growing number of parents becoming Lifeguards, which contributes to the stability of our Club.



Fun after training

Our Masters squad is a tenacious group who are going from strength to strength, proving that Surf Lifesaving means "in it for life".

The supportive and positive environment that is fostered is a key factor in developing a strong, all-inclusive Club that has solid links to our community.

As all clubs are finding, funding is a continual problem, however, we would like to thank those who have given us very generous donations - without you we could not continue to operate. We are very lucky to have the support of our community which has been recognised by a bronze plaque to acknowledge all those that enabled the Omaha Beach Surf Lifesaving Clubhouse to be built in 1988.

I am immensely proud of our Club and its committed members, for example, Frank Maher who was made a Life Member this year. The value we place on team and family throughout all aspects of Club life is second to none and is built on the values of honesty and respect for each other.

Fundraising events include a fun Triathlon for all ages and fitness levels, to be held Sunday 6th January 2019, and a house-to-house Bucket Shake on New Year's Day. Gibbs Sculpture Park has been booked for 5th December 2019. More events to follow.

The Northern Region Junior Championships will be held at Omaha on 2nd and 3rd February 2019 - it's sure to be a superb weekend.

We welcome all new members and all support. We would love to hear from you so do contact us at mail@omahasurf.co.nz

Linda Crisford, President

OMAHA BEACH BOWLING CLUB

President: Warwick Spicer
Phone: 09-486 4029 and 021 02293444
warwickfay44@gmail.com

Members of the Omaha Beach Bowling Club can look back on a year that was successful and enjoyable, but we are aware that the Club faces a 2019 that is going to bring a major challenge.

The history of the Club was dusted off for a 25th birthday celebration in April. It was a well-attended and happy social occasion, as well as a wonderful opportunity to recognise the contribution of Judy Crooks, who has served as president, secretary and loyal supporter. Hers is a long-term association with the Club and her reward of a Life Membership is well-deserved.

The Club continues to grow; membership numbers have swept past the 50 mark, with inquiries suggesting the new summer is generating a fresh group of keen bowlers. Coaching sessions are being held to assist the new bowlers to develop their skills.

There has also been good growth in the number of groups seeking to use the facilities - bowls and all - for social events or just friendly roll ups.

A major achievement in the latter stages of the year has been the appointment of a new key Sponsor. The Club has been proud to announce that members Debbie Lee and Chris de Latour are now the major Sponsors, through their real estate company Maximise. Debbie was immediately co-opted on to the committee.

The challenge of the new year will be the financing of a replacement playing surface. The Club operates throughout the year with a carpeted playing surface - an artificial surface that allows play through the winter, whereas lawn surfaces have to close. The Club's carpet is getting to the end of its life and replacing it will cost around \$160,000. The Club has had a financial plan in place for some years to meet this commitment, but it will be seeking support from the traditional sporting charities.

Without a sound playing surface there is no Club so we'll be working hard to ensure that play continues.

Warwick Spicer, President

DOG ACCESS RULES FOR OMAHA BEACH

DOGS – OUR BEST FRIEND, NUISANCE OR KILLER?

There is no nicer sight than a dog charging into the water on Omaha Beach to retrieve a stick or just leaping around for the hell of it. Off the leash and ready to party. All we ask is that dog owners only do this at the designated times ... No Excuses. There are signposts everywhere about the times off the leash, on the leash or not at all. As a reminder, the off-leash times are 6.30pm to 10.00am, otherwise **NO DOGS ON THE BEACH AT ALL.**

We've also had recent instances of poorly-controlled dogs menacing small children or attacking joggers. Again, we ask dog owners ... and you know your dog better

than anyone ... to be responsible and ensure that other members of the community do not have their days wrecked or challenged by your dog.

Finally, let's ensure the dogs go nowhere near the nesting dotterels. These birds are rare, and they nest in the sand. Just last week, an irresponsible dog owner allowed her dog to go right up to the nests, causing the frantic parents to pretend to be injured to try and draw the dog away. This area is PROTECTED ... there is a bloody big predator fence which might be a clue ... so please, let's have no deaths due to your dog being allowed to roam free (this goes for cats too – please try to limit your cat roaming).

We know you haven't seen a dog ranger in years. We have asked the Council to

send one up a few times and do more than merely warn. The people who live here, or have holiday homes here, are amongst the most educated in the country and are quite capable of reading and understanding the rules.

The police won't let you off speeding if you claim you didn't know it was 80kph ... "there were plenty of signs Sir/Madam, and that'll be \$80.00" ... and we will be encouraging rangers to be equally 'understanding'. Sounds vindictive? Maybe, but only to those actively flouting the rules.

We like dogs. We like seeing them on the beach. But only at certain times ... please!

And PLEASE be sure to pick up your dog poo, wherever you may be!

Please observe the Dog Access Rules for Omaha Beach:

FROM LABOUR WEEKEND TO 1ST MARCH 2019

Dogs are allowed off-leash on the beach only between 6:30pm and 10:00am

No dogs on the beach between 10:00am and 6:30pm

FROM 2ND MARCH 2019 TO FRIDAY BEFORE LABOUR WEEKEND

Dogs are allowed off-leash at all times.



Chester romping. Photo: Elizabeth Farley



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OMAHA RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND MAKE SURE ANY TENANTS ARE AWARE OF THE PROCESS AND DATES FOR RECYCLING AND RUBBISH COLLECTIONS.

PLEASE NOTE, RECYCLING AND RUBBISH ARE COLLECTED SEPARATELY.

By way of background, Omaha property Owners are currently provided with the following services:

- Northland Waste provides a weekly kerbside Rubbish collection service using the orange plastic Rubbish bags and/or wheelie bins.
- Auckland Council contracts with Smart Environmental to undertake fortnightly kerbside Recycling collections using their wheelie bins.

However, weekly Rubbish and fortnightly Recycling collections are insufficient to cope with the needs of Omaha over the peak summer and holiday period.

We have again worked with Northland Waste in relation to the Rubbish collections, as well as Auckland Council in relation to Smart Environmental's Recycling collections, and have been able to conclude the following arrangements.

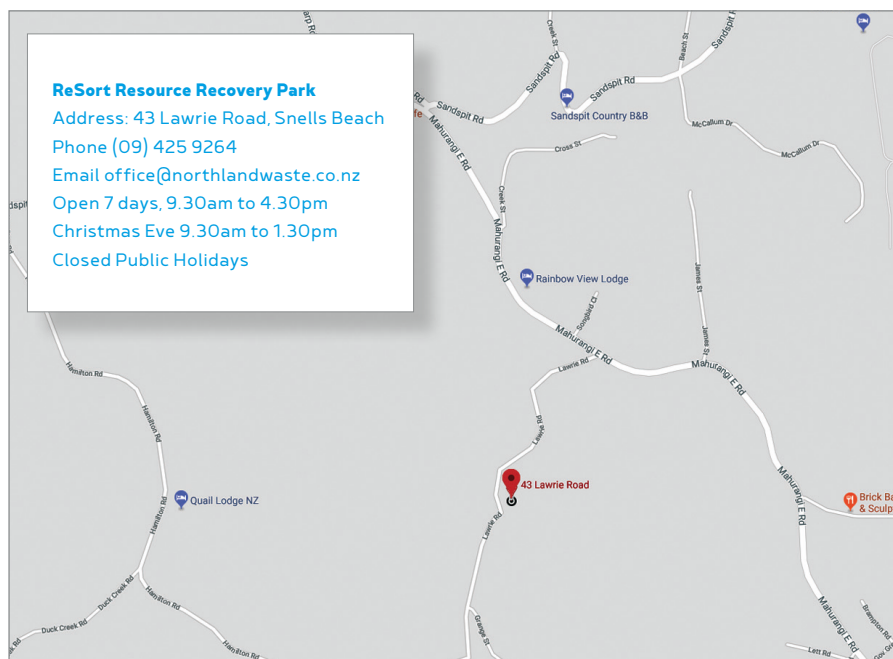
RUBBISH COLLECTIONS

From the week of Christmas, through to the week of Waitangi Day 2019, we will have the benefit of twice-weekly Rubbish Collections (orange plastic bags, and the green wheelie bins). See calendar next page.

However, if residents wish to get rid of their Rubbish in the orange plastic bags but don't want to leave them out on Mondays or Fridays, they can also drop them off, at no charge, at Northland Waste's ReSort Resource Recovery Park (details top right) - and, yes, it's still open for the present time (see the OBC website for the latest ...).

RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Following the trial last summer, when we had weekly Recycling collections, we've been able to conclude a more permanent



ReSort Resource Recovery Park

Address: 43 Lawrie Road, Snells Beach

Phone (09) 425 9264

Email office@northlandwaste.co.nz

Open 7 days, 9.30am to 4.30pm

Christmas Eve 9.30am to 1.30pm

Closed Public Holidays

arrangement with Auckland Council, giving us weekly collections over the peak summer holiday period.

Weekly collections will be conducted from Christmas to the week of Waitangi Day 2019. The OBC will contribute towards the cost of providing the additional collections.

Recycling collections (green and yellow wheelie bin) are now scheduled, effectively weekly, during this period. See calendar below.

Important things to note about your Recycling service:

- Recyclables will ONLY be collected from your official green and yellow Auckland Council wheelie bins.
- Recycling will NOT be collected from other bins or containers or if left loose next to the recycling bin.

- To help manage volumes of recycling, please put your Recycling wheelie bins out on each collection day - regardless of how much is in the bin. If the contractor cannot collect all the recycling on your street on the collection day, please leave your bin out and they will return the next working day to empty your bin.
- Please have bins out by 7am on collection day.
- You must be able to close your Recycling bin lid (to enable the truck to lift and empty it, without spillage).
- If your bin is not large enough, it can be swapped for a larger 360L bin at no cost. Please contact Auckland Council to arrange this.

See below for further guidelines and details of what can, and what cannot, be recycled:



SUMMARISED CALENDAR OF OMAHA RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS FOR SUMMER 2018/19

DECEMBER 2018						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
24th RUBBISH & RECYCLING	25th XMAS DAY	26th BOXING DAY	27th	28th RUBBISH	29th	30th
JANUARY 2019						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31st Dec RUBBISH & RECYCLING	1st	2nd	3rd	4th RUBBISH	5th	6th
7th RUBBISH & RECYCLING	8th	9th	10th	11th RUBBISH	12th	13th
14th RUBBISH & RECYCLING	15th	16th	17th	18th RUBBISH	19th	20th
21st RUBBISH & RECYCLING	22nd	23rd	24th	25th RUBBISH	26th	27th
28th	29th RUBBISH & RECYCLING	30th	31st	1st FEB RUBBISH	2nd FEB	3rd FEB
4th FEB RUBBISH & RECYCLING	5th FEB	6th FEB	7th FEB	8th RUBBISH	9th FEB	10th FEB

Both Rubbish & Recycling collections then revert to the normal schedule (with the next fortnightly Recycling collection on 18th February 2019). Thanks to Murray Beatson for all his diplomacy and commercial acumen in achieving this excellent outcome.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED ABOLITION OF ORANGE PLASTIC RUBBISH BAGS

A summary of the results of the Rubbish and Recycling Survey was provided to member residents in the Spring email Newsletter. Whilst there was clearly strong support for the move from using the orange plastic Rubbish bags, to wheelie bins, competing priorities by the OBC committee members (having to deal with numerous other issues) has meant that the final details for the changeover have not yet been able to be worked through - and will have to be delayed until into the new year.

 <h1>WATER</h1>	<h2>Household Water Deliveries</h2> <h3>425 8454</h3> <p>0800 747 928 or 027 556 6111</p>	 <p>Purpose built 11,000 litre stainless steel tank</p>
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SUMMER EVENTS – WHAT’S ON?

As usual, there are loads of events happening in and around the area over the summer season.

Here’s a summary of what’s on (at least what we’re aware of!) over the next couple of months. Also keep an eye out for posts on our website (<https://omahabeach.co.nz/>)

The Matakana Village Farmer’s Market happens every Saturday from 8am to 1pm, throughout the year.

DECEMBER 2018

Saturday 15th Dec 2018: **NZ Ocean Swim Series ‘The Gem’**. 10.30am start from the boat ramp ... round to the beach in front of the Surf Club. There is a range of swim options for all ages, abilities and ambitions. From the 3.5km-long swim from the estuary to the ocean, to 1km and 500m distances and three OceanKids swims, all off the main beach.

www.oceanswim.co.nz/events/the-gem-omaha

27th Dec 2018: **Hidden Valley Festival; Matakana Country Park** – featuring an insane line up for the young set, including Wilkinson.

JANUARY 2019

Saturday 5th / Sunday 6th Jan 2019: **The Extravaganza Fair**; Matakana Country Park. A unique market/festival, which is completely FREE. You will find market stalls, arts and craft, food, musical entertainment and kids shows.

www.extravaganza.co.nz

Sunday 27th Jan 2019: **Sonorous Festival 2019**;

Matakana Country Park. 12 noon – 10.30pm. A premiere house and techno-focused festival.

MARCH 2019

Saturday 2nd March 2019: **Matakana X Run**; 8am, Matakana Country Park (limited places, enter early)

Beach Polo: You may have heard about the Beach Polo that was going to be held on Boxing Day. Unfortunately, it will no longer take place this year, but the organisers are looking ahead to an event next year.

There are also some changes being made regarding dates and format for the **Warkworth A&P Show**.

Other ‘events’, you may be interested in, and you should keep a look out for include:

Omaha Beach Golf Club, at the Community Centre, Omaha Drive.

OBC members are welcome to use the **CLUB Café and Bar** facilities.

Smiths, at the Matakana Country Park, have a ‘Sunday Service’ from 3pm–8pm. DJs playing great music on the deck. They also have weekly meal specials!

Sawmill Brewery, on Leigh Rd, has occasional special events.

The Matakana Pub also has occasional special events.

The Rusty Pelican, in Matakana, has weekly meal specials.

Check www.matakanacoast.co.nz for listings

The **Omaha Half Marathon** took place on Sunday 2nd December. It featured a full circumnavigation of the Omaha Peninsula, including the beach. There were 1,291 entrants, with 1,108 people finishing the course. Mark Paterson was the first male home (1:19:15), and Adrienne McKenzie was the first female (1:26:39). There was also a 21km and 10km Competitive Walk, as well as the 10km Classic, the 5km Fun Run & Walk and a 2km Kids Dash (won by Sam Wallace). Congratulations to all winners and participants. Why not give it a go next year! **For more info and results check the website: www.omahahalfmarathon.co.nz**

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RUNNING INTO HISTORY - ALLISON ROE, MBE

Allison Roe, Rodney Local Board Member (Warkworth), and winner of the New York and Boston marathons in 1981, is one of only two women in history to win the Women's Open divisions of both marathons in the same year. To honour her achievements, she was recently inducted into the New York Road Runners Hall of Fame and travelled to New York with friends and family to receive this honour, days ahead of the 2018 New York marathon run on 4th November.

With a passion for running that runs deep and strong, Allison found it an incredible honour to be in NY and was amazed to see how huge and important New York Road Runners has become.

She was thrilled to be able to share the moment: "It's so good to have my family and friends here. When he knew I was being inducted in the Hall of Fame, my son Elliott Roe decided to come with me and run the marathon. He's 25, exactly the age I was when I won. I'm very proud of him."

At the ceremony, George Hirsch, Chairman of the Board of New York Road Runners, said: "Those who were here in 1981 will always remember the new talent that burst on the New York scene that day. She was a pure joy to behold." Allison looked radiant in a black and white dress chosen specially for the occasion.

Although a serious hamstring and back injury, following a fall, ended her running career, not long after winning the New York Marathon, she remains active. Her running may be limited to running on soft sand these days - Omaha Beach is the only place she runs - but



Allison is passionate about cycling and attacks mountain biking at full effort. In 2017 she won gold at the World Masters Games.

Through the years Allison has been a powerful spokesperson for the professionalisation of distance running as well as an advocate in the fight for equality for female athletes. Currently, she actively champions health and environmental issues as an elected member of Auckland's Waitemata District Health Board and the Rodney Local Board.

Allison lives on a lifestyle block at Omaha Flats with her husband Alan, who has a long and successful real estate career. They enjoy cycling holidays and being active in the community.

It is wonderful to have Allison, an internationally-recognised athlete and community-minded woman, in our midst - the area is all the richer for her energy, input and dynamic involvement.

Congratulations Allison on a wonderful achievement!

DATABASE - HELP US TO HELP YOU

It is important that we keep our property owner database as current as possible. If you change your email address, change your physical address in Auckland or elsewhere, or change your phone number, please let us know.

You can do this by emailing us@omahabeach.co.nz or april@macnicol.co.nz

We also need a contact phone number in case we need to urgently contact a property owner for a variety of situations that may occur, such as (but not limited to): break-ins/burglaries, flooding, fire, alarms going off, unsupervised out-of-control parties, windows or doors left open, lights left on etc.

BEACH ETIQUETTE

Please respect the beach this summer:

- Respect the dog rules
- Pick up after your dog
- Keep your kids off the dunes
- No fires on the beach
- Stay safe in the water
- Report anything untoward to Insite Security

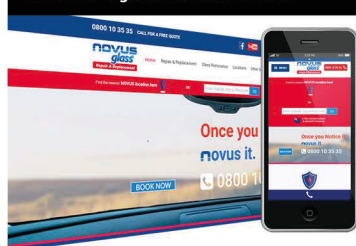


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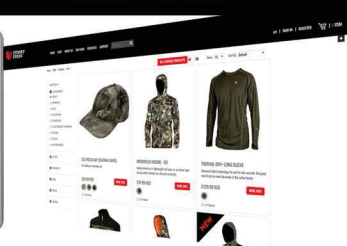
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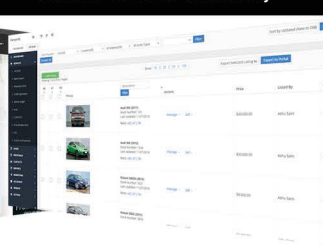
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Fun in the shallows. Photo: Sally Blyth

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This issue looks back at some of the history of the surrounding landscape. Although many aspects of the locale continue to evolve, we can rest assured that our beautiful views of bush clad hillsides will remain.

Within Omaha itself, it is noticeable that many of the earlier houses are now almost unrecognisable – in a good way – having been renovated and modernised over the years. There is constant building work going on, especially in the original part of Omaha, and changes are afoot at our place as we, too, have plans to renovate.

Ours is one of the original originals; at 44 years old it still has the same wallpaper and flooring – but not for much longer! Although the house has good bones, it's still a big project and will no doubt involve some gulps and hitches along the way. However, we are firmly focussed on the end result and the wonderful times we'll have in years to come. It will be heaven to have internal access and larger decks. Let a new era begin!

This scenario has led to us spending a bit more time in Omaha in preparation of the works. We decided to come up for the Matakana Oyster & Wine Festival held at Matakana Country Park on Sunday 7th October. What a superb day, from start to finish; plenty of space, shelter, food and wine options, a dedicated kids' area and continuous live music. It was great to see a big emphasis on minimising the impact on the environment, with a variety of waste bins everywhere – reuse, recycle, compost. The local oysters lived up to expectation, with lots of other eating options on offer too. The event was impeccably organised and managed on the day; MC Wendy Douglas, from Junction Magazine did a wonderful job.

The crowd was made up of all ages, with many coming up from Auckland for the day; everyone was in a happy mood and the weather behaved as well as the people did. The grassy dance floor in front of the stage was in full swing throughout the day and, when things came a formal close at

4pm, no one wanted it to end. Get along next year if you can; take your picnic rug and dancing shoes. And a fork! Great fun, right on our doorstep.

I was thrilled to win a competition run on the day by Takatu Vineyard. Upon going to pick up the case of wine that I won (rosé, pinot gris, merlot – definitely recommended!) I was also shown around the luxurious Takatu Lodge; four beautifully appointed suites, each with its own terrace. The views are stunning, as is the lounge area where guests can relax and enjoy great food and wine. If you have overseas guests coming, it would be a fantastic place for them to stay if your house is full. Or get a group together and book a wine tasting session with Sharon and the team. www.takatulodge.co.nz

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I think we're in for a fine time – in terms of both weather and enjoyment!

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