



TAMAKI DRIVE PROTECTION SOCIETY INC

The Society is a locally elected, independent registered charitable trust, incorporated in 1991. Objective: the preservation of Tamaki Drive as an outstanding scenic and recreational resource and as the direct route into the city.

Invitation to AGM and Annual Public Meeting

Tuesday 15th November 2016 - 7:00 pm

**at the Kohimarama Presbyterian Church hall
34 Kohimarama Road, Kohimarama**

The short AGM will held followed by a Public Meeting with invited speakers.
light refreshments will be available

- **Desley Simpson, Councillor, Auckland Council**
- **Sarah Roth, Ecologist, Wildlands Consultants**

who will present:

A study of the coastal cliff-top pohutukawa forest remnants, within the Orakei Ward

Annual Report and Newsletter from Peter Morton

Consultation and representation.

Your committee continued to be heavily involved with detailed submissions on selected topics to the **Auckland Unitary Plan** proceedings, over the past year. Special thanks go to **Juliet Yates**, who has shown true inspiration with her ongoing commitment, by attending and presenting at multiple hearings on behalf of the TDPS. The society still has sincere concerns with the Unitary plan as it stands, for its lack of recognition of the special character and importance that Tamaki Drive and it environs possess, within the context of a growing city. The vision outlined in the Tamaki Drive Master Plan, which was issued jointly by the Orakei Local Board and Auckland Council in 2013, has been over-looked. The Society strongly endorsed this plan.

Coastal cliff-top pohutukawa forest

The Society recognised during the early consultation phases of the Unity Plan, that there were no provisions for Tamaki Drive to be included in in the Coastal Management Area, or in the Coastal Protection Yard. Concerns were raised by the Ecological Restoration Priorities Report (January 2013), provided to the Orakei Local Board. This report recorded the decline in areas of natural coastal vegetation, particularly the coastal cliffs dominated by pohutukawa. The remaining remnants are therefore considered to be ecologically significant.

Tamaki Drive Protection Society made a number of submissions during the Unity Plan process with regard to the protection of the remaining coastal vegetation. This is an area of high ecological significance and is highly valued by residents and visitors to Auckland alike. The flowering pohutukawa forest is iconic to to our region's character and is a unique feature in visually defining the city's edge.

It is to these ends that TDPS commissioned Wildlands Consultants, to conduct an ecological survey of the cliff-top pohutukawa forest and assess the potential ecological risks to this remnant forest. The full survey reports will soon published on our website www.tamakidrive.org.nz In undertaking the coastal tree survey, the society's aims were first; to document and secondly; to record comment on the state of the ecosystem. TDPS would like to expresses its appreciation to the Orakei Local Board for the financial grants provided to allow us to undertake the survey within the board's district. With the most recent stage of the project, we have been able to incorporate the findings of the survey and produce public information and educational material. The pamphlet and fact sheets available at the AGM will be made available to to public through public libraries and community centres.

“Walk Tamaki Drive” Booklet

Following the launch of this booklet in 2015, it has been enjoyed by a great number of the public. It has been popular with walking groups and visitors to Auckland. The booklet was produced by Colin Percy in conjunction with the TDPS. Colin Percy and more recently Ross Duder have spoken to the booklet and conducted PowerPoint presentations, at a number of community group meetings. The booklet remains available, free of charge, at local libraries and community centres. For those interested, there will be copies available to collect at this meeting.

Traffic on Tamaki Drive

There is ever increasing demands on Tamaki Drive as a commuter corridor, while it also provides the route for the people of Auckland to access the unique amenities and attractions that lie along its length. The ultimate vision is of Tamaki Drive as a shared space for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Solutions must be sought to accommodate increases in the road’s use, resulting from urban intensification. The society made a detailed submission supporting the council’s proposal to install traffic lights at the junction of Ngapipi Rd and Tamaki Drive. Upon a detailed review of the issues at hand, the society felt this option provided the best solution for this problematic intersection.

Tamaki Drive Flooding.

The Society remains concerned regarding the subsidence of Tamaki Drive. Along with predicted sea level rise and more frequent predicted storm surge, Tamaki Drive is facing increased risk of major sea-water incursions. The section of Tamaki Drive through Hobson Bay, is an important arterial route for the Eastern Suburbs. Even a minor disruption due to flood, can result in traffic gridlock.

The Landing and Marina, Okahu Bay.

The Society continues to be represented on the Orakei Marina Management Trust by Ross Duder. We receive regular reports on the Trust’s activities. We are excited to be witnessing the beginning of the long awaited development on the RAYC site. The planned Landing and the Auckland Marine Sports Centre will be a great asset for the community.

Environmental Defence Society Conference: *Wild Places.*

Several society members were fortunate to attend this years EDS conference. The conference highlighted the threats and opportunities that abound for the land, lakes, rivers and seas of New Zealand. There are powerful synergies between conservation and the economic potential for our country’s biota.

Acknowledgements.

A special thankyou goes to my fellow committee members. Mention must be made of Ken Palmer, who since retiring his chairmanship of TDPS a year ago, still remains a very active member of the group and his expert knowledge continues to be greatly appreciated. I again acknowledge Juliet Yates, who continues to devote endless time and effort in furthering all the society’s causes. Jill Goldkorn, who joined the committee a year ago, has quickly injected unbounded energy into the committee as secretary and also more recently as the acting treasurer. The society liaises with and supports activities of the St Heliers and Glendowie Residents’ Association, the Mission Bay Kohimarama Residents’ Association and the Orakei Residents’ Association. It also liases with and supports the Character Coalition, Kohimarama Neighbourhood Group and SOS St Heliers. The society wishes to specially thank the Orakei Local Board for providing support for our ongoing projects.

TAMAKI DRIVE PROTECTION SOCIETY AIMS

- Protect Tamaki Drive as a Scenic Way, and as one of Auckland’s prime attraction and visitor destination.
- Preserve the accessible coastal environment for people to live, work and enjoy.
- Protect the natural character and enhance recreation opportunities and amenities of Tamaki drive and within it’s environs.
- Advocate for protection of coastal vegetation, beach and water quality.
- Resist further commercialisation and development on the seaward side of Tamaki Drive.

The Committee urges members and interested persons to join in promoting these aims. New committee members are keenly sought. New committee members bring enthusiasm, and initiative that builds on the important work that is already been done by the dedicated members, who have fought to protect our wonderful waterfront for over 26 years. Meetings are generally held each 2 months. The commitment is light and enjoyable. Your assistance will be kindly appreciated. If you can help or have questions, please contact Secretary Jill at email; jill@goldkorn.net

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Committee Members 2015-2016

Peter Morton (Chair), Jill Goldkorn (Secretary), June Dunne (Treasurer), Juliet Yates, Ken Palmer, Robert Johnston, Graham Jones, Anna Longdill, Ross Duder (co-opted member).

Many thanks to Sarah Palmer for website maintenance.

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Please do consider joining our Committee. Complete the form, or tell us you wish to help and be nominated from the floor at the AGM

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Nomination form for committee position

I hereby nominate _____

for the position of _____

Signature of nominee _____ date

Proposed by _____ signature _____ date

Seconded by _____ signature _____ date

Nominations may be emailed to Secretary Jill at email; jill@goldkorn.net or bring to the AGM, or post to Tamaki Drive Protection Society Inc Po Box 25 261 St Heliers 1740

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Donations/ subscriptions.

The Society is a registered charity (CC43098) and does not have any assured source of income. It welcomes donations to defray costs. Donations over \$5.00 are tax deductible. No formal subscription has been set.

Payment may be made direct to ASB account 12-3047-0084997-00 or sent to :
The Treasurer, Tamaki Drive Protection Society, P O Box 25 261, St Heliers Bay, Auckland, 1740

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