



Algies Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association

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October 2023 Newsletter

Firstly, we would like to welcome new residents into our bay, and we are sure you will quickly come to realize that you have made a good choice of location.

There are several topics in this newsletter which are important for our bay going forward and will need support from our residents. As you read further, you'll catch up on these important projects.

Arundo Grass (Elephant Grass)

A considerable amount of work has gone into the removal of the invasive species from the southern end of the bay thanks to the efforts of Martin Evans. Removal has mostly been successful but there is still some remaining growth which needs to be eradicated. It will require more spraying, which is being completed by a certified operator.



German Wasp Baiting

Earlier this year we started a baiting programme across the bay to progressively eliminate these unwanted pests in our back yards. Again, with the support of our residents this activity was very successful. We are planning another round of baiting early next year so if anyone is interested to participate, please let us know via our email admin@algiesbay.co.nz

People have been asking about the control of paper wasps. Baiting does not target these wasps. The best method is to wait for dusk when the wasps return to the nest and then spray these with household spray. A special note, if you are looking to trim hedges and bushes check these carefully as this is where these wasps commonly build their nests.

Rat and Mustelid Trapping

An organization called Restore Rodney East (RRE) has been actively working across the region to eradicate these unwanted vermin. For example, Tawharanui Regional Reserve has been successfully controlling these pests and it's exciting to see that a lot of our native flora and fauna is flourishing as a result.



A rat attacking a fantail nest

Our Association committee has taken the decision to embark on a rat and mustelid eradication programme in the bay. Our first stage will be rat trapping, and this will again need the help of our residents to support us just as you have with German wasp baiting.

We have acquired 45 rat traps through RRE as a start. Please contact us via email if you are keen to help. We have already received requests from residents, but we need to finalize a systematic plan to cover the bay.

Seawall Below Willjames Reserve

For some time, our Association has been asking for remedial work on this seawall which is deteriorating because of storm surge. Council has completed ground testing analysis and is developing a concept ready for resource consent. We are expecting a consultation meeting with Council representatives later this month. At this stage construction is planned for April/May next year.

Beach Storm water Outlets

Please note that all storm water drain outlets will no longer have a metal grill. Auckland Council have changed the policy of protective outlet grills. The rationale is that grills can become fouled which can result in upstream flooding risks.

Please be mindful of this change and make sure children are properly supervised to keep away from these drains and not to enter.

Vehicles on the Beach

Recently, vehicles have been observed driving on the beach towards the northern end. The only time vehicles are permitted on the beach is for launching and retrieving boats.

Auckland Council Bylaw

Te taraiwa i tātahi

Driving on beaches

You're allowed to drive on Muriwai and Karioitahi beaches, provided you have a current permit and comply with specific rules. You're not allowed to drive on any other beaches, except to launch or retrieve a boat or in emergency situations.

Fish Carcasses on the Beach

Recently there have been fish remains left on the beach. This is unacceptable as it attracts seabirds, dogs and is a hazard for beach walkers. Please dispose of fish waste responsibly.

Dinghy Racks

For the security of your dinghy, we urge you to use a suitable locking system i.e. chain and padlock to prevent items being stolen or removed.

Annual Subscriptions

Membership is important as it provides considerable strength for our Association when dealing with Council and other statutory bodies. We are still accepting the annual \$10 subscriptions for the 2023/24 financial year. If you have not paid your membership, payment can be made directly to our account: - 12-3105-0013354-00. Use your surname and street address as the reference. If you have not received this Newsletter as an email, please contact us at: admin@algiesbay.co.nz so we can add you to our email list.

Annual BBQ Breakfast

To be held 2nd January 2024 in the main reserve, weather permitting.

More details to follow in our next newsletter.