



Presidents Report

How quickly 2005 has passed. It has been a big year for our association and we (the committee) believe a successful one.

We have a new name, a new constitution and many more members. We have had some successes in our dealings with the Rodney District Council but not as many as we might have liked.

Dealing with local Government can be time consuming and frustrating but we will continue to front the Council on matters important to the Residents of this wonderful location.

We are concerned about the implications of the Tonkin Taylor report (see the main newsletter) and there are a number of other projects that we continue to press.

Feedback from the residents is vital and I beg you to do this using our email; Box 123 Matakana or by direct contact to any of the present or the incoming committee (see Office Bearers for names and contact details).

Without this feedback we are less clear as to your wishes.

Turning now to some specific items:

Financial and subscriptions

Based on subscriptions received and comment made at the previous AGM it seemed likely that there was some confusion in residents minds as to whether they were financial members or not. Revenue had fallen substantially resulting in a loss for that year. There was no lack of goodwill in the Community and this has been confirmed in 2005 when by virtue of a number of follow ups and advice to members, subscriptions had been received from 712 property owners (before adding the Southern development subscription). Total paid membership at year end is 1062.

Income was obviously substantially higher and it was also good to see revenue from advertisements grow. During the year there were a number of one off costs including publicly advertising the General meeting, some overdue maintenance on the website and database, and under the heading Establishment costs some software, design and legal costs (constitution).

It is especially important that we have an accurate listing of Omaha owners and (by means of the newsletters and the website) the ability to communicate with you all. I expect that we will have to continue to spend money on these two items in 2006 and beyond.

You will note that we passed on the revenue from the Craft fair to the Fire appeal and in future the craft fair will be run for the benefit of this cause.

We have been able to clear the indebtedness to the Community Centre Fund leaving a total of \$6,000 only owing by the Golf club to the Centre at year end.

The security cameras were purchased from grants and donations of \$22,140 which have (under accounting convention) had to be shown as income. The true surplus is the smaller figure of \$3,415 compared to a loss of \$3,488 in 2004.

The accounts show the OBC is in good financial health with no debts and this is a position that I hope we and future committees can build on to allow us to meet the costs of future issues or projects.

This committee will on the basis of these accounts be recommending to the January Annual Meeting that subscriptions remain at the present level of \$25.00 / annum.

Constitution and name change

The revised constitution and name change was approved by a significant majority at the meeting held 11 September last. The new Constitution has been approved by The Rodney District Council as a partner to certain Contracts with OBC Inc. and has since been duly registered. This document now clearly sets out the rules for the operation of OBC and should be appropriate for many years ahead.

OBRS

The joining of southern end members into the OBC has progressed smoothly and the separate roles of the two societies was clearly demonstrated at the recent AGM of OBRS where some issues raised were readily identified as being the care of OBC, not the least of which was the maintenance of reserves and road side gardens which are showing clear signs of neglect.

I can only repeat my earlier comment that the coming together of the two groups is to the benefit of all Omaha residents. The size of our membership gives us the opportunity to influence RDC decision making on matters affecting Omaha, to promote members views and even to initiate worthwhile programmes much more than previously.

Signage and logo

Recently you will have noticed new signage, mainly at the roundabout, with the new OBC Inc logo. Several options were available for the new logo and the committee considered the logo selected to be fun, current with the decade and that the fish, shell, cabbage tree, tui and the sun typified some of the best things about Omaha beach.

Future objectives

On the 26 November 2005 we held the area Planning Forum in the presence of the Mayor and relevant Councillors. The committee presented a list of issues that require action and further items were requested from the floor. This is covered in more detail in the newsletter proper.

The committee now intends to discuss these issues with Council and prioritise all items to produce a 'Future Objectives Plan' to ensure that the incoming [2006] committee has a program to achieve.

Your committee

This committee has been very pro active during the year, meeting attendances have been very high other than for two members who have been on leave of absence, and even so their contribution has been very significant. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and put on record individuals and some of the specific tasks they have undertaken during the year.

Forgive me please if I have missed anyone.

Jan White for cramming her excellent secretarial work into a busy career. Peter Jackson for his role as Treasurer, the rebranding of OBC, the Constitutional changes, his work with OBRS and advertising. Ian Baudinet for newsletter and website. Michael Dow for signage, anti graffiti work and security cameras. David Hanson newsletter and liaison with RDC. Jonathan Hislop draft constitution and financial. Ron McMahan environmental issues including rabbit control, planting, clean up day, trees and the causeway walkway. Mike Prebble (0800 Omaha Help) help line, broadband, website and data base. Kim Fisher financial and wonderful work with the newsletter.

The two new members who have just come on board as a result of Omaha South joining have also jumped straight into tasks such as signage advertising and website.

Again I thank you all.

This report will be in your hands before Christmas. May I, on behalf of the committee, wish Residents & their families a happy, prosperous & safe Christmas 2005 and 2006.

See you at the beach.

Greg Stenbeck