

Welcome to this email update from Cockle Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association

## **Stay Safe and Support Local**

As we all look forward to the easing of restrictions on our movements we continue to encourage all those who can to get vaccinated and exercise caution when interacting with others. As we have said before, although it is not our normal function, if any of our members or local residents requires assistance, we will see what we can do to help.

We also encourage our residents to support our local businesses, especially those at Litton Road; the Windross, and Howick. Like us, they have had a tough time.

## **Speed Restrictions at Cockle Bay Beach**

Auckland Transport is running a consultation process relating to the introduction of new speed restrictions. There are no proposals relating to our immediate area. However, many of our members will be conscious of the problem of so called "boy racers" at Cockle Bay Beach and using a Cockle Bay Road / Pah Road circuit. There has already been one serious accident and we have received reports of a car losing control and mounting the kerb at the beach only very recently. We believe there is a good case for lobbying for a speed limit restriction at Cockle Bay Beach. Although it will not stop speeding, but will provide a basis for increased penalties.

Although the submission process is intended to be limited to the roads where speed reductions are proposed we encourage everyone to make a submission to Auckland Transport for the introduction of a 20km / hour speed limit at Shelly Beach Parade, on the grounds that the road is not suited to the normal residential limit because of the number of visitors and parked cars. Submissions close on 14 November 2021. You can use the following email (better than the on line form because the road is not currently on the list of those where changes are proposed): [ATSpeedProgramme@AT.govt.nz](mailto:ATSpeedProgramme@AT.govt.nz)

Please feel free to write your own submission or simply support what the Association has submitted. A copy is on our web site [www.cocklebay.co.nz](http://www.cocklebay.co.nz)

Your Committee has also discussed other measures including speed cameras, "traffic calming" measure (speed humps unfortunately cause bad vibrations to local properties); increase police presence. A CBRRA member, Danny Wright, will be meeting on site with a representative from Auckland Transport to discuss the situation.

## **Sandspit Road Environment Court Case**

Covid-has delayed the Court hearings. They are currently scheduled for the week commencing 6th December. Because of Covid, the QC for the applicant has asked for a short extension of time before submitting his final documents, but does not think that Section 274 respondents (us!) will require an extension to our own deadline. However, our request for a similar extension has been granted by the Court.

## **Sale of Reserves**

The Hearings regarding the proposed sale of reserves has been postponed – you guessed it, because of covid restrictions! The revised date is 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We will be speaking at the Hearing in opposition to the sale of reserves.