

Long Bay - Okura Great Park Society

Newsletter June 2007



GENERAL MEETING

Meeting date changed to: Thursday - 12th July

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

- Environment Court — Full outline of the positions of the parties in the case and plans for members to attend the court.
- Fund raising— Update on progress and plans for the future.
- Documentary film— Showing of the documentary "A wareness".
- Other general business.

NSCC Offices, Glen Road, Browns Bay at 7pm

ATTEND THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

We are urging members to attend sessions of the Environment Court to observe the proceedings in person and to demonstrate to the court that we have a strong following. The case commences on the **Tuesday 17th July** and finishes on 3rd August. Sessions are from 9:30 am till 5:00 pm Monday to Friday.

The best way to come in is by bus so you don't have to worry about parking. If you are coming from the North Shore, you can catch a bus from Platform 2A (87 Express) at the Albany 'Park and Ride' at 8.20 am or 8.35 am. From the Constellation Drive 'Park and Ride' the buses (85 or 86 Express) leave about 5 minutes later. These buses will take you up Albert Street. From there, it is a one minute walk to the Court.

Further bus information from Maxx on 366-6400.

Please call Jos on 473 6743 for details and to register which day(s) or times you will be attending. We would like to organise a good spread of people to come over all the days so we would appreciate knowing how many people will be coming.

**Hearing Room 8.2
Environment Court
District Court Building, 8th Floor
3 Kingston Street (off Albert Street)
Auckland**

Location map on www.longbaypark.org/map

CONVENOR'S REPORT

Dear Great Park Supporters,

We are now drawing very close to the date of our Court Hearing. The hearing will begin on the 17th July and will run for three weeks. This is our **last opportunity** to make a difference to the fate of Long Bay so I encourage you to attend the hearing as often as possible. It is crucial that you be there to demonstrate the public's great need for the protection of Long Bay. The details of the hearing are outlined in this newsletter. Feel free to call Jos on 473 6743 if you have any questions about coming to the Hearing.

The hearing should prove to be quite a spectacle with evidence being heard from, potentially, over 70 witnesses from North Shore City Council, Land Co, Auckland Regional Council, the Historical Places Trust, the Okura Environmental Group, the Great Park Society plus others. We will debate all the issues concerning the Structure Plan; The consequence of development on the Marine Reserve, sedimentation, stormwater and pollution effects; The effect of development on Long Bay Regional Park, including visual and landscape issues and how it will impact on visitors to the Park; The earthworks required by both Structure Plans and the impacts of these earthworks; The archaeological heritage of Long Bay and how to preserve it; The ecological importance of Long Bay, including the significance of Vaughans Stream; plus much, much more.

The Society has submitted its evidence to the Environment Court. This evidence included submissions from our experts, (Landscape Architect, Planner and Archaeologist), myself and the Deputy Convenor as well as reports from the Executive, Members and Non Members describing the importance of Long Bay to them and the impact of development on this area that they love. I would like to thank everybody for the considerable effort they put into completing this evidence, including the work by those behind the scenes.

At our next General Meeting I will take you through our evidence and explain our stance at the Court in detail plus the position of the other parties. This should be a very interesting meeting so I hope to see you there.

Also, last but not least, thanks to Kurt and Beth for the immense effort they put into getting this newsletter out to our members.

Warmest Regards,

Fiona McLaughlin

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Convenor

Awareness— The Long Bay Documentary

By Iain Hamilton-Gates.

This locally produced documentary deals with the challenges of urban sprawl and the threat to open space and rural protection from the relentless expansion of Auckland and the impact it will have on Long Bay - Okura.

See it at www.longbaypark.org. *Requires Broadband for satisfactory viewing.*



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FUNDRAISING REPORT

Dear Friends,

CONGRATULATIONS!

Including donations, our second raffle has raised over \$25,000. A special thank you to the 49 individuals who braved all manner of weather conditions at 91 public street stands during an intensive 7-week period to sell over 4,000 of the 5,000 tickets. The remainder were sold and bought by individual supporters and I am very grateful to you all for your efforts and generosity. A local youth street busking quartet has kindly added \$35 to our fund so far. I now look forward to drawing the names of our four prizewinners at the North Shore Police Station on 28th July. Please contact me to claim back your card tables, tablecloths and clipboards.

Our first raffle has been drawn. Congratulations to the prizewinners (*see next page*).

Our focus now turns to our fundraising movie "Amazing Grace" which screens at 6pm on Sunday 22nd July. We need every cent from this campaign, so please buy and sell tickets to ensure another sell-out success. Contact me now to lend your support.

Our 0900 4 PARK number has raised almost \$12,000 so far. Please encourage your friends and family members to phone 0900 4 7275 as often as they can afford to make an automated \$10 donation to the court fund.

We recently received two donations of several thousand dollars, which has been deeply appreciated. If you or any of your acquaintances are in a position to make a significant donation, please contact me immediately.

Beginning on 17th July the fate of the lovely Long Bay-Okura hills will be decided in the Environment Court. These last few weeks of fundraising are crucial to meeting our goal of the creation of the Great Park.

Thank you everyone in anticipation of your continued support and I take this opportunity to also thank my terrific fundraising committee members for their huge efforts on behalf of the Long Bay - Okura hills. Warmest Regards,

Linda Numm.

Fundraising Coordinator

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2007 SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Thank you to those who have paid their membership so promptly. Please find your receipt enclosed. (If your fees were paid in the last 7 days your receipt will follow in the next newsletter).

Please call *Beth* on 473 5097 for any queries. The * on your label means your sub is still due.

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LONG BAY - OKURA GREAT PARK SOCIETY
PO BOX 35 348, BROWNSBAY

Mr, Mrs, Ms _____ First Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Phone: _____ Mob: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2007: \$10 per member x () \$ _____

DONATION: \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please mail to above address enclosing payment. We will forward a receipt with your next newsletter.

If you have already paid please pass this on to a friend.

FUNDRAISING MOVIE



The idealist William Wilberforce manoeuvres his way through parliament in 19th Century England endeavouring to end the British transatlantic slave trade. Inspired by the true story - Wilberforce was elected to the House of Commons at the young age of 21. Campaigning for the rights of freedom for all people, Wilberforce was unable to tolerate the fact that thousands of slaves were being inhumanly treated for the benefit of the English colony. Aided by his friend, William Pitt, who at the age of 24 became England's youngest ever Prime Minister Wilberforce leads the campaign against British parliament to abolish slave trade law.

Starring:
Ioan Gruffudd
Albert Finney
Romola Garai
Benedict Cumberbatch

Sunday 22nd July at 6pm
Bridgeway Cinema, Queen Street, Northcote

Phone Linda on 479-1748 to get your tickets. \$15 per ticket

1st RAFFLE WINNERS

Our first raffle has been drawn.
Congratulations to the prize winners,

1st Prize

R Foreman - Waiheke Island

2nd Prize

L McEwan - Meadowbank

3rd Prize

N Ellis - Central Auckland



LONG BAY PARK PLANTING DAY

Would you like to get involved in a community planting day at Long Bay Reserve (north of Long Bay Regional Park at Piripiri point)? North Shore City Council Parks Department have scheduled a community planting day on:

Sunday 1st of July from 10am—Noon

Tools are provided and there is a barbeque at the end. Bring a spade if you have one and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the end of Vaughans Road. (not in ARC park).

Contact Angela Levett on 486-8600 (NSCC Actionline) for further details.

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