

NEXT FUNDRAISING MOVIE

Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont



August 20th at 6pm

Bridgeway Cinema
Queen Street - Northcote

Tickets \$13

**Phone Ruth quickly on 476-6040
to ensure you get your tickets.**

Last fundraiser movie was a sell-out.

This stiff-upper-lip weepie directed by Dan Ireland belongs to the same genre as "Ladies in Lavender." It's a juicy morsel for the great British actress Dame Joan Plowright, who endows Mrs. Palfrey with stoic charm and decency. (*New York Times*)

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 20th July at 7pm

NSCC Offices, Glen Road, Browns Bay

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Long Bay - Okura Great Park Society

Newsletter July 2006



**Create the Great Park
for Future Generations**

0900 4 PARK

Please Phone Again!

- The Long Bay – Okura Great Park Society is taking the fight to protect the green hills of Long Bay to the Environment Court.
- We need your help now to prevent intense housing developments adjoining the Long Bay Regional Park.
- **Please keep calling 0900 4 PARK (0900 4 7275) to donate \$10 to the Environment Court Fund. Children, ask the account holder first.**
- To make a larger donation phone Jos on 473 6743.

Long Bay - Okura Great Park Society: P.O. Box 35-348 Browns Bay

www.longbaypark.org

Dear Great Park Supporters,

I experience a sinking feeling of dread when I imagine the land at Long Bay stripped bare with the bulldozers carving through it. This is what we all fear and is indeed what will happen if we don't stop the development from happening as well as the following:

Pollution of the Marine Reserve: Sedimentation and pollution runoff will kill marine life and may at times render the beach unsafe for swimming.

Destruction of the Visual Backdrop: One of the best features of the park is its green backdrop. This peaceful atmosphere will disappear when the developer bulldozes six metres off Awaruku ridge, replacing it with hundreds of homes including a four-storey town centre and apartments in the valley. Vaughn's ridge will be covered in hundreds more houses.

Loss of the Archaeological Landscape: The archaeological structures and features of Long Bay form a unique complex of layered remains spanning the last 800 years of human activity. Unfortunately, the structure plan potentially allows developers to build houses amongst and around these unique sites, breaking up the heritage landscape and denying the public access.

Damage to the Wetlands: Ecologically sensitive wetlands are at risk from siltation, and will be dramatically changed by stormwater control ponds and road bridges.

Insufficient Recreational Space: Currently the Park Ranger closes the gates of the Regional Park 6-10 times per year due to overcrowding. If additional land is not secured for the park now, then we will not be able to provide for future generations.

The Society has now lodged its appeal to the Environment Court. If you wish to read our appeal you can do so at www.longbaypark.org.

Thanks to everyone's generous contributions, we have raised \$13,000. Your donations are still coming in strong. We are over 25% on the way to achieving our goal. I now urge you to please phone the 0900 4 PARK number again.

Fiona McLaughlin,
Convenor

Subscriptions

We have always kept our membership fees to a minimum. This \$10 fee only covers the cost of sending newsletters so that you can be informed of all our activities. If you have a red dot on the address label of your newsletter your sub is still due and this will be your last newsletter for the year until paid.

If you have any queries regarding your subscription please call me on 473 5097.

Beth, Membership Secretary

What's been happening?

Your executive committee and the numerous subcommittees have been busy recently.

We have hired a lawyer to prepare our appeal against the NSCC in the Environment Court. A Landscape Architect and Town Planner has been hired and the appeal itself was filed and notified in the newspaper.

The Trust committee is well into establishing the land purchase trust. The draft deed is prepared and the search for trustees is in progress with a special meeting being planned later in the year.

The fundraising committee have been sending out flyers to all the members and have also started letterbox drops throughout the North Shore - completed from Mairangi Bay to Okura. We have already done very well with cash donations and the 0900 4 PARK number (despite Telecom technical problems). A movie evening in August is scheduled (see back page). Linda Nunn and the committee extends their sincere thanks to all the volunteers and supporters that have made it possible. Still a long way to go so any support we can get would really help to keep up the momentum.

We have already had some great publicity in the North Shore Times Advertiser. Who would have thought we could hit the front page with a beautiful colour picture and a wonderful message. There was also the interview with Fiona on Triangle and the sponsored adds in NSTA and the 'Time Out' add in the Herald. We have a sign campaign coming very soon in the East Coast Bays area. Two keen young advertising professionals are on our case so expect to see more soon. Then there's the colouring competition held in the libraries over the school holidays and also the stands in the shopping malls.

A young film producer is keen to make another documentary. Expect something later in the year. We'll let you know when you can see it on TV or buy a copy.

Lobbying of ARC (who are also appealing the plan), NSCC, Government and other governmental agencies is ongoing. A number of important meetings have already been held with others in the pipeline. Let's see if the politicians can follow up with concrete action not just sweet talk.