Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting

Tuesday 3rd May 2022, 7.30pm

Held at Hataitai Centre (former Bowling Club) on

157 Hataitai Road

**Present**: Isaac Woodbridge, Martin Woodbridge, Tim Beverstock, Zandra Brickhill, Sonia Rafter, Roy Glass, and 30 other residents.

**Apologies**: not applicable

# 1. Crime Prevention and Community Resilience – meeting with Community Police

**About the meeting**

HRA hosted a community meeting with Kilbirnie Community Police Station (Constable Sandy Cumpstone) to discuss Crime Prevention and Community Resilience.

The deputy mayor, Sarah Free and Hataitai resident councillor, Sean Rush was present.

**Discussed at the meeting**

A good turnout by Hataitai Residents. Conversation offered useful insights to the crime issues faced by Hataitai.

The key points include:

* Crime is increasing - Hataitai needs to be vigilant and supportive of our neighbours.
* Car crime is increasing - Always remove valuable items from your car.
* Unacceptable behaviour – if you hear or see someone threatening another person, note the nature of the threat and immediate call Police. If the threat involves violence the Police Dispatch can send any patrol cars in the area to investigate. The Police guarantee caller anonymity to protect your privacy.
* Reporting crime adds to statistics - Always report crime. Police may not be able to respond to each instance, but data is needed to support policy and police funding.
* Community resilience - Do you know your neighbour? Have you recently stopped to chat at your letterbox?  Or, popped your head over the fence to say hi?

A fully engaged community helps provide a barrier or buffer to unwanted activity and crime in our neighbourhood.

We as residents and village shop owners need to be aware of crime, to make your voice heard when crime is occurring, and to immediately report it.

Our elderly need support (a watchful and helpful eye) and our youth need to be linked into the community. Youth in particular need to feel part of the community, and know that older residents will stand up for them when they are in need.

**Hataitai Community Events**

Hataitai Community events - Residents are encouraged to join in.

Support the numerous events held in Hataitai.

The next one is HRAs **Hataitai Litter Blitz** - a well-attended and fun event where we clean up our streets. At the end there will be snacks and ice blocks. The event is supported by Four Square and Coolsville.

It is a good day which makes our neighbourhood litter free.

**2 pm – 4pm on Sunday 29th May 2022**

**Note well**

Our local MP, Paul Eagle didn’t attend the meeting. Questions regarding police funding and government policy on policing objectives should be forwarded to his office.

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# 2. Membership.

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# Next meeting

Next meeting is on Tuesday 7 June

Hataitai Centre

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