

# Algies Bay Resident and Ratepayers Association

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## March 2024 Newsletter



The fantastic weather during our 2023/24 summer has been welcomed and we hope everyone has enjoyed their time in the Bay.

We were very pleased to have been able to hold our Annual New Year barbecue and take this opportunity to thank our sponsors New World, Jennian Homes and Mahurangi Marine for their continued support. Please purchase from these companies wherever possible as they really do make a difference to our Community.

Thank you also to our volunteers for cooking and serving such a tasty breakfast with a lovely smile even during the most hectic times!!

All donations on the day were gratefully received, thank you very much to those who generously did so.

A reminder that Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, 7 April.....don't forget to turn your clocks back!!



### Annual General Meeting 2024

The Algies Bay Resident & Ratepayers Assn AGM will be held on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 10am** at the **Snells Beach Community Church, 325 Mahurangi East Road**, (opposite the Fire Station).

Our key speaker will be Delma O'Hare giving some insight to the dreaded Caulerpa seaweed invasion. This is an extremely serious threat with major repercussions to NZ and marine life. With its presence already on the Iris Shoal, it is paramount that we obtain as much information as we can in terms of spread prevention and learn what is being done to eliminate the weed from our coast line.

We are hoping to have other Council and Local Board representatives on the day.

With the exception of one Committee Member, all members have agreed to continue with their current roles. We need to fill this vacant position so we are looking for potential committee members who have a keen interest in our bay and motivated to move our Association forward.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Committee, contact us on [admin@algiesbay.co.nz](mailto:admin@algiesbay.co.nz) and please submit a nomination form. It is always great to have fresh faces and new ideas on how we can keep Algies Bay and our Community the best it can possibly be 😊

## Annual Subscriptions

Annual \$10 subscriptions are now due for the 2024/25 financial year. Membership is important as it provides considerable strength for our Association when dealing with Council and other relevant organisations.

Direct debit is our preferred payment option but if you are unable to do so, feel free to hand to a committee member:

**Account Number: 12-3105-0013354-00**

Please use your surname and street address as the reference.

We are currently updating our Association database. We would be grateful if you could provide us with any changes to email address and contact information etc. so we can keep you posted on happenings in the bay.

## Wasp Baiting Programme



Once again in conjunction with volunteer residents, ABRRA are undertaking a bay wide German and Common wasp (pictured) baiting programme.

There have been several large nests detected and dealt with, however the activity of the wasps this year seems to have been somewhat delayed.

We are still monitoring and reporting so if you are experiencing a particular wasp problem, please let us know and we will investigate. If necessary, we may do spot baiting in those locations. Please do not attempt to deal with the wasps themselves (unless you are an exceptionally quick runner), as they are particularly nasty!!

Just contact us at: [admin@algiesbay.co.nz](mailto:admin@algiesbay.co.nz)

## Rat Baiting

We have commenced a vermin elimination programme in support of the plan to remove unwanted pests from our peninsula. Late last year we received 45 rat traps via Restore Rodney East (RRE) funded by the Local Rodney Board as well as several mustelid traps. As a first step, we have commenced distribution of rat traps across the bay with the great support from residents who have volunteered to set and remove these pests. So far, we have trapped more than 30 rats as well as some mice. We still have a few traps available. If you have an issue with rats please contact us.

## Dinghy Racks

The Association manages the dinghy racks located by the Alexander Road ramp. Over the course of the last six months, we have completed a large clean up of this area.

We would encourage users of these racks to securely fasten your dinghy to the rack structure as very occasionally these racks can be a target for thieves.

Currently there is one rack available (Cost: \$25 per year). If you are interested in leasing this rack please contact us at: [admin@algiesbay.co.nz](mailto:admin@algiesbay.co.nz).

## Defibrillator

If you need to access the defibrillator attached to the SYC Clubhouse, the lock code is: 030.

The defibrillator is currently checked and items replaced or updated as expiry dates require.

## Southern Seawall



After continued and frequent consultation with the Council, temporary restorative work is scheduled to begin on the Southern Seawall. The scope of work includes :

- Unblocking the horizontal drains running into the hillside and reinstating slope drainage to improve slope stability.
- Raising the crest of the wall slightly to about +2.7 metres elevation
- Using mostly the existing rocks and some new ones to reshape the wall making it less susceptible to failure.
- Repairing southern end to form some steps.

No confirmed start date has been provided but Council is still expecting work to begin late April. Once we have a date we will advise.

We are extremely fortunate to have the seawall repaired given there has been considerable damage across wider Auckland which requires funding following last year's storms.

## Foreshore Planting

The Association has been working with Auckland Council's Liaison Person Dan Marrow in relation to the eradication of the Elephant Grass, future spraying and replanting at the Southern End of Algies Bay.

There is also consultation with a proposal in place to spray and replant the foreshore in front of the Willjames Recreational Reserve.

We understand that the Council plantings are intended to be mostly shrubs and grasses, resistant to salt spray, with occasional cabbage

trees to not only reduce weed species but with the aim of using plantings to reduce erosion effects. Council will prepare the ground and supply the plants whilst ABRRA plan to have a working bee to do the plantings probably in winter. More details to follow once everything has been agreed with the various Council departments involved.



***Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter, look forward to seeing you at the AGM if you can make it!***



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**ALGIES BAY Residents & Ratepayers Association**  
**Subscription for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**\$10.00 per household**

NAME: ..... Phone: .....

ADDRESS: .....

If you have already paid - THANK YOU. We will have a record of this.

Please pay by direct debit, **our bank account number is 12-3105-0013354-00** - using your surname and address as the reference details to help us when checking our bank records.

Alternatively, please post to: **Algies Bay Residents & Ratepayers Association, PO Box 12, Snells Beach, 0942**

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(If paying by direct debit, please send your email address to [admin@algiesbay.co.nz](mailto:admin@algiesbay.co.nz) )

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Thank you for joining

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**COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM**

**ALGIES BAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

I HEREBY NOMINATE .....

BEING A RATEPAYER OR RESIDENT OF ALGIES BAY, TO SERVE ON THE ALGIES BAY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSN COMMITTEE

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Nominee's Signature: .....