

Chairman's Report

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to your new generation Community Hall. 2020/21 has been a tumultuous year for your residents Association, yet one of its most successful ever. Your Committee has made some bold decisions and implemented some transitional projects that, we hope, will make your Community Hall more appealing to existing and new users and make it more financially self-sustaining.

Our income was down considerably because of Covid but with good management and the personal commitment, without compensation, our Custodian Michelle mitigated the losses by reducing costs to match. This did impede on planned works, but not for long!

We had some successes and some disappointments in our submissions to Auckland Council/Auckland Transport/Watercare. However, we are grateful that we, so often, have Local Board members attend our meetings and supporting our Community!

☆ **Community Hall & Old School Building - Improvements made:**

- Cleared trees from back boundary
- Fenced the back Yard
- Built the rear deck
- Erected a shade sail
- Painted extension
- Established a garden
- Fitted folding doors to stage
- Fitted side doors to sage and hallway
- Fitted new flexi door to main hall
- Installed Air Conditioning to main hall
- Installed suspended ceiling
- Working be to clean up back yard
- Worked with Greenhithe Community Trust on establishment of a Toy Library on our site
- Painted the Old School Building
- Equipped Hall with crockery/glassware

☆ **Estimated cost of over \$110, 000 – sponsored by:**

- Residents Association and Members
- Ryman Health Care
- Kiwi Excavators
- Tree King
- Outdure Decks
- Placemakers Albany
- NZ Lottery Board
- Eternal Vision Church and Members
- Steadfast Foundation (Andrew Kerr)
- Greenhithe Garden Group
- Upper Harbour Local Board
- Lyons Valuation

We urge you to support these sponsors who have contributed to your community!

☆ **Community Hall – A bold decision:**

Early in 2020 we were approached by our neighbor at the rear with an offer to purchase a strip of land to enable him to maximize the value of his property by building two dwellings. The first offer was refused. After a number of months, we were approached a second time and the committee determined that the correct course of action was to get a registered valuation, which they did. The neighbor accepted our terms and has agreed to purchase 122 sq/m for \$138,000 plus all costs of subdividing, new titles and fencing.

The new boundary plan is attached to this report. The Committee considered this matter at length, not always agreeing with each other. However, once we had a true valuation and had recognized that the land involved had never been used in the 106 years since it was gifted by Captain Cotton (when the population of Greenhithe was 70 persons), the decision was not hard to make. This was seen as a one-time opportunity to benefit the community with improvements to its facilities and for the Association to operate with some funds in reserve, perhaps for the first time ever! This being even more important as the Association has exhausted every known source of funding over the last couple of years and still has pressing needs for maintenance and up-grading of facilities.

☆ **Community Hall – proposed Improvements:**

- Overlay the Community hall floor (\$36k)
- Touch-up Exterior paint
- Touch-up Interior paint
- Replace chairs & tables
- Re-roof the Old School Building (\$22k)
- Re-seal windows at OSB
- Replace pipework at OSB
- Install Wifi at Community Hall
- Recarpet foyer of Community Hall
- Replace Road Sign at Community Hall

Much to be done in the next 12 months, but now all achievable!

☆ **Community Infrastructure - Council/AT/Watercare:**

Congratulations to Council and the Local Board on the superb new children's playground at Corner of Huntington and Kyle Road.

Thank-you to Local Board and Auckland Transport for taking our extensive report on broken, poorly maintained and dangerous footpaths seriously and starting what appears to be an extensive restoration program on Greenhithe's footpaths, beyond our expectations.

Our disappointment has been the postponing of works proposed for Rame Road due to Covid financial pressures. This is understanding under the circumstances, however neither the Residents Association nor your Local Board will allow this priority project to be forgotten.

Watercare disrupted Greenhithe for essential infrastructure work but, between them and AT, with pressure from GRA, they left us with better roads than we started with for which we are grateful.

☆ **Associated Community works – Working together we are stronger!**

- Emergency Response Group – We are participants in this group with GCT and supported their expo day during the year.
- Community Art Expo – We spearheaded this successful event assisted by GCT, the sponsors Harcourts and others.
- Tauhinu Sea Scouts – We are supporting their 'Water Shed' boat storage project in any way we can. We sponsor the Hall for the pancake breakfast.
- Pink High Tea – We sponsor the Hall for this Harcourts event.
- Greenhithe Community Trust – As always, we work in unison with the Trust on many projects. Currently supporting their Community Toy Library project.

☆ **Your Associations Committee -Volunteers with no self-interest!**

The great pleasure of being involved in your Residents Association over 21 years has been the wonderful, generous and community minded people I have worked with on the Association, Local Board and Councilors and the Greenhithe Community Trust. None more so that in the last 12 months when such momentous, but well considered, decisions were made!

Our Executives – Trish our Deputy Chair, Ivy our Secretary, Steven our Treasurer and Michelle our Hall Custodian have performed their duties in an exemplary manner. We were supported by a talented committee each with their own skills and each making a vital contribution. To Mick, Annie, Dennis, Tricia, Robert, Nika and Ehsan your community thanks you!

Brian Carran
Chairman
Greenhithe Residents Association