

Audacious claim.. *Bernard responds to Times Advertiser letter..*

Re Busway finding unfair, (NST, September 19).

In your report under the above heading counsel for the six developers appealing to the High Court for judicial review of North Shore City Council development contributions policy has the audacity to claim council's purchase of land at Long Bay for reserve purposes was not based on need to meet growth but some dark political motive so should not require development contribution funding.

Who does he think he is kidding?

North Shore city's population has been growing at an alarming rate outstripping infrastructure capacity.

It now stands at about 212,000 with median projections of 232,000 by 2016 and 305,000 by 2046.

Yet here are the poor impoverished developers packing more and more people into less and less space while claiming additional open recreational space is not needed for their health and well-being.

All the city's beachfront reserves are extremely crowded throughout much of the year and especially Long Bay, the most popular beach in the Auckland metropolitan area.

To suggest additional reserve land (especially coastal of which precious little remains free of development) is patently ludicrous.

Which should have priority? Developers' profits or the peoples' health and well being?

Hopefully the court will see the blatant self interest motivating the developers' argument and throw it out.

BERNARD STANLEY, Torbay.

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 16th November at 7pm

NSCC Offices, Glen Road, Browns Bay

Come along to our next meeting where we will be discussing the following:

- Fund raising progress and plans,
- What's happening now with the legal appeal.
- Results of Community Board's meeting with ARC.
- More about the upcoming earthworks around Ashley Reserve

NEXT FUNDRAISING MOVIE

BEYOND *the*SEA

November 12th at 6pm

Bridgeway Cinema
Queen Street - Northcote

Tickets \$13

Kevin Spacey and Kate Bosworth in the life story of Bobby Darin and Sandra Dee – This biography of singer/composer/actor Bobby Darin – whose star shone briefly in the late '50s, through the '60s and until his early death at age 37 in 1973 - is a real fan's tribute.



Phone Ruth quickly on 473-6040 to ensure you get your tickets.

Last fundraiser movie was a sell-out.

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Dear Great Park Supporters,

Legal Appeal

Since I last wrote we have attended several pre-hearing conferences with all of the parties in the Environment Court appeal. These conferences have set the hearing date at July next year and established the process that all of the parties will follow until then. Our expert witnesses have been briefed at visits to Long Bay and are presently gathering evidence.

Ministry of Environment Grant

We have had good news from the Ministry of the Environment. They have accepted our application for a grant to cover our court costs. We have been granted the maximum amount they can give to any case—\$30,000!

Community Board goes to ARC

The East Coast Bays Community Board met with Auckland Regional Council (Thanks to lots of our members who were there in support). The Board asked the ARC to commit to determining the backdrop to the Regional Park once the 3D model is completed, and to commit to further archaeological investigations. The ARC responded positively and is working on both issues. The ARC will be discussing the possibility of broadening the archaeological survey to cover areas outside the Heritage zone on 20 November.

Fundraising

Thanks to the donations of our generous members and the hard work of the fundraising committee we are well

on the way to raising the full amount needed for the Environment Court. Many of our members have already responded to the request for a \$70 donation and more donations are pouring in each week. I would like to personally thank those who have given. Your commitment to the Great Park is outstanding and inspiring.

A similar letter requesting donations has just been sent out to people in the Torbay area who objected to the Structure Plan. Hopefully we will have a good response from this mail out as well.

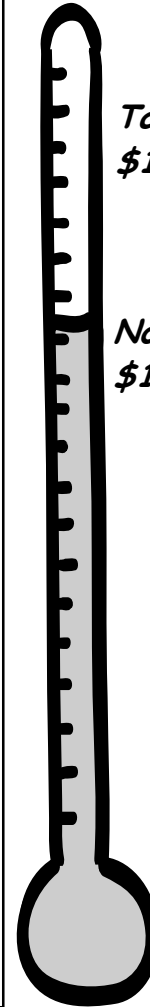
The fundraising committee has been continuing with running stands in local malls. These have been very successful in publicising the issues and gathering public donations. The extent of public support for protecting Long Bay and establishing a Great Park is amazing.

Don't forget the movie on the 12th. If you don't have a ticket yet, there are still a few left. These are always enjoyable events, so come along!

We also need more volunteers to deliver flyers and run the mall stands. These are an important part of our fundraising campaign. If you can spare an hour or two, you can make a valuable contribution to making the park happen! Phone Linda on 479 1748 to volunteer.

Best Wishes

Fiona McLaughlin,
Convenor



Target
\$140,00

Now..
\$110,000

PLEASE PHONE AGAIN !

Create the Great Park for Future Generations

0900 4 PARK

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.

If you or your friends would like to donate from overseas please check our website 'www.longbaypark.org' for details..

