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Proposed parking changes around North Shore Hospital

Auckland Transport is proposing changes to on-street parking times and (some charges) around North Shore Hospital. They are delivering an in-depth leaflet to many homes and there is a link to the leaflet in the covering email. Alternatively, you can visit their webpage:

<https://at.govt.nz/about-us/have-your-say/changes-to-on-street-parking-around-north-shore-hospital/>



AT says on-street parking around North Shore Hospital is in high demand which means that people are often unable to find a park and become frustrated. They have also received several complaints about poor and illegal parking behaviour in the area. To discourage this behaviour, on some streets close to North Shore hospital, they propose to introduce paid parking. On residential streets they propose time restrictions on one side of the street.

Area A (blue) – paid parking \$1 per hour, 8am-6pm Mon-Fri

The brochure and website provide more detail about parking configurations in Areas B and C.

Consultation is open until 15 June. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NSParking>

Report from our AGM

This was held at the St Paul's Church on Tuesday, 8 May, and was well attended by members, Auckland Councillors Chris Darby and Richard Hills, and Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chair, George Wood, and Member, Jan O'Connor.

There was some frank discussion about the messy state of streets and roadsides in terms of overgrown berms, weeds and litter. Local Board Chair George Wood agreed that Ventia, the new contractor that took over all maintenance and service contracts in July last year, struggled over the first six to nine months. However, George feels there have been improvements recently. He says that, if we want Milford to go up to the next level, locals have to be vigilant about reporting overflowing rubbish bins, unkempt areas and broken items like park benches.

George has provided some email addresses so that we don't have to endure long waits on Actionline 09 301 0101. He says to copy him with any email so he is aware of problems. George.wood@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz. Send a photo of whatever you are complaining about if you can.

For damaged park benches, rubbish bins overflowing, general rubbish, untidiness, graffiti on Auckland Council property and similar: enquiry@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Water leaks faults@water.co.nz

Graffiti on power boxes or substations. Locate the number on each power box and photograph it to make it easier for Vector to locate. [Info.vector@vector.co.nz](mailto:info.vector@vector.co.nz)

Graffiti on telephone boxes. Phone Chorus 0800 222 638

State of Coastal Promenade, Ocean View Rd to Black Rock

Some members pointed out the very poor state of the concrete promenade from Ocean View Rd to Black Rock. Since the promenade contains a wastewater pipeline, George Wood referred it to Watercare who have commented:

- the promenade and the steps are public amenities that have been subject to degradation over long periods of time through many storms.
- The degradation is more cosmetic and related to the amenity of the walkway rather than being related to the integrity of the wastewater infrastructure. The promenade is therefore outside Watercare's operation remit.
- Watercare will undertake repairs where the integrity of the pipeline is at risk but does not believe this to be the case with the current structure.

The same question about the state of the promenade has now been directed to Community Facilities at Auckland Council. We will keep you posted.

Rubbish and Pollution in the Wairau

Concerns were also voiced about the rubbish and polluted water and silt travelling from the whole Wairau catchment down to the estuary. After the torrential rain on 9 April 2018, Norma, Debbie, Glenys and Heather from our committee visited the Croftfield Lane stormwater wetland which was recently developed to absorb and slow water volumes into the Wairau. The vegetation had been battered and there was rubbish distributed throughout (see photo). We have been told that contractors later removed 650 kg of rubbish which we can be grateful had not flowed down to the estuary and sea at Milford.



Our guest speaker was Vicki Parker, who is Volunteer Services Team Leader for the Northern Hospital Alliance. Vicki gave a fascinating talk on Hospice including the many, many ways people can volunteer to help them. A recent change has been the merging of the management of North Shore, Hibiscus Coast and Warkworth/Wellsford Hospices.

Milford Mall update

We have been advised NZRPG has lodged a building consent application for an 11-storey apartment block facing Omana Rd as an alternative to the postponed developments on the Milford/Omana Rd frontages.

The company has apparently sold the Highbury Mall. It is no longer listed as one of their properties on the NZRPG website.

NEWS FROM THE MILFORD SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB INC

The Milford Senior Citizens Club Inc celebrates its 60th Year on the 4th July with a Birthday Lunch. Prior to the lunch, there will be a demonstration from Independent Living Services from 10am. Everyone is welcome to this demonstration of simple and practical solutions that assist older people remain independent. Independent Living Services is the parent trust of the AgePlus shops (including the one in Browns Bay).

At the demonstration, they will provide:

- Simple and practical solutions to maintain your independence
- Up to date information and resources for community, disability and health organisations
- Demonstration of assistive products and their benefits to continue to do the things you want to do
- Walking stick and walker height-and-safety checks

And, at the other end of the fitness spectrum.

Dance – Hoe Down Friday, 22 June 2018, 7-9pm, Milford Senior Citizens Hall
\$3 entry fee – all welcome

New 3 on 3 basketball court, Milford Reserve

After a gestation period of elephant proportions, this basketball half-court is being installed on an existing beach volleyball court at the northern corner of the Milford Reserve. With the remaining volleyball court, there will now be a choice of games for young people. We are unsure how long the installation will take.

Local club welcomes new members



Kennedy Park Petanque Club is a social and competitive club that caters for all skill levels and plays Interclub, Regional and National games. Their courts are in picturesque Kennedy Park, Beach Road, Castor Bay. If you think you might enjoy petanque, pop along to meet the team during club days: Tuesday and Thursday - 1.00pm - 3.00pm, Sunday - 10.00am - 12 Noon. Subs are a modest \$25 per year. Newcomers are welcome to use club boules and receive some coaching in the basics. Contact secretary, Jane, 09 489 7545.

Freedom camping bylaw update and report

Norma and Glenys recently attended a Council workshop on the development of Auckland Council's freedom camping bylaw on behalf of Milford Residents Assn. The bylaw is being drafted as a requirement of the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Key feedback from the workshops from the Council team is provided below:

Policy staff facilitated three workshops throughout the Auckland region. Attendees included individuals who had previously expressed interest in the topic of freedom camping and representatives of community groups.

Attendees highlighted some features that make a site suitable for freedom camping. These included:

- proximity to entertainment (shops, restaurants, coastal areas, events)
- large parking areas
- adequate facilities (toilets, bins, lighting and water)
- adequate distance between vehicles
- proximity to dump stations

Features highlighted by attendees that make a site less suitable included:

- health and safety issues including lack of adequate facilities (toilets far away or not 24 hours, lack of rubbish bins, lighting and water)
- environmental protection required, including existence of kauri dieback and lack of reticulation
- high use of area by residents for sports, community activities and events
- existing vandalism and other antisocial behavior in the area
- limited space for existing users (e.g. carparks near boat ramps used to manoeuvre trailers)

Attendees also considered restrictions which could support freedom camping in suitable sites. These included making some sites suitable for certified self-contained vehicles only, time restrictions, having designated parking spots for freedom campers on a site further away from residential properties, and limits on the number of days a freedom camper can stay at a site.

Broader issues that were discussed included potential enforcement issues, costs, communication of the bylaw to residents and visitors, problems with potential overcrowding, the impact of freedom camping on communities and residents, and the relationship with homelessness.

Progress on bylaw development

Engagement with local boards has begun and policy staff are collating the feedback gathered from stakeholders so far. The team are continuing to explore the principles that will determine how sites will be assessed for freedom camping suitability. A statement of proposal and draft bylaw will go to council's Governing Body for approval in the next few months.

Further opportunities to have your say

There will be upcoming opportunities for the public to have their say on council's draft freedom camping bylaw. Formal feedback on the draft bylaw and statement of proposal is scheduled for August/September.

MRA will advise members when formal feedback has been requested.



Every two or three years, an exhibition comes to Auckland that gets everyone going through the doors. In 2018, Body Worlds Vital is that exhibition so here's some information to help you get there if it appeals.

BODY WORLDS is the first exhibition of its kind to inform the visitor about anatomy, physiology and health through viewing real human bodies. The specimens on display were preserved through Plastination, the preservation process invented by physician and anatomist Dr. Gunther von Hagens while he was working at the University of Heidelberg.

Since 1995, more than 45 million visitors in over 121 cities in America, Europe, Asia and Africa have seen BODY WORLDS.

Vital presents a special collection of specimens designed to show visitors the basics of human health and wellness. The exhibition includes whole-body plastinates, a large arrangement of individual organs, arterial and organ configurations and translucent slices that give a complete picture of how the body works.

Vital tells the fascinating story of how best to fight life-threatening diseases such as cancer, diabetes and heart ailments, through healthy choices and lifestyle changes.

BODY WORLDS is being held at the Hilton Hotel, Princes Wharf until 13 July.

Exhibition entry times are scheduled every 30 minutes during opening hours.

Exhibition duration is typically 60-90 minutes.

Book tickets and your time slot online to avoid queues. <https://www.bodyworldsvital.com/tickets/>

Please note session changes and cancellations are not permitted.

Adults (16 years+ including Seniors)	\$28.00
Child (0-4 years)	Free
Child (5-15 years)	\$15.00
Family Pass (2 adults + 2 children)	\$75.00
All online tickets incur a 3% booking fee.	

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