

The Community Voice

Join the Kumeu-Huapai Residents & Ratepayers Association (KHRRRA)

We are a legally formed incorporated society representing the Kumeu district. We are not political in nature, except for supporting our Residents and our Ratepayers interests. We are a group of community minded individuals prepared to spend time and effort on your behalf to ensure your interests are best served by the Auckland Council, Local Board, Government and the numerous CCO's and NGO's.

We are aware that our communities are growing rapidly and we need new members to support our efforts. The costs are not high, you can join as a family, individual or as a business.

We hold open public meetings every second month, our Association has good connections with all those making community decisions including the Council & Board Members. Our Association, like you, are especially concerned about the following issues facing residents.

TRAFFIC

There are pending safety improvements to SH16 between Waimauku and Brigham Creek, work will commence in 2019, however the changes will not provide for any additional capacity to cope with the traffic increase, construction work will add to traffic delays.

The Labour lead coalition Government is talking about light rail to the North West, we have no information on what this may look like and suggest it is likely to be a long time in the future. Passenger rail service north of Swanson is currently thwarted by electric trains not being able to use the Swanson rail tunnel.

KUMEU BY PASS (NZTA)

- A meeting was held at Soljans Estate Kumeu at 2pm on Monday 1st October 2018.
- Attendees included, Chris Penk, Greg Sayers, Local Board, Auckland Transport, Auckland Council Planners, NZTA, Police, KHRRRA, Taupaki Ratepayers, Helensville Ratepayers.
- The primary topic was the future State Highway around Kumeu.
- NZTA confirmed their intention to By-Pass Kumeu in the future.

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- Further, it was hoped that a proposed alternative route could be suggested to the NZTA Board by mid 2019.
- From there the process needs to go through several phases including:
 - Board approval.
 - Design.
 - Hearings.
 - Route Protection.
 - Acquisition.
 - Funding.
 - Implementation.

The NZTA categorically stated at that meeting, final construction would likely be somewhere between 15 and 17 years ahead.

HOUSING GROWTH

The district has seen extensive housing growth over the last few years, with significantly more planned in the future. KHRRRA welcomes new growth and the opportunities growth provides for existing residents and new families making the North West their home. We are however, for the sake of all residents, fundamentally opposed to unplanned growth without the appropriate infrastructure being provided at the same time.

COUNCIL PLANNING

The Unitary Plan is now substantially operative, KHRRRA submitted and was the only local community group involved in submissions, throughout the process.

The Auckland Council has resolved that no further forward planning will be undertaken until 2025, resulting in an overall plan for the district not being ready for implementation until 2028, at the earliest. KHRRRA finds this totally unacceptable.

- Where will the State Highway impact on the North West Community?
- What local roading infrastructure is accordingly needed?
- Where is the commercial / industrial land, so people can live and work in the North West?
- What will the population expectation be in 25 year's time and will the infrastructure be able to cope?

We are adamant that if the district has a well thought out forward framework plan, the North West of Auckland, our area, will be a desirable place for families to live and work. Delays in forward planning will have catastrophic consequences. The community has to be involved in this process.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

(KHRRRA is politically neutral)

MP for Helensville: We acknowledge the wisdom and support of Chris Penk, in Chris, we see a local MP ready to fight for important issues in our community.

Rodney Councillor: In Greg Sayers we see a Councillor that has the interest of the entire Rodney Ward, not just one part, we are blessed to have a good working relationship with Councillor Sayers.

Local Board: It is fundamentally imperative for KHRRA to work alongside our Local Board, whilst their powers are limited, their voice is heard in Council. They support a Framework Plan, but have no funds or power to promote it.

FUNDING

KHRRA is funded by donations and subscriptions only.

BID

"Business Improvement District", established by the Auckland Council. In general its governance is set out by the Auckland Council and funded by way of a targeted rate against the business community.

Ironically the BID was implemented in the North West by approximately 15% of the business community voting in favour. Note that the Warkworth district voted against the BID implementation in their area.

BID'S mission is to promote business in the local area.

KHRRA have seen no past involvement from the BID in district wide planning, that is not its purpose. It is of critical importance for the community to understand that KHRRA is the only impartial and independent community voice for the district of Kumeu.

DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Development Contributions are charged to developers & landowners for newly created sections or developments. The Council cannot advise the community as to where Rodney contributions have been spent. We need contributions spent and accounted for in our district.

TARGET RATES

A preferred option for the Council is rate increases occurring on "Future Urban Zoned Land" with no infrastructure being provided (30% increase this year is not uncommon) we have found.

KHRRA - THE FUTURE

The Association has provided and will continue to provide advocacy, representation and a voice for the district. But to do that we MUST have your support, it is vital to our continuance and survival. We cannot stand in front of Local and Central Government with a limited membership and claim to represent the district.

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