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**STATEMENT OF GRANT MCLEOD MCLACHLAN  
IN SUPPORT OF COMPLAINT TO POLICE AND REQUEST FOR  
INVESTIGATION**

**Dated: 25 March 2022**

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## Section 1: Introduction

1. My full name is Grant McLeod McLachlan.
2. This is a complaint against alleged criminal conduct by the following people:
  - 2.1. Beth Patricia Houlbrooke;
  - 2.2. Aaron Warwick Stephenson;
  - 2.3. Kay Flower;
  - 2.4. Diane Taylor;
  - 2.5. June Turner;
  - 2.6. Jenny Bartlett; and
  - 2.7. Michele MacKenzie.

### Associations

3. The above-mentioned group are known to each other with the following connections:
  - 3.1. Beth Houlbrooke is the Deputy Chair of the Rodney Local Board. As part of her role, she works with, made funding decisions that benefit, and made decisions in favour of initiatives by –
    - 3.1.1. The Snells Beach Residents' and Ratepayers' Association ("SBRRA"),
    - 3.1.2. Mahurangi Police Station,
    - 3.1.3. Snells Beach Neighbourhood Support,
    - 3.1.4. Snells Shoreline Conservation Community,
    - 3.1.5. Michele MacKenzie's shorebird initiatives, and
    - 3.1.6. Initiating a community compliance warden trial for the Rodney area.
  - 3.2. Diane Taylor is –
    - 3.2.1. The co-ordinator of volunteers at the Mahurangi Police Station, and
    - 3.2.2. A committee member of the Snells Beach Residents' and Ratepayers' Association, with particular responsibility for Neighbourhood Support;

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- 3.3. Kay Flower is a co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Support;
  - 3.4. Beth Houlbrooke created the Sandspit, Snells, Algies & Mahurangi East Facebook group and relinquished her administration role to Jenny Bartlett following accusations that Houlbrooke was using the page to censor political opposition; and
  - 3.5. Beth Houlbrooke, Kay Flower, Diane Taylor, and Jenny Bartlett are close friends.

**Pattern of behaviour / *modus operandi***

4. There have been several incidents of an alleged criminal nature involving this group of people that share a similar pattern of behaviour. I contend that this group conspired on multiple occasions to:
  - 4.1. Either -
    - 4.1.1. Provoke a confrontation with me, or
    - 4.1.2. Record any action by me;
  - 4.2. Then twist or manipulate –
    - 4.2.1. My reaction to the confrontation so to falsely claim that I was the villain and the associate was the victim, or
    - 4.2.2. The action by me so to make a false accusation against me;
  - 4.3. Manipulate others to claim to be independent witnesses in support of the false accusation; and
  - 4.4. Act in a way to ensure that the Warkworth Police Station would prefer the false allegations of this group over any evidence that I or others would provide.
5. I contend that the motive of such a pattern of behaviour was to use the false accusations to discredit me and/or justify the censoring of my scrutiny of the Snells Beach Residents' and Ratepayers' Association and Beth Houlbrooke's performance in her elected role.

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6. Some incidents have been reported to police but no action was taken. Other incidents have not been reported by victims for fear of repercussions.
  7. **I want this complaint of criminal activity to be thoroughly and impartially investigated now.**

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## Section 2: Incident 1 – Kay Flower

8. During the first Alert Level 4 lockdown in 2022, a temporary dog ban expired on 31 March 2020 at the northern end of Snells Beach. I contacted the council on 1 April 2020 to inform them that the temporary signage on the beach needed to be removed.
9. The council couldn't remove the signs due to the alert level restrictions. We agreed that I would remove the signs during my daily walk and place them next to the nearest council rubbish bin for their contractors to collect.
10. Despite this arrangement, I was contacted by Warkworth Police some weeks later. The police had received a complaint that I had stolen council property.
11. I asked the police officer whether the council had laid the complaint. I was told that a member of the public had laid the complaint. After I explained my arrangement with the council, the police officer said that he would take no further action and that he did not appreciate police resources being wasted during a national emergency.
12. I lodged an official information request with the council. In the response, to my surprise, there was an email string where several of Beth Houlbrooke's associates made false accusations and defamatory remarks.
13. These redacted emails are attached and labelled 'Appendix A'. The identities of those redacted names are obvious based on the information provided in the emails. Of those identities not redacted, it is clear that:
  - 13.1. Kay Flower took the photograph of me and forwarded it to the SBRRA;
  - 13.2. That the SBRRA forwarded the photograph to Megan Young of the Auckland Council Biosecurity Team;

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- 13.3. That Megan Young forwarded the email to Beth Houlbrooke;  
and
  - 13.4. That Megan Young informed everyone of my arrangement with the council and that a council contractor would pick up the signs as agreed.
  
  14. Despite my arrangement with the council being known to everyone in the email string, whoever laid the complaint with the police did not inform the police nor withdraw the complaint.
  
  15. I allege that, whoever laid the complaint with police deliberately conspired to make a false accusation against me with the intention of using the Police to intimidate me and prosecute me.
  
  16. Based on the correspondence, it is my opinion that the group had worked themselves into a lather. They had malicious intent to report me to the Police when it was obvious that I had not committed a crime. Many lived within a minute's walk of the location of several of the signs that were removed. The signs weren't damaged or stolen. They knew that the signs were too big to fit in the rubbish bin. I placed them on their sides next to the rubbish bin in full public view.
  
  17. Also, please note that the Police contacted me some time after the group were told about the arrangement I had made with the council. In the emails, this is made clear.
  
  18. Despite this, they did not inform the Police of the arrangement nor did they withdraw their complaint. They continued to expect the Police to contact me as part of their conspiracy to use a false accusation to intimidate and harass me.
  
  19. I lodged a complaint against these people on 20 September 2021, which has the police file reference 210920/0457. In response, I received a telephone call from Acting Sergeant Andrew Williams at 11:37am on 12 October 2021. During the 3 minute and 35 second phone call, the acting sergeant said that he would not take any action. I told him that I was not satisfied with that response and asked for all

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the information held on file. He refused. I told him that I was concerned that he was not being honest with me and that he appeared to be concealing a connection with one of the accusers.

20. In light of subsequent events, I contend that there is a pattern of behaviour that has escalated to more serious offences.
21. **I want this complaint of criminal activity to be properly investigated now. I also contend that Kay Taylor has demonstrated that she is not of a suitable character to be associated in any way with the Mahurangi Police Station or Neighbourhood Support.**

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### **Section 3: Incidents 2 and 3 – Beth Houlbrooke, Aaron Stephenson, & Duncan Powell**

#### **Timeline**

22. On 9 March 2021, I lodged a Code of Conduct complaint against Beth Houlbrooke and others with Auckland Council. I accused her of using dirty political tactics to undermine the councillor for Rodney, Greg Sayers.
23. On 12 March 2021, the Auckland Council CEO, Jim Stabback, emailed a letter to me to inform me that the council had appointed an investigator to commence an investigation into my Code of Conduct complaint. The investigator was a work colleague of the people being investigated.
24. On 13 March 2021, Beth Houlbrooke and Aaron Stephenson intimidated me at The Tahī Bar and Kitchen in Warkworth. The details of this incident are attached and labelled “Appendix B”.
25. On 14 June 2021, the Ombudsman commenced a review of the Code of Conduct investigation.
26. On 26 June 2021, Beth Houlbrooke and others harassed and intimidated me at The Tahī Bar and Kitchen in Warkworth. The details of this incident are attached and labelled “Appendix B”. In short:
  - 26.1. Beth Houlbrooke and Aaron Stephenson provoked a physical confrontation with me;
  - 26.2. The bar manager escorted the two away from me;
  - 26.3. Beth Houlbrooke claimed that I “started it”; and
  - 26.4. When the bar manager told them that he was aware of their provocative behaviour, Beth Houlbrooke shouted “The police will believe me. I’m Beth Houlbrooke!”
27. On 2 July 2021, I lodged an application for a restraining order against Beth Houlbrooke and others. I did not lodge a police complaint as I was concerned that Beth Houlbrooke’s claims that she had close

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connections with the Warkworth Police would result in no action being taken.

28. On 17 August 2021, Beth Houlbrooke and others didn't lodge any evidence to challenge the accusations made against them. They also failed to appear at the call over hearing.
29. Attached and labelled "Appendix C" is a memorandum describing the timeline of the application before the court.

**Criminal in nature**

30. It is my contention that Beth Houlbrooke's and Aaron Stephenson's behaviour is criminal in nature for the following reasons:
  - 30.1. Their harassment is criminal harassment according to Section 8 of the Harassment Act 1997; and
  - 30.2. That they conspired to make a false accusation against me according to Section 115 of the Crimes Act 1961.
31. I withdrew my application for a civil restraining order as I contend that the matter is best investigated by police. Due to the escalating harassment that I have received from associates of Beth Houlbrooke, I genuinely fear for my personal safety. Beth Houlbrooke is aware of my particular circumstances where I would fear for my personal safety as a direct result of the particular type of harassment that Beth Houlbrooke and her associates have conspired to inflict.
32. Beth Houlbrooke is aware that I am particularly vulnerable to bullying. I resigned from working for the leader of the Act Party, Richard Prebble, in Parliament as a result of the party failing to protect me from being bullied by a party manager who was a known bully and drug addict. Beth Houlbrooke falsely accusing me of bullying is particularly distressing.
33. **I want this complaint of criminal activity to be thoroughly and impartially investigated now. In light of subsequent events involving June Turner, Diane Taylor, Jenny Bartlett, and Lorraine**

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**Martin, I want any connections between the events to be investigated.**

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## Section 4: Incident 4 – Michele MacKenzie

### Assault

34. Michele MacKenzie at 4:30pm on 16 October 2021 used her phone to assault an elderly gentleman, Tony Robinson of 18 Snells Beach Road, which was witnessed by several people, including Stan Armiger.
35. I was rung by Tony Robinson moments after the incident. When I attended the scene, Tony Robinson and Stan Armiger told me what had happened. I also noticed that Tony's hand was bleeding. His finger nail had been split. Tony told me that Michele MacKenzie's phone caused the injury. I told him to ring the police. He said that "the police wouldn't do anything."

### False accusations

36. The following day, Tony Robinson and I chatted at the foot of Snells Beach Road. He told me that the public relations official of the Ngati Manuhiri, Delma O'Kane, approached him and Stan Armiger and threatened them. Delma claimed that she filmed Stan Armiger assaulting Michele MacKenzie and that she then lodged a complaint with the police. Tony Robinson told me that he didn't recall seeing Delma O'Kane in the area at the time that Michele MacKenzie assaulted him.
37. On 20 September 2021, Michele MacKenzie lodged a complaint with police that included false accusations against me. This is attached and labelled "Appendix G." Sergeant Mark Stallworthy dismissed the complaint.
38. **I want this complaint of criminal activity to be thoroughly and impartially investigated now.**

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## **Section 5: Incidents 5 & 6 – Diane Taylor**

### **2 January 2022**

39. On 2 January 2022, pensioner Carol Garland and her teenage granddaughter walked their spaniel in a southerly direction on the Snells Beach esplanade at Sunburst Avenue Reserve at approximately 5pm.
40. As they approached the boatramp on the footpath, the dog yanked the leash out of their hand, the dog ran onto the beach near the garden next to the boatramp and headed towards the water at the foot of the boatramp.
41. As they rushed to retrieve the dog, Diane Taylor appeared from south of the boatramp charging like a hippopotamus. She had an infuriated expression on her face.
42. Carol tried to rationalise with Diane Taylor that they knew the dog access rules and were trying to abide by them. There was a conversation about whether Diane Taylor can follow people around and take photographs of people without their permission. It was also raised that it was unfair and unreasonable to take photographs of a situation out of context.
43. Diane Taylor waved her phone around in an aggressive manner. Carol's granddaughter tried to intervene to prevent an escalation of Diane Taylor's aggressive behaviour. When the attempt was made to stop her from taking photos of them with Diane's phone, Diane Taylor slapped the granddaughter.
44. The granddaughter grabbed the camera from Diane Taylor as she thrust it towards Carol and the granddaughter threw the smartphone away from causing further harm.
45. Carol tried to get between Diane Taylor and her granddaughter to defuse the situation while explaining that if Diane Taylor had left them alone, they would have been on the other side of the boat ramp.

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46. Diane Taylor then told Carol Garland and her granddaughter that she works at the police station.
  47. Another lady, Pauline Benest, who watched on during the altercation, approached later and said in a posh accent that Diane Taylor “is right, you know.”

**4 March 2022**

48. On 2 March 2022, the non-Summer dog access rules came into effect but the temporary dog ban was still in effect until 28 March 2022.
49. On 4 March 2022, the temporary dog ban sign on the beach had been removed and was lying in the garden next to the boatramp.
50. Throughout 4 March 2022, Diane Taylor verbally abused numerous other people at the Sunburst Avenue boatramp. Diane Taylor wasn't polite in any way when she informed dogwalkers that dogs weren't allowed on the beach north of the boatramp. She was quite confrontational, aggressive, and abusive. I witnessed one such outburst. Another victim of her abuse is Christina Windram of 21 Hampton Mews, Snells Beach.
51. **I want this complaint of assault to be thoroughly and impartially investigated now. I also contend that Diane Taylor has repeatedly demonstrated that she is not of a suitable character to be associated in any way with the Mahurangi Police Station.**

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## **Section 6: Jenny Bartlett**

### **Facebook “community group”**

52. Beth Houlbrooke was elected to the Rodney Local Board on 12 October 2013. I helped her with her campaign by designing campaign material, including her business cards. Her son, Louis, was her campaign manager and her political advisor was Phelan Pirrie, who was also elected to the local board.
53. On 13 July 2014, Beth Houlbrooke created the Sandspit, Snells, Algies & Mahurangi East Facebook group. Phelan Pirrie was also an administrator with Beth Houlbrooke.
54. Phelan Pirrie and Louis Houlbrooke told me that the Facebook group was “core” to maintaining Beth Houlbrooke’s public profile. By giving the appearance of a “community page”, they considered the page as their “private property.” The goal was that Beth Houlbrooke could maintain her profile by posting press releases and public notices about all the “good work” she was doing. At the same time, Beth Houlbrooke and Phelan Pirrie used the page to censor political debate and block political opponents.
55. Following criticism by political opponents in local papers, Beth Houlbrooke and Phelan Pirrie added other people to administer their Facebook community groups. On 28 October 2014, Jenny Bartlett also became an administrator of the Sandspit, Snells, Algies & Mahurangi East Facebook group. Eventually, Beth Houlbrooke and Phelan Pirrie relinquished their Facebook group administrative roles. Now, only Jenny Bartlett is the administrator of the group.
56. Despite the perception that Beth Houlbrooke and Phelan Pirrie are no longer involved with the administration of the Facebook groups, the administrators who took over the roles continue to suppress political scrutiny of Beth Houlbrooke and Phelan Pirrie. As stated in my affidavit in Appendix A, on 8 April 2020 Beth Houlbrooke blocked me from one of the Facebook groups that she administers and an associate blocked me from two other Facebook groups.

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### **Intelligence**

57. Jenny Bartlett owns a red e-bike. She is often seen riding her e-bike along the Snells Beach Esplanade between Snells Beach Road and the northern terminus of the footpath at Boathouse Bay. She rides back and forth between three and four times a day.
58. Between 5 August 2021 and 6 September 2021, I was approached by several friends who were concerned about Jenny Bartlett's behaviour. They told me that, while they walked their dogs, Jenny Bartlett stopped her e-bike to chat. They told me that Jenny Bartlett asked several questions about me, wanting to know where I lived, who owned the dog I walked, and who was my employer. My friends told me that they did not provide Jenny Bartlett with any personal information about me. My friends also told me that Jenny Bartlett was asking other dogwalkers for personal information about other dogwalkers.
59. On 6 September 2021, I walked the dog at 2pm rather than my usual time of 4pm. While riding her e-bike, Jenny Bartlett saw me walking the dog at Sunburst Avenue Reserve and confronted me. She boasted to me that she knew the name of my dog, the name of the dog's owner, and where I lived. She smugly asked me "How's the writing going?"

### **Stalking**

60. Between 2 and 13 March 2022, Jenny Bartlett became more blatant in her stalking. I chose different times on each day to walk my dog in the afternoon. Despite this, on each occasion, Jenny Bartlett rode her e-bike past me as often as six times in the space of half an hour. Each time she passed, she shouted "Hi Grant!"
61. On 13 March 2022 – after she rode her e-bike past me for the sixth time – she reappeared walking her dog. She then sat at a nearby park bench and filmed me and my dog socialising with a friend and their dog. After ten minutes, at 4:47:25pm I took a photograph of Jenny Bartlett stalking me.

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## Cyberstalking

62. I also noticed that between 5 and 13 March 2022 Jenny Bartlett showed particular attention to my online activity. It seemed that every post, comment, and like on several Facebook pages was followed by Jenny Bartlett. Considering there are over 6,300 members of some of these groups, I found the attention unwelcome.
63. Take, for example, on 11 March 2021. I posted at 4:01pm a photo of a puffer fish and warned people of the danger. Within minutes, Jenny Bartlett commented "Luckily I haven't spied any on our dog walks lately." Frustrated by this nasty remark, I posted a photograph of Jenny Bartlett stalking me on 13 March 2022 accompanied by the comment "Jenny Bartlett, that's because you were facing the wrong way." This post is included in the attached and labelled "Appendix E." She later made another nasty comment, which she later deleted.
64. Jenny Bartlett's stalking in public places became so intense that I walked my dog at night from 14 March 2022.
65. Jenny Bartlett's stalking online became so intense online that at 1:30pm on 18 March 2022 I decided to block her from seeing my activity on Facebook. Within minutes:
- 65.1. At 1:34pm, she published a post on the Sandspit, Snells, Algies & Mahurangi East Facebook group (which was liked by Beth Houlbrooke and Aaron Stephenson) stating –
- Grant McLachlan - you are listed in the Membership as unavailable. Does this mean you have blocked admin. If so, you will be removed from the group.*
- 65.2. At 1:38pm, she published on the Bitch and Moan Warkworth Facebook group –
- Is Grant McLachlan no longer an admin on here? Or has he blocked me?*
- 65.3. At 1:44pm, she published a post on the Sandspit, Snells, Algies & Mahurangi East Facebook group –

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*NB Please don't block admin if you want to be part of our community group.*

These posts are included in the attached and labelled "Appendix E."

66. Jenny Bartlett denies that she stalked me online. This does not reconcile with the fact that there are over 6,300 members of a Facebook group that she administers and yet she noticed almost immediately that she could no longer see my activity in that group.
67. Despite evidence that Jenny Bartlett did stalk and harass me, she has used her position as administrator of a "community" Facebook group to falsely claim that she is the victim and I am the villain. She has made multiple false allegations about me in her digital communications to do this.
68. To join the Sandspit, Snells, Algies & Mahurangi East Facebook group, one must agree to abide by the rules. These rules are included in the attached and labelled "Appendix E." I did not breach any of these rules.
69. Jenny Bartlett, however, did breach the rules of a page she administers. I contend that she breached the communication principles of the Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015 by:
  - 69.1. Being intimidating and menacing (Principle 2);
  - 69.2. Harassing (Principle 5); and
  - 69.3. Making false accusations (Principle 6).
70. Jenny Bartlett named me and posted a digital communication with the intention that she knew would cause harm to me. She posted several comments online referencing my health and personal circumstances, knowing that it would cause harm.
71. Jenny Bartlett originally did not wish to block me from the Sandspit, Snells, Algies & Mahurangi East Facebook group. I contend that Beth Houlbrooke and Kay Flower not only convinced her to change her mind but also helped her with damage control. Included in the attached and

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labelled "Appendix E" is a post that immediately followed the decision to block me where Beth Houlbrooke and Kay Flower supported Jenny Bartlett. By blocking me from the Sandspit, Snells, Algies & Mahurangi East Facebook group, it removed any reference to me, including posts where I undercoverd Beth Houlbrooke's dubious political activity.

**Police intimidation**

72. I believe that Jenny Bartlett has also made false accusations to her neighbour, Warkworth Police Sergeant Mark Stallworthy, in order to intimidate me. On one instance, within minutes of a post appearing on the Bitch and Moan Warkworth Facebook group, Sergeant Mark Stallworthy sent me an email falsely claiming that I posted something that identified where he lived. This is attached and labelled "Appendix F."
73. Overall, I contend that Jenny Bartlett's behaviour amounts to criminal harassment.
74. **I want this complaint of criminal activity to be thoroughly and impartially investigated now. In light of subsequent events involving Beth Houlbrooke, Aaron Stephenson, and Kay Flower, I want any connections between the events to be thoroughly and impartially investigated.**

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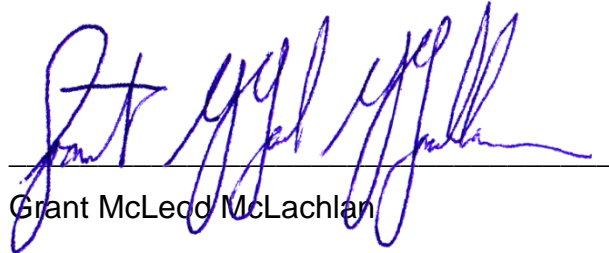
## **Section 7: June Turner**

75. June Turner, of 1 Merehai Place Snells Beach, is a former Rodney District Councillor and Auckland Council Rodney Local Board member.
76. June and her husband, Roger, have routinely followed and filmed dogwalkers (who are complying with the dog access rules) around the Sunburst Avenue Esplanade.
77. On numerous occasions, dogwalkers have asked her why she is filming them. Her reply has been that she “works for the council.” On one occasion, I overheard June Turner saying that she was also “acting under the authority of the council.”
78. On behalf of one of the people who was repeatedly harassed by June Turner, I asked James Hassall of Auckland Council whether June Turner “works for the council.” After an investigation, he replied that she didn’t and told me that it should be a “police matter.”
79. **I want this complaint of criminal activity to be thoroughly and impartially investigated now.**

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## Section 8: Conclusion

80. I confirm the truth and accuracy of this statement. I make this statement knowing that it may be used in Court proceedings. I am aware that it is offence to make a statement that is known by me to be false and is intended by me to mislead.



Grant McLeod McLachlan

25 March 2022

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## Appendices

Item	Description	Author	Date
A	LGOIMA response – Emails mentioning Grant McLachlan	Auckland Council	Various dates
B	Affidavits in support of restraining order	Grant McLachlan & Shane Germany	2 July 2021
C	Memorandum of counsel regarding discontinuance	Natalie Small - barrister	11 March 2022
D	Emails describing Diane Taylor assault	Carol Garland & Grant McLachlan	24 February 2022
E	Jenny Bartlett Facebook activity	Jenny Bartlett	11-18 March 2022
F	Email	Sergeant Mark Stallworthy	21 February 2022
G	Police Complaint by Michele MacKenzie	NZ Police	20 September 2022

**From:** [Megan Young](#)  
**To:** [Beth Houlbrooke \(Rodney Local Board\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Man removing Dog Signs  
**Date:** Monday, 6 April 2020 10:19:11 PM

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Thanks Beth.

I will touch base with UMS tomorrow.

Sounds like a very nice bubble! From a house with three kids at the moment... I am a bit jealous

Ha this is when I have to work!

Regards,

Megan

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**From:** Beth Houlbrooke (Rodney Local Board) <[Beth.Houlbrooke@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Beth.Houlbrooke@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Sunday, 5 April 2020 3:53 PM

**To:** Megan Young <[megan.young@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:megan.young@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>; s53(b)(i)

**Subject:** RE: FW: Man removing Dog Signs

Thank you Megan, I've posted a screenshot of the website one but there has been little reaction to the post. People are still asking about this in subsequent posts so I keep referring them to my update as the official one.

I understand that [Grant MacLachlan](#) pulled the signs out and has left them next to a rubbish bin, I imagine one in Sunburst Reserve. Hopefully UMS pick them up.

P.S. My bubble is just me!

Beth

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**From:** Megan Young <[megan.young@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:megan.young@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Sunday, 5 April 2020 3:29 PM

**To:** Beth Houlbrooke (Rodney Local Board) <[Beth.Houlbrooke@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Beth.Houlbrooke@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>; s53(b)(i)

**Subject:** RE: FW: Man removing Dog Signs

Hi Beth,

Thank you very much for doing this.

The screen shot I have is from the 2019 Auckland Council Policy on Dogs (PDF document). The message is the same – that dogs must be on leash at all times north of Sunburst, but the website screen shot is probably better as it is the resource most people will use.

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-policies/Documents/policy-on-dogs-2019.pdf>

Thanks again Beth. I hope you are staying well and enjoying your bubble.

Kind regards,

Megan

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**From:** Beth Houlbrooke (Rodney Local Board) <[Beth.Houlbrooke@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Beth.Houlbrooke@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>

**Sent:** Friday, 3 April 2020 10:57 PM

**To:** s53(b)(i) >; Megan Young <[megan.young@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:megan.young@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>

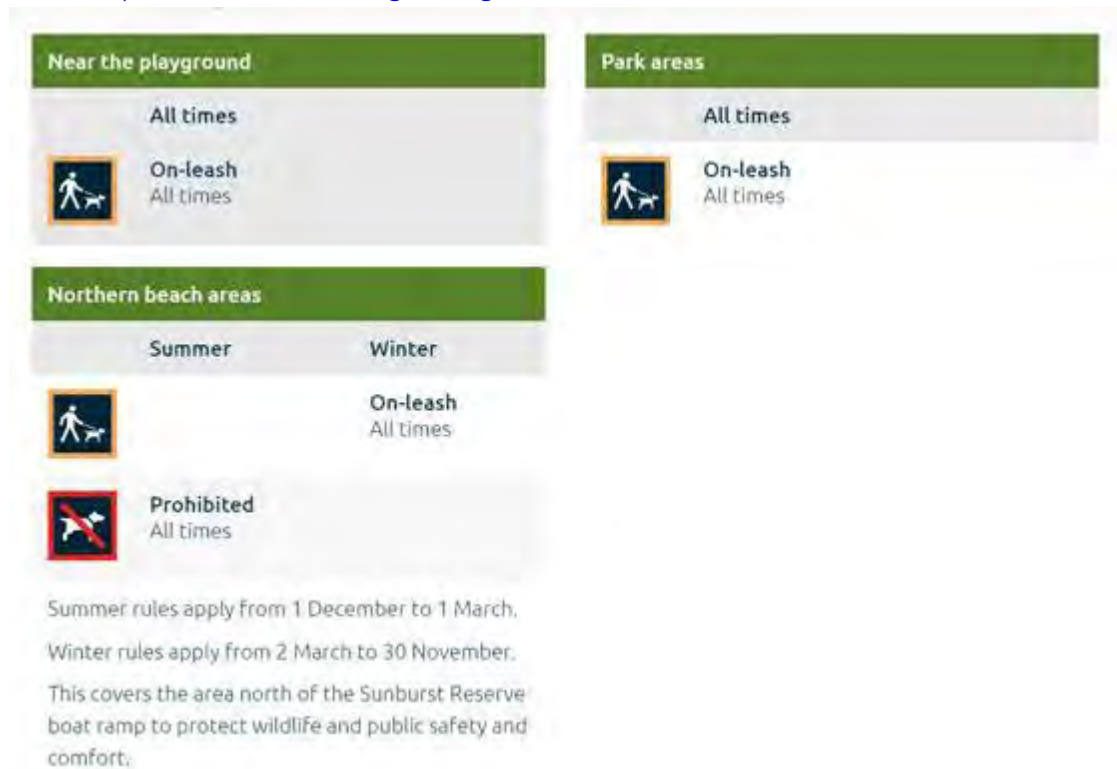
**Subject:** RE: FW: Man removing Dog Signs

Happy to post it but also under Covid-19 guidelines all dogs must be on a leash at all times.

<https://our.auckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/articles/news/2020/03/a-simple-guide-for-dog->

walkers-during-lockdown/

Megan – I'm not sure where you got the screen shot below in your e-mail, it is different to what's on the website at <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/Pages/park-details.aspx?Location=2558#dogwalking>



It may mean the same thing but shows the website is not that clear.

Beth

**From:** s53(b)(i)

**From:** Mark Dinniss <mjdinniss@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Friday, 3 April 2020 5:14 PM

**To:** Megan Young <[megan.young@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:megan.young@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>; Beth Houlbrooke (Rodney Local Board) <[Beth.Houlbrooke@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Beth.Houlbrooke@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>

s53(b)(i)

**Subject:** Re: FW: Man removing Dog Signs

Just found this after emailing the previous response.

It would probably have most attention if Beth was to post it so I have added her to the thread.

What do you think Beth? Many now think winter rules are free for all at all times.

Cheers s53(b)(i)

On Fri, Apr 3, 2020 at 2:05 PM Megan Young <[megan.young@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:megan.young@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi s53(b)(i)

Further to my last email, I was wondering if you might want to post on the Snells Beach community Facebook page some clarity around the current dog rules? I thought this might be good to come from SBRRA?

That the temporary change in rules to protect shorebirds is now finished (and Council is working to have the current signage removed while working within lockdown directions). The current dog rules over winter are:

South of Sunburst Reserve boat ramp – under control off leash

North of Sunburst Reserve boat ramp – under control and on leash at all times

Are you please able to let me know if you are keen to post this or not? Understand if you would rather not.

Cheers,

Megan

**From:** s53(b)(i)

**Sent:** Thursday, 2 April 2020 1:38 PM

**To:** Megan Young <[megan.young@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:megan.young@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>; s53(b)(i)

**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Man removing Dog Signs

Hi Megan s53(b)(i)

received this email today.

I believe, as far as I can make out, that this is Grant Mclachlan a local belligerent and previous SBRRRA member.

His email is

[grant\\_mclachlan@hotmail.com](mailto:grant_mclachlan@hotmail.com)

phone 021720634

cheers

s53(b)(i)

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**Date:** Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 9:38 AM

**Subject:** FW: Man removing Dog Signs

**To:** s53(b)(i)

s53(b)(i)

Hope you are enjoying your isolation...

a quick trip to the beach yesterday where I saw this man pulling out the (no dogs past this point) sign. I have been told his name is Grant ??

I hear him saying to another passerby that dogs are not the problem but cats are... he pulled out the sign and dumped it in the rubbish bin right by Bayside café.

Very annoying to say the least!

Regards

s53(b)(i)

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**From:** artsite s53(b)(i) [Kay Flower]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:28 PM

**To:** s53(b)(i)

**Subject:** Man removing Dog Signs

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



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**To:** [Hana Aickin](#); [s53\(b\)\(i\)](#); [Tim Lovegrove](#)  
**Cc:** [Andrew Nelson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Has anyone seen this?  
**Date:** Monday, 5 October 2020 10:50:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [1\\_10\\_2.JPG](#)

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Hi [s53\(b\)\(i\)](#)

I'm not sure how [Grant](#) came to be in possession of this slide either, as it was contained within the agenda of a confidential workshop of the local board on 9 September. The subject matter was the temporary dog ban, and this was supplied just as something to consider around future management. Workshops are not decision-making forums so no decision was made, although this may work its way to us at a future date, and as Hana said would very likely include community consultation. As far as I know we have no budget to construct such a structure in the current financial year.

Kind regards,



Beth Houlbrooke | Elected Member  
Deputy Chair - Rodney Local Board  
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**Sent:** Friday 2 October 2020 11:17 AM

[s53\(b\)\(i\)](#)

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Regards

s53(b)(i)

[REDACTED]

# An idea...



 Grant McLachlan  
6m · 

Yup, here's what they're thinking:

 Like

**From:** [Justin Kary](#)  
**To:** [Beth Houlbrooke \(Rodney Local Board\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Has anyone seen this?  
**Date:** Tuesday, 6 October 2020 10:58:35 AM

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Cheers.

Kia pai tō rā

Justin

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**Rodney Local Board**  
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**From:** Beth Houlbrooke (Rodney Local Board) <[Beth.Houlbrooke@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Beth.Houlbrooke@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 October 2020 10:47 AM  
**To:** Justin Kary <[justin.kary@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:justin.kary@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Has anyone seen this?

I asked §53(b)(i) if she knew what the source of the image was and she advised me that Grant had obtained it by LGOIMA, so she contacted the council and got hold of someone called Samantha Sinclair, and got a copy of what he had been provided with.

Beth

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**From:** Justin Kary <[justin.kary@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:justin.kary@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 October 2020 9:28 PM  
**To:** Beth Houlbrooke (Rodney Local Board) <[Beth.Houlbrooke@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:Beth.Houlbrooke@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Has anyone seen this?

Thanks Beth.

Where did you get the LGOIMA info and link?

Just curious as I was going to follow up with the LGOIMA team tomorrow.

Kia pai tō rā

Justin

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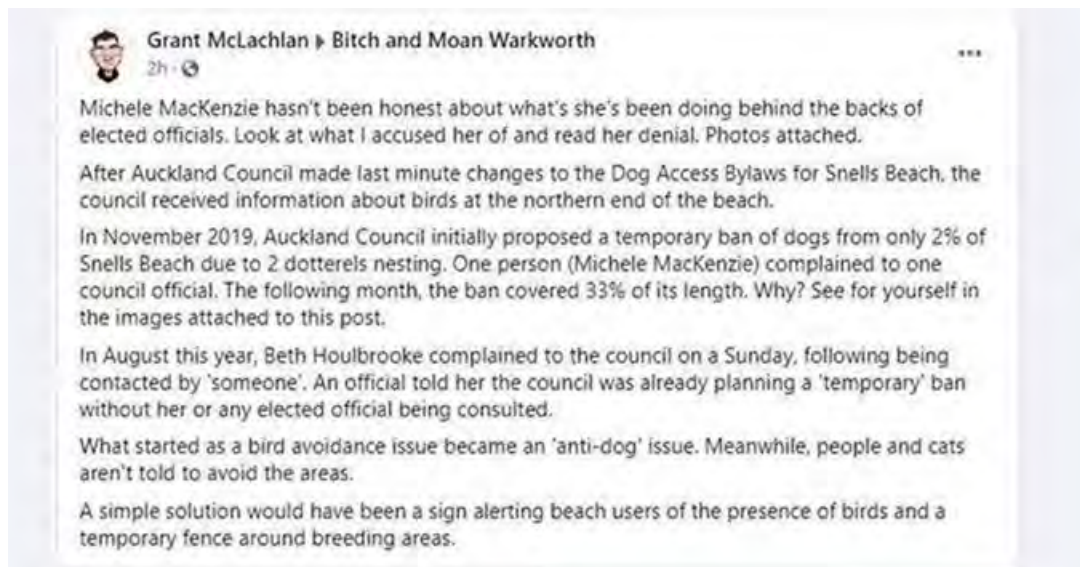
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Mystery solved. **Grant MacLachlan** requested a LGOIMA and all of the following documents were sent to him:

<https://onedrive.live.com/?>

[authkey=%21ACCKVPMJDIPWvrU&id=E7D298350C12COBD%2111712&cid=E7D298350C12COBD](https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21ACCKVPMJDIPWvrU&id=E7D298350C12COBD%2111712&cid=E7D298350C12COBD)

Unfortunately **Grant** is now using these to bully **s53(b)(i)** on Facebook. Here are some screenshots of his comments, which can also be seen on Bitch & Moan Warkworth group:





Grant McLachlan Author



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Grant McLachlan Bitch and Moan Warkworth

5h

For all the time and money Auckland Council spent on these Snells Beach public toilets, they could have invested in a proofreader!



5

2 comments

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Leo Holder

Nobody, 🤔🤔 2

Like · Reply · 5 h



Mary Elizabeth

good show ... 🤔

Like · Reply · 9 m



Write a comment...



**Grant McLachlan** Author

Have a look at what the same official suggested for Snells Beach next. A plywood wall? Seriously? ...



Like · Reply · 2 d



**Grant McLachlan** Author

How did we get from only 2% of the beach being fenced off, to 33% of the beach being segregated, to the same official now wanting a bloody wall? It's like going from Apartheid to the Berlin Wall! ...

Like · Reply · 1 d



**Grant McLachlan**

No, you went behind everyone's backs after extensive consultation and convinced the council at the last minute to sneak in unnecessary restrictions that cause a nuisance to responsible dog owners. And then you did it again three years later. And again before the first lockdown. And again this lockdown.

Instead of protecting the birds, you've annoyed a lot of people. You and Frances Hall are the nuisance, not the dog walkers! You hang around the beach stalking the poor birds. Dogs don't do that!

(And a lot of people saw you give an earful to the council contractor the other day. No doubt they are sick of you as well.)

Like · Reply · 1w



**Michele MacKenzie**

You have no proof because I did not initially request the ban though I do support it. Beth did a post a few weeks ago when she went for a walk in the restricted area seeing 20 dogs breaking the dog restrictions in that area, she also said perhaps there needed to be a ban. Get your facts straight and how about trying to be a decent human being.

Like · Reply · 1w



**Grant McLachlan** Author

Helena Leane, fail. I get that you're trying to protect wildlife but you need to figure out the OPTIMAL way to achieve it. Banning one group because they have 1% threat (dogs) does not deter the 100% (cats) or 25% (humans). One sign saying "Be aware of endangered birds. Avoid or be fined \$10,000" (Wildlife Act 1953) is more effective than a "Dogs banned from beach to protect wildlife. Fine \$400" (Dog Control Act 1996.)

Auckland Council really need to work with the Department of Conservation to find a better solution. Instead, you have a rabid bird lady ranting around telling everyone that dogs should be banned from the whole beach!

Like · Reply · 1d

He has also supplied a number of the e-mails in the link, adding his own highlighting to things said by myself and s53(b)(i) although her name was redacted.

It is really unfortunate that s53(b)(i) is having to bear the brunt of this.

Beth

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Grant has been known to brag that he “hacks” officials’ e-mails, though he does spin some fanciful yarns.

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**Subject:** Re: the nasty letter the one all the councilors had have had worried about the attachments they had  
**Date:** Thursday, 4 March 2021 8:13:18 AM  
**Attachments:** [image.png](#)  
[AGM MINUTES 20Jul2020 \(1\).pdf](#)  
[screen shots attacks on members.docx](#)

it has been request that i supply the attachments

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 10:02 AM [s53\(b\)\(1\)](#) wrote:

[s53\(b\)\(1\)](#)

Dec 14, 2020, 8:56 AM

to me

with Councillor Sayers motion supported by the named councillors Fletcher , Collins Young , Walker, Watson and is effectively saying the current makeup of the Rodney local board is not doing its job

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/123419367/call-to-change-aucklands-rodney-local-board-boundaries-to-protect-rural-needs>

the people behind the proposal to change boundaries are Councillor Sayers , local board Member, Smith , Welsford Farmers Julie Cotton and Brian Mason and Glen Ashton from the Warkworth area who prepared and help co author the report

the following photo say a thousand words



the minutes of the NAG annual meeting provides information and background and needs to be read

Julie Cotton and Glen Ashton are the admins of Rodney Communities voices

from the review of minutes newspaper articles columns written by various parties and screen shots of the facebook page promoting this Coup

the issues from the gang of 5 are

1. road sealing , the local board has stolen the sealing money
2. the Te Aria and other drainage schemes which was referred to at the budget meeting of the council meeting
- 3 the failure of the board to appoint Colin Smith as transport lead and to Mayor Goff rural advisory board
4. members of the gang of 5 have made complaints to AC against other board members and AC has rejected the allegations

i would suggest All Councillors Listen to Local board member Smith verbal submission to the commissioners, hearing Waste Management consent application , it can be found at the start of the audio recording number 49

i have attached supporting information to the above facts

with the raw information the Mayor and other councils have sufficient information to have a robust debate on Councillor Sayers motion and many will have very interesting questions for Councillor Sayers

i look forward to listening to the debate online on thursday

I would suggest any decent Human being would of gone and had a conversation with the board about his and group of 5 proposal before he filed it , if any one goes to Question the group of 5 And their very little support group , you are called a spy , a lapdog for beth or phelan

kind regards

[s53\(b\)\(1\)](#)

MINUTES OF THE AGM FOR THE NORTHERN ACTION GROUP (NAG) held at Totara Park Hall, 5 Melwood Drive, Warkworth on Monday 20th<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 at 7.30 pm.

WELCOME: Twenty-six people were welcomed by the Chairman including guest speakers Greg Sayers and Colin Smith.

APOLOGIES: John Clement, Chris Thoroughgood, Peter Brennan, Angela Buckton. The apologies were moved by Mona Townson. Seconded: Peter Buckton. Carried.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous AGM meeting on the 18th JUNE, 2019 were taken as read. Maury moved that they be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded: Bill Townson. Carried:

#### TREASURERS' REPORT:

Trisha Pieterse presented the Treasurer's report and then opened it up for discussion. Trisha moved that the report be accepted. Seconded: Les greenwood. Carried.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Bill Townson read the Chairman's report. (See attached report)  
Bill moved that the report be approved.  
Seconded: John Carried

Bill Townson thanked the outgoing committee of John Maltby, Barbara Maltby, Chris Thoroughgood, Trisha Pieterse, Lance Taylor, Mona Townson. He spoke of his appreciation of Jane Harris and her work with the website. On handing over the position of chair he nominated Bill Foster for that task as he had the knowledge and the skills that were necessary to deal with all the complex paperwork plus the enthusiasm to continue with the project of gaining democracy for North Rodney.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICIERS AND COMMITTEE:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDED</u>
Chairman	Bill Foster	Bill Townson	Trisha Pieterse
Secretary	Hugh Briggs	Maury Purdy	Bill Foster
Treasurer	Maury Purdy	Bill Foster	Bill Townson
Committee	Lance Taylor	Maury Purdy	Trisha Pieterse
	Bill Townson	Bill Foster	Peter Buckton

Mona Townson moved that the committee be accepted as proposed:  
Seconded: Trisha Pieterse. Carried.

Bill Foster thanked Bill Townson (Chairman) and Mona Townson (secretary) for their work during the past 11 years on behalf of the Northern Action Group. A

bouquet of flowers, a bottle of wine and a box of chocolates were presented. (And were appreciated by Bill and Mona.)

SPEAKER: GREG SAYERS. "Auckland Council Issues."

- Spoke about the emergency budget where a record number of submissions (35,000) wanted lower rates. 75% of Rodney submitters wanted 2.5 or less rates. They were not listened to. Residents will be paying a 4.5% rate increase, business 2.5%. Greg voted against this as a recession becomes deeper when costs are increased for people.
- While AC have the City Rail Link project there will always be a burden and AC will struggle with debt.
- There are 130 Councils in NZ who are paying a salary to their staff which is 30% higher than in the private sector. These Councils need to be brought into line with the Private Sector.
- An Independent Performance Auditor (as recommended by the Royal Commission) needs to be appointed to make sure that AC are providing high quality services in a cost effective manner.
- Although AC maintains that there are no extra funds available they were able to find \$224 million and another \$15 million from the operations fund for the Auckland water problem!
- Communication with the Local Board could be better to improve coordination in representing the area. Working as a team is better for the ratepayers and residents of Rodney.
- It is very important that the Councilor be invited to Local Board workshops and discussions so that a strategy can be developed particularly around budget time.
- If the Mayor wants to find the money he seems to be able to do this. This is an opportunity for Rodney to get finance and so it is important to get a motion requesting this from the LB as Greg feels that there is support from many of the Councilors in AC.
- AC get its revenue from rates (40%) and profits from the ports and shares and fees (60%). Covid 19 has impacted these funds and so prudent financial management is necessary. Capital projects will be cut or deferred. For example no new toilets and playgrounds. The discretionary spend from Local Boards will be less.
- The LB need to get Rodney's share of the interest paid to AC from these ports and shares in the airport. Rodney has 46% of the land area of AC.
- 600 jobs have gone and with the new budget another 500 will go. Only 0.3% of the higher paid staff cut their salaries voluntarily. Council staff are being paid the living wage.
- As AC is so constrained with the emergency budget there are big changes necessary across all of the Council. This could be the silver lining as to a solution of the budget and spending programs of AC.
- Under legislation the regional petrol tax (\$36million) needs to be used in the region where it is collected. It needs to be checked as to where these funds are being spent.
- Rodney has a population of 64,000 people and the combined urban area is only one third of the area. 67% of the people interviewed were dissatisfied with how the LB and AC administer it.

SPEAKER: COLIN SMITH (represents Wellsford in the Local Board.)

- Colin is an independent representative for the rural area and has had major difficulties and challenges in representing the people because of the politics of the Local Board. Because of this he does need the support of local groups such as NAG so that the LB know that he is representing them. It was a compliment that he was put back without anyone standing against him for the LB – a compliment of the quality of his work for the people in his district.
- There are 670kilometres of rural roads to be maintained. He has been working with a roading engineer to advocate ‘Fit for Purpose Roothing’ for the unsealed network. This would mean that roads could be sealed in a staged process. By using Opex money it would cost \$36,000 a kilometer if the base is worked properly. At the moment it costs \$1million for every 1 kilometer of roading.
- The Targeted rates is not going into roading but is being used to create parking facilities, and a walking track but the \$5 million needs to be used to benefit the whole community.
- Water rates a concern – no support for the rural area when the drought occurred and yet rates are paid!
- Colin feels that the local boundaries for the LB need to be set up in a different manner to reflect the rural nature and needs of those communities. At the moment there are structural issues where the representatives for rural areas are not getting the support for the people they represent.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

BILL FOSTER: (Chairman of NAG)

Bill believes that it is necessary for the LB to have more devolution, more responsibility and more of its own money if there is going to be a difference to North Rodney. At the moment there is an unfairness in the process and a dysfunctional council for us. AC is so large that departments need to communicate with each other for even a simple decision to be made. There is no overall area-based management responsibility.

NAG is an ideas group and an independent organization and as such wants to propose initiatives to solve problems. Bill opened the floor for discussion and for people to put forward ideas.

- Julie Cotton wants the rural representation issue investigated. The rural area pay 50% of AC rates but only get 20% of it back in their area. An inequality issue. Need to get Government support for a change in boundaries.
- A person wants carbon credits to be researched. At the moment you only get a ‘reward’ for new planting and not for existing bush or fruit trees.
- Money being spent on planting beside riverbanks to try and control sediment in waterways – not a sensible project as it is a natural drainage area – all water brown after rain or a flood and so it is not doing the job!
- Elizabeth Foster said that the Local Government Act needs to be changed so that we can get out of Auckland. Need a private members Bill in order to achieve this.

- Lance Taylor went through a long list of people in politics or other Government organisations with the comments made about NAG's fight to regain democracy in the North Rodney area. All negative.
- Grant McLachlan shared his experiences with local politics. Feels that you can only sort out Local Government via Central Government. Perhaps North Rodney needs to be with Northland in order to move away from Auckland. Important to make your vote count in the National Elections. There are many issues that can be raised.
- Brian Mason (Chair Landowners, Contractors Protection Society) is very concerned with the lack of fair and equitable representation that Colin Smith is getting with the LB. His group is going to ask for an interview with the Chief Democracy advisor to try and resolve this issue. Wants to work with NAG.

Bill Foster spoke about the importance of the community working together in order to monitor what is going on in the local district. If change is to be achieved we need to be involved with local groups and move forward with the issues that concern the local community to create solutions. Expert advice will be needed on many occasions. There needs to be a new local government structure in order to have a better system of local governance.

People were invited to send into NAG any more ideas that they would like to be considered by the committee.

NAG's email address is [northernactiongroup@gmail.com](mailto:northernactiongroup@gmail.com)

Our website is <http://nag.org.nz/>

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Meeting closed at: 9.30pm

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**Glen Ashton**

**Malcolm Lea** there was also the one off Apararera fund from historic Rodney to fund north Rodney road sealing.

The work to recover the funds from the AC coffers was undertaken by Greg Sayers, Colin Smith, Julie Cotton and Brian Mason going through mountains of documents and paperwork, managing to recover \$2.9 million.

The money was spread around to seal 1 km stretches of various roads.

Beth Houlbrooke used her position to have all of Whitmore Rd sealed (2 km).

Guess where that road goes?

The Houlbrooke family bach!

Like · Reply · 17h

**Malcolm Lea**

**Glen Ashton** in simple terms **Greg Sayers** colin smith and tim holgate want to use the target transport levy to make up on the sealing at the expense of other rate payers because councillors canded the sealing extensions with your allegation Beth Houlbrooke used her position to have all of Whitmore Rd sealed (2 km)

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**Julie Cotton** Author

So Beth hates division does she 😞 perhaps she could have thought of that before she stole the targeted rate of the rural communities and left us with nothing...the only people that have caused division here is Rodney First...anyway if they are all rural then they are all welcome to run in the rural ward if the proposal was to go ahead...I see no problem here...

Like · Reply · 3d · Edited

**Donna Joyner**

Looks like every member of Rf is publishing an article in the media. Wonder if they have been collectively written to be published weekly with a different photo 🤔🤔🤔

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**Julie Cotton** Author

Let me reiterate that the proposed boundary change is

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**Glen Ashton** Author  
Phelan "engaged with communities" ... more like ignored communities  
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**Shannon James**  
Well that's quite laughable. Sigh cant believe people actually voted for these twats  
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**Toni Oldfield**  
OMG!!! That man  
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**Peter Cox**  
**Toni Oldfield** its only because he has already stolen all the money for his Beth's own use.  
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**Glen Ashton** Author  
Phelan "fairly distributed and funded" Taken from rural and given to urban!  
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**Glen Ashton** Author  
Rodney First have put the boot into Rural Rodney at

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LOCK STOCK TWO SMOKING BARRELS If The Milk Turns Out To...

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Glen Ashton **Author**  
Is Rodney First fair?  
Appointed Brent Bailey as rural advisory rep  
Blocked appointment of Colin Smith as lead transport role  
Using transport target rate on park n rides instead of road sealing  
Supported 3 1/2 % rate rise  
Have had sealing budget of \$121 million cut to \$1 million pa  
Is this sincere collaboration with rural community?  
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Moreen Taylor  
maybe she planning to retire to in some other district  
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being spent on the massive over budget write off that is the CRL  
Nobody is reporting on that, and how an estimated 1.5 billion dollar project has now trebled in price- and is nowhere... See More

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Glen Ashton **Author**  
First we got NO tar seal from general rates, then a promise from target rates which got misdirected into buses and park n rides then a big promise (\$121 million) from RFT but NO, they have stolen the lot.  
Like · Reply · 2w

Donna Morgan  
Would be great if RLB could show us one example anywhere in Auckland City where a whole allocation for roading has been totally highjacked. Big fanfare when the \$121 million was allocated though, not any publicity when they sent it down the gurgler - w... See More

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Kristine Dowson replied · 1 Reply

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**Marja Lubeck Labour List MP**  
It was good to meet and discuss the proposal to give Rodney townships and rural areas a fairer and stronger representation on the Board; to better provide for the differing needs across the subdivision.



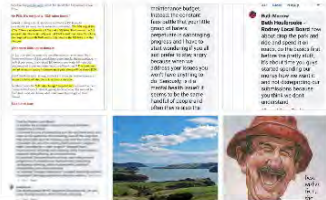
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**Julie Cotton**  
Marja Lubeck Labour List MP thank you for your support it means a great deal!

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**Julie Cotton**  
**Kristine Dowson** isn't it incredible! ..eye watering..if my business was down there I would be organizing a revolt..they would be better of spending their own money on advertising that funding is double dipping lifestyle.

Like · Reply · 2w

**Kristine Dowson**  
**Julie Cotton** Totally agree.

Like · Reply · 2w

**Glen Ashton** Author  
 I spoke to Colin Smith who is perplexed how this has appeared in the Rodney Local Board Plan ...  
 "Support local business communities, business associations and business improvement districts (BIDs) to thrive, including the Wellsford business community to meet the challenges of the SH1 extension bypass to Te Hana"  
 Wellsford never asked for a BID ... underhand work by Phalen and Beth?

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**Moreen Taylor** Author  
 what is the \$150 on rates for public transport then?

Like · Reply · 3w

**Glen Ashton**  
**Moreen Taylor** to build a publicly unwanted \$5 million TEMPORARY park n ride for Warkworth. Will be used by less than handful of ratepayers.

Like · Reply · 3w

Write a reply...

**Mike Fletcher**  
 It subsidises the unused buses that run between the rural townships ie Warkworth to Wellsford

Like · Reply · 3w

**Moreen Taylor** Author  
 yes so why not use the rural contribution to fund

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a foul comment. Let's look at my 2 boundary neighbour's...I have Glenn Inger one of the highest... [See More](#)

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**Donna Morgan** Author  
At politest, the word 'shallow' comes to mind. 🙄 1

Like · Reply · 3w

**Glen Ashton** Verified  
It has been raised with the AC Chief Democracy Advisor how inappropriate it was for Rodney First to appoint and vote Brent Bailey as Rodney's rep. He is a failed townie IT salesman. 3

Like · Reply · 3w

**Glen Ashton** Verified  
What is even worse, there has been no feedback whatsoever from Brent Bailey, our RF appointed rural rep and a year has gone past! Another example of Rodney First not caring or communicating with the rural sector. RF keeping everything secret as usual. 3

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**Donna Morgan** Author



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**Glen Ashton** Author  
I understand the Warkworth BID is looking to expand subscriptions and could be intending to Target Rates in a wider area. Would there be any benefit to the outer businesses?  
We know what happens when a central body has control ... the benefits do not come back to the outer regions. BE WEARY!

Like · Reply · 4w

**Julie Cotton**  
Can't see Wellsford businesses doing this.

Like · Reply · 4w

**Glen Ashton** Author  
**Julie Cotton** I understand a couple of Wellsford Community leaders were approached by Beth and Phelan without Colin Smith present ... beware outsiders bringing promises 😬 Stay UNITED.

Like · Reply · 4w · Edited

**Julie Cotton**  
**Glen Ashton** yes! And that's bloody sneaky..and no I'm not interested in paying another TAX!!! So it a "no deal" from me!

Like · Reply · 4w

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**Glen Ashton** Author  
In the wider Kumeu area, the NorthWest BID covers Riverhead right thru to KKK. The target rate extracts \$180k from businesses. Phelan Pirrie took over as General Manager on \$85k per annum ... a very large chunk of the promotion pot!  
At the same time, Phelan has a fulltime job as RLB chairman on \$85k. Is this double dipping in the community interest?

Like · Reply · 4w

**Steven Law**  
**Glen Ashton** I wonder if he pays secondary tax at all, oh he should be working 25 hrs a week also

Like · Reply · 4w · Edited

**Glen Ashton** Author  
At the most recent RLB meeting, Beth Houlbrooke was appointed "RLB Liaison Lead Warkworth BID" Could this be following in Phelan's footsteps?

Like · Reply · 4w

**Peter Cox**  
**Julie Cotton** are you coming to the meeting on the Wellsford Businesses at the Te Hana Market? We need you there.

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Michele Smith  
Everything to do with Auckland is costly for Wellsford. Lots of money poured into it, with very little return.

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Glen Ashton Author  
AC collect the Business Association fees through a Target Rate on commercial properties. It allows AC to borrow more money based on increased rates.

Like · Reply · 4w

Julie Cotton  
Glen Ashton do we have any idea who is floating this BID idea?

Like · Reply · 4w

Michele Smith  
So. Which local board member is going to wiggle their backside onto this for some easy coin.

Like · Reply · 4w

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idea?

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Michele Smith  
So. Which local board member is going to wiggle their backside onto this for some easy coin.

Like · Reply · 4w

Julie Cotton  
Michele Smith ain't happening..don't need it don't want it...and don't want Rodney First pedaling their taxes up in Wellsford

Like · Reply · 4w

Michele Smith  
Julie Cotton, they don't care as long as they get to fill their pockets doing diddy squat.

Like · Reply · 4w

Julie Cotton  
Michele Smith it would have to have a vote for businesses

Like · Reply · 4w

Peter Cox  
Julie Cotton so long as local businesses and business property owners are not hoodwinked by

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**Toni Oldfield**  
**Sarah Cox** that's a very good question.

Like · Reply · 4w

**Glen Ashton** Author  
**Sarah Cox** without mentioning names they are Wellsford locals who volunteer for the betterment of the town and surrounds. They are not to be maligned as they are well aware of the devious and underhand Rodney First tactics. I expect Wellsford will stand staunch and united for the best town and rural outcomes.

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**Toni Oldfield**  
**Glen Ashton** so, nobody that owns a business?

Like · Reply · 4w

**Glen Ashton** Author  
**Toni Oldfield** my lips are sealed at the moment ... they are the messenger not the enemy, I repeat, keep united, do not let outsiders divide and conquer.

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Julie Cotton  
 Delusional lol...but anyway let's put a few bets on at how long it took Phelan to stew in front of his PC screen to write this?... and how much ratepayers money did it cost given he takes not one but 2 salaries from us 😊

Like · Reply · 12w

**Hatty Porter**  
 What parts of what Phelan has said are actually true? Surely if this is all a lie a complaint should be made against him at the highest level?

Like · Reply · 12w

**Toni Oldfield**  
**Hatty Porter** somebody already has. 😊😂😂

Like · Reply · 12w

**Julie Cotton**  
**Hatty Porter** all the right channels have been done...and yet he is still allowed to govern! Process Process and we still get stuck with a man that doesn't show an ounce of kindness or equality 😊

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**Matt Railey** Author  
 I think we should get together a factual and concise

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Glen Ashton

I have spoken to Colin Smith, he has prepared a public response. Still be good for folk to submit letter to MM in support of Colin.

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Glen Ashton

Here is my analysis on Phelan's statement:

1. Phelan has been forced to pre announce project dates and amounts that have yet to be ratified by RLB at a public meeting. Colin was not privy to these facts. Chair Phelan keeps matters secret.
2. Phelan is confused between the Drinking Water, Storm Water and Sewage Wellsford projects.
3. AT would not provide the bus services because there was insufficient population for viability. They are running at a great loss and if the Target Rate spent on bus stops and park n rides are included it is a massive loss. Comparing to the Warkworth 995 bus service is a joke ... it also runs at a massive loss. Even if AT takeover the bus services, Rodney will not be reimbursed for all their expenditure. Rodney is the only ward in all the Super City

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transport!

4. The 131 carparks is a TEMPORARY park n ride being built on a Community site costing \$5+ million of Rodney Target Rate Money.
5. The two toilets are being built by AT as a bribe for RLB to continue to fund the \$5+ million park n ride build.
6. The Kowhai path is indeed a luxury, has an over engineered bridge and integrates with the park n ride, cost \$1 million. There is already access up to the showgrounds with a double width footpath and controlled crossings.
7. The Target Rate was consulted to the public with a \$13.4 million road sealing budget. Rodney First deleted road sealing on implementation.
8. The \$121 million AT road sealing ten year budget is \$36 million general rates and \$85 million from the Regional Fuel Tax we all pay (11.5 cents per litre). The \$85 million was deferred from day 1, in two years, only \$3.6 million delivered.
9. Rodney First voted for a 3 1/2% rate rise an undermined **Greg Sayers - Councillor for Rodney** who voted NO for the 75% constituents who were against.
10. Road sealing budget has been wiped except for \$1 million pa. So now we are paying General Rates, Target Rates, Regional Fuel Tax and 3 1/2% increase for NOTHING

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**Alan Dawson**  
Phelan is scared of Colin Smith, Colin is no fool and well sorry but Phelan or hot air man. Is pooppy scared him as Colin has integrity and he has a back bone and a heart for his community that he and generations before in the smith family have been part of. We need more like Colin to kick these wet limp self indulgent non brain thinking and non community focused power Hungry people on a short choker chain.

Like · Reply · 12w

**Glen Ashton**  
Rodney First will FAIL.  
They do not listen to the people.  
They undermine our Councillor.  
They TAX us more.  
They redirect OUR money to projects of minority benefit.  
There secret agenda is a FAILURE.

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**Paul Wilson** ★  
Glen Ashton only if you find 6 people who are prepared to run against them

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**Toni Oldfield**

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**Toni Oldfield**  
Paul Wilson the trouble is, we in Wellsford, who are shit on the most, don't get to vote for them.

Like · Reply · 12w · Edited

**Glen Ashton**  
Toni Oldfield & Paul Wilson we are working on both aspects, subdivision voting boundaries and seeking suitable candidates. As an e-rarepayers group we do far more than just social media.

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**Tricia Cox**  
Oh Matt Railey you have a good way with words.

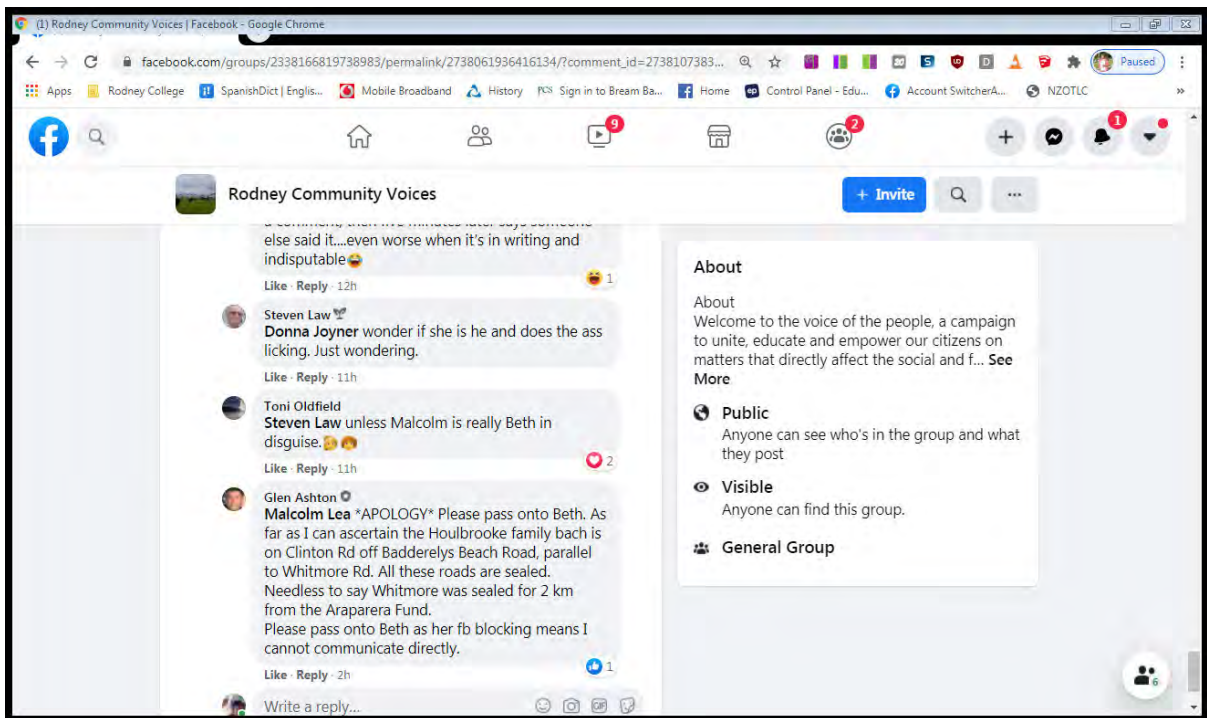
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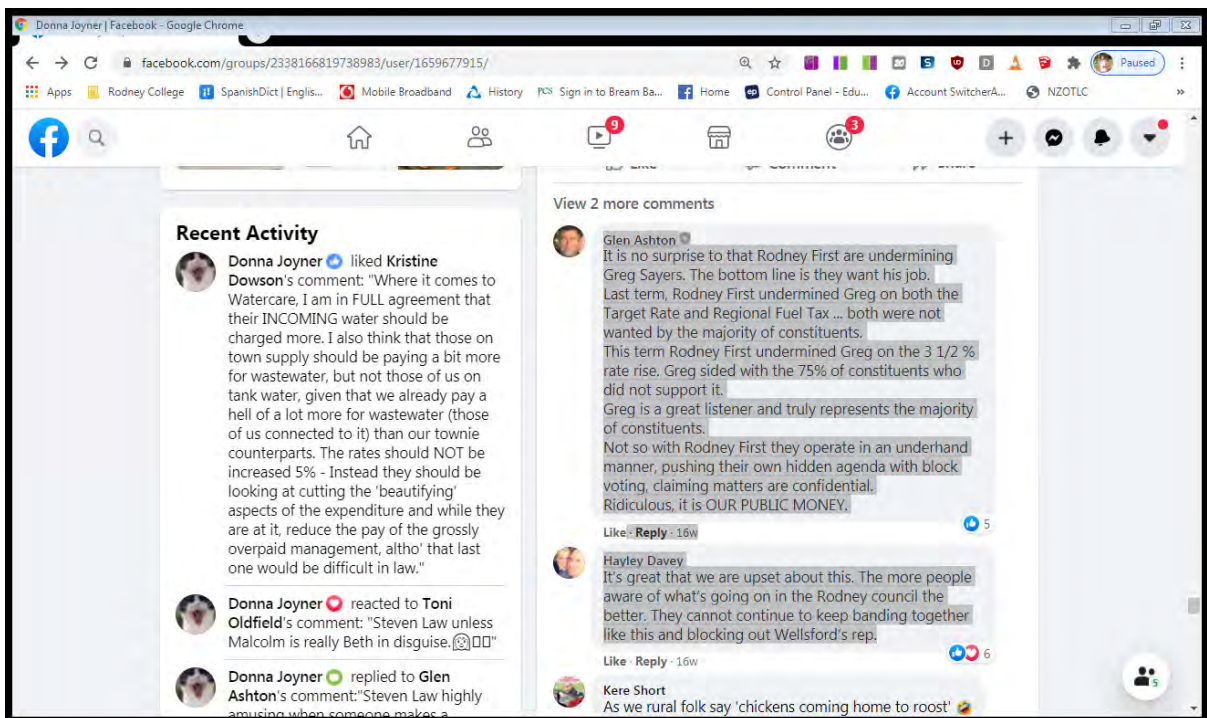
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<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/peter-calder-super-city-riles-rodneyites-again/VNNYNPOCAY76FGUKGGJIA53VBU/>

<https://agrihq.co.nz/section/all/view/farmers-want-to-get-out-of-city>

In the south of the electorate, Wellsford farmer Brian Mason said people were angry they had been forced into the new Auckland council boundaries and they were hoping Mr Peters would help them escape.

<https://www.localmatters.co.nz/news/31871-political-orphans-voice-council-concerns-to-tamihere.html>

<https://farmersweekly.co.nz/section/other-sectors/view/farmers-become-cash-cows>

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Under the Harassment Act 1997

**GRANT MCLEOD MCLACHLAN**

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Company Director  
(applicant)

**BETH PATRICIA HOULBROOKE**  
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Deputy Chair, Rodney Local Board, Auckland Council  
(respondent)

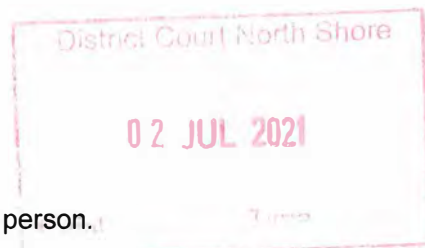
**AARON WARWICK STEPHENSON**  
18 Oliver Street, Warkworth 0910,  
Sales Executive  
(respondent)

**DUNCAN SPENCER POWELL**  
3 Westpark Glen, Warkworth 0910,  
Electrician  
(associated respondent)

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Affidavit by Grant McLeod McLachlan

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Filed by Grant McLeod McLachlan, the applicant in person.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, located in the bottom right corner of the page.

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1. My name is Grant McLeod McLachlan.
  2. I am making this affidavit in support of my application for a restraining order against the respondents, Beth Patricia Houlbrooke and Aaron Warwick Stephenson, and the associated respondent, Duncan Spencer Powell.
  3. On Saturday 13 March 2021, I attended a performance of the Warkworth Big Band at The Tahi Bar and Kitchen ("The Tahi") at 1 Neville Street in Warkworth. The applicant, respondents, and associate respondent also attended the performance.
  4. On Saturday 26 June 2021, I attended a live performance of a band at The Tahi. The applicant, respondents, and associate respondent also attended the performance.
  5. I dine and socialise at The Tahi between three and five times a week.

### **Saturday 13 March 2021 incidents**

6. At approximately 6:30pm on Saturday 13 March 2021, I dined at The Tahi with Jeffrey Francis Knight and Stuart Mawson at a table close to the bar in a seat with my back towards the bar.
7. During the dinner, Mr Knight asked me whether I knew a man who was standing at the bar. I looked around and saw a man scowling at me. I was surprised and told Mr Knight that I had never seen the man before. Attached and labelled "Appendix A" are photographs of the two respondents. Based on these photographs, I identify the man as being Mr Stephenson.
8. Shortly afterwards, I looked around again and the man was still scowling at me. I then noticed that the person to his right was Ms Houlbrooke.
9. Following dinner, I sat on a stool at a table outside below the heater by the main door to the bar. I noticed that Mr Stephenson and Ms Houlbrooke stood below and behind the exterior closed-circuit



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television cameras approximately five metres away from where I was sitting.

10. Ms Houlbrooke's son, Mitchell, was the percussionist and conductor of the Warkworth Big Band. On the off chance that I looked in the direction of Ms Houlbrooke's and Mr Stephenson's location, Ms Houlbrooke was watching the performance. Mr Stephenson's angered attention, however, was focussed on me.
11. I approached the bar manager, Gareth John Hedges, to order a drink. I informed him that Ms Houlbrooke's partner for the evening was acting aggressively towards me. Mr Hedges informed me that Ms Houlbrooke's partner had acted strangely to him as well and asked me to let him know if there was an escalation.
12. When I returned to my stool, I noticed that Ms Houlbrooke and Mr Stephenson had moved from their position under the closed-circuit cameras. I did not see where they went.
13. At approximately 8pm, Ms Houlbrooke and Mr Stephenson walked past my table from my left to my right. Mr Stephenson was holding a camera connected to a camera strap around his neck. Mr Stephenson scowled at me for approximately five metres before passing my table. I gestured to my group of friends to look at the two walking past. Mr Stephenson's expression changed from a scowl to a stunned appearance.
14. While we were having a conversation during the intermission between sets, Mr Powell sat next to my group of friends. He didn't introduce himself to anyone. He didn't talk to anyone. Mr Powell is a local electrician.
15. Ms Houlbrooke and Mr Stephenson returned to their previous position of standing immediately beneath the closed-circuit cameras. Again, Mr Stephenson scowled at me for a prolonged period of time until I turned away. About 30 seconds later, I gestured to my group of friends to look towards the bay window of the kitchen. I asked them whether Mr Stephenson was still scowling at me. I looked around and saw Ms



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Houlbrooke and Mr Stephenson standing immediately beneath the closed-circuit cameras. Mr Stephenson was staring in our direction with an angry look. Mr Stephenson then opened his mouth wide and scowled at us.

16. During our discussions about Mr Stephenson, one of our group noticed that Mr Powell was listening into our conversation and asked him, "Can I help you?" Mr Powell looked stunned, scowled at me, walked away, and then socialised with Ms Houlbrooke and Mr Stephenson.

### **Saturday 26 June 2021 incident**

17. On Saturday 26 June 2021, I sat at the same seat throughout the evening underneath the heater at the table outside the main entrance to the bar. I was the sober driver for the evening and looked after my friends' belongings.
18. I noticed that Ms Houlbrooke and Mr Stephenson again stood underneath the outside closed-circuit cameras in the same position as the night of 13 March. Mr Powell also stood at the opposite end of the same table as the applicant but chatting with electrician colleagues.
19. Mr Germany asked me whether I was feeling safe. The applicant said that the respondents and associate respondent hadn't done anything to intimidate me.
20. Around 9:30pm, my friend, Naomi Jane Humbles, offered to buy me a drink. I offered to look after her handbag, which was suspended from the table by a hook in front of her stool. I leaned on the neighbouring stool to ensure that her stool and property were safe. At the time, there were several other vacant seats at the table as many were dancing nearby. I told several of my friends who had gone for a dance that I would keep an eye on their belongings.
21. Ms Humble returned with my drink and placed her wine glass and my glass in front of our places at the table. Ms Humbles then told me that she would return shortly and asked me to look after her drink, property, and stool.



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22. Shortly after, someone sat next to me. When I looked around, I discovered Mr Stephenson sitting on the stool next to me. He placed his face close to mine and I could smell the stench of alcohol on his breath. I then noticed Ms Houlbrooke pulling over the stool next to Mr Stephenson and then sitting on it. She had a devilish grin expression on her face. Mr Stephenson was acting aggressively.
  23. I told Mr Stephenson that the seat he was sitting was reserved for my friend and gestured at my friend's drink glass and my friend's handbag in front of the stool that Mr Stephenson was now seated. Mr Stephenson aggressively replied, "I didn't see a reserved sign."
  24. I then pointed to several vacant stools on the opposite end of the table next to Mr Powell and suggested to Mr Stephenson that he and Ms Houlbrooke move there. Mr Stephenson replied, "Why are you such a cunt?"
  25. I looked to my left and realised that I had no alternative escape from the situation. Mr Powell and a couple of electrician colleagues had moved to the end of the table to block any clear path. One of Mr Powell's colleagues had just sat in the stool immediately to my left.
  26. I then demanded that Mr Stephenson leave. He refused. I then swore at him to go away. Mr Stephenson then moved towards me in an aggressive manner. I thought that he trying to headbutt me. I reacted by pushing Mr Stephenson away from me.
  27. Mr Stephenson fell backwards over a stool and onto Ms Houlbrooke, who also fell backwards onto the ground. Mr Stephenson knocked Ms Houlbrooke's champagne flute over, my non-alcoholic drink glass, and a couple of empty glasses onto the concrete paving in what appeared to be a deliberate attempt to draw attention.
  28. A colleague of Mr Powell, who was sitting to my left, then grabbed me from behind, restrained my arms, and held me front-on towards Mr Stephenson so I couldn't defend myself if Mr Stephenson retaliated. The colleague then tried to pull me away from my stool. Mr Powell



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verbally abused me and suggested to others that I leave. Instead, I returned to my stool and told Mr Powell, "Was this your plan all along, was it?"

29. The bar manager, Mr Hedges, approached our table and escorted Ms Houlbrooke and Mr Stephenson to a nearby area where he spoke to them. As Mr Stephenson was escorted away he swore at me, unleashing a volley of derogatory and highly defamatory expletives at me. Ms Houlbrooke shouted, "But he started it!"
30. Mr Hedges approached me shortly afterwards to ask us whether I was harmed. I said that I was fine. Mr Hedges told me that Mr Stephenson was instructed to stay away from me due to his repetitive intimidatory behaviour.
31. I was worried and embarrassed by the whole ordeal. I was concerned that the incident was affecting the enjoyment of the evening for others. I was also shocked that there was an escalating disturbing pattern of behaviour from the respondents and the associated respondent.
32. During the almost eight years that I have lived in the area, I have never seen a physical altercation at The Tahi. I am concerned by the effect that the respondents' and the associated respondent's actions will have on the reputation of the establishment.

## **Concerns**

### **Manipulation**

33. Prior to 13 March 2021, I had never encountered Mr Stephenson. I did not know who he was.
34. Based on their public displays of affection, Ms Houlbrooke and Mr Stephenson are in an intimate relationship. I contend that Mr Stephenson's attitude towards me must be based on what Ms Houlbrooke has told him. I cannot fathom any other basis for Mr Stephenson's aggressive and intimidatory behaviour towards me. Mr Stephenson's attitude towards me is not rational, reasonable, nor justifiable.

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35. I include Ms Houlbrooke as a respondent to this application as I am concerned that Ms Houlbrooke has manipulated others to hold similar attitudes towards me. I include Mr Powell as an associate respondent on the basis that he has displayed similar behaviour to his friend, Mr Stephenson.
36. I am concerned for my safety that Ms Houlbrooke has manipulated others who might further escalate the pattern of behaviour that the respondents and associated respondent have displayed.
37. Ms Houlbrooke is a politician. She currently is the Deputy Chair of the Auckland Council's Rodney Local Board and is involved with the local chamber of commerce and a variety of community organisations. I have known her for more than eight years since she was a candidate for the Act Party, where she rose through the ranks to Deputy Leader until she was unceremoniously demoted to a number thirteen list ranking weeks before the 2020 general election.
38. I first raised concerns about Ms Houlbrooke's manipulative personality on 8 April 2020 during the nationwide Covid-19 Level 4 lockdown. Ms Houlbrooke administered many social media community pages on Facebook, which she considers her personal property. On 8 April 2020:
- 38.1 An Omaha Beach local raised on the "Omaha Beach Community" Facebook page concerns about holiday home owners visiting their holiday homes during the weekends in breach of lockdown rules and asked for advice on how to get action from the authorities;
- 38.2 Ms Houlbrooke incorrectly said that holiday home owners were entitled to visit their holiday homes during lockdown Level 4;
- 38.3 Several members of the Omaha Beach Community Facebook page replied to Ms Houlbrooke's comment, stating that she was incorrect and provided a link that stated the rules;
- 38.4 Ms Houlbrooke then blocked the Omaha Beach Community Facebook page member who created the post from the page, which also deleted the post;

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- 38.5 The blocked member then posted on the "Matakana" community Facebook page, describing what Ms Houlbrooke had done;
- 38.6 I replied to the blocked member's post that Ms Houlbrooke had a history of blocking people who might portray her in an unfavourable way and provided an internet link to a 1 October 2019 *Mahurangi Matters* article, which is attached and labelled "Appendix B";
- 38.7 The administrator to the Matakana and Warkworth community Facebook pages, lawyer Leslie George Miller, then blocked me from the community pages that he administers; and
- 38.8 Mr Miller has not replied to any correspondence explaining his conduct.
39. I am gravely concerned that an elected official responds to legitimate criticism of their conduct by manipulating others to physically intimidate, harass, and obstruct critics.

#### **Premeditation**

40. What concerns me most about the pattern of behaviour of the respondents and the associated respondent is their degree of premeditation on two separate occasions, which was directed at me. At a place I frequent, they:
- 40.1 Watched me and scowled at me;
- 40.2 Loitered near me to eavesdrop on my conversations; and
- 40.3 Obstructed and accosted me.
41. I contend that the respondents and associated respondent, knowing that I frequent The Tahi with friends, tried to provoke me and then tried to apportion full blame on me for causing the altercation in an attempt to have me banned from the premises.

#### **Conclusion**

42. I confirm the truth and accuracy of this statement. I make this statement knowing that it may be used in Court proceedings. I am aware that it is offence to make a statement that is known by me to be false and is intended by me to mislead.



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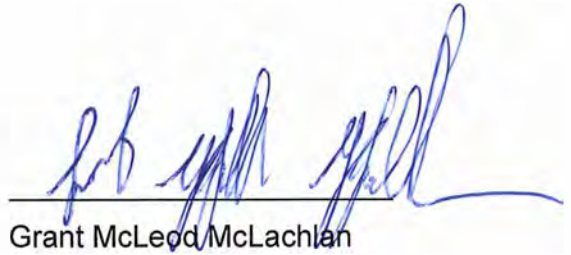
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Grant McLeod McLachlan

Appendix A



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## Candidates clash over Facebook control

### Omaha Beach Community Page

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**Pholan Pirrie**  
Admin  
Chief Fire Officer at Fire and Emergency NZ



**Beth Houlbrooke**  
Admin  
View 1 recent post  
Team Member at Vote Rodney First



**Chris Martin**  
Moderator  
View 1 recent post

Social media has become a battlefield in the run up to this month's local elections, with candidates on all sides accusing opponents of dirty politics and smear campaigns.

Independents claim Rodney First members and supporters have been blocking them on dozens of community Facebook pages, while Rodney First accuses opponents of orchestrating an organised vendetta against them.

Speaking in the public forum at the final Rodney Local Board meeting of the current term, Independent Kumeu candidate Steven Law raised questions over members' influence on social media.

"Does the board or any member have any power or control over the campaigns of prospective board members and, if so, what?" he asked. "What can be done about candidates and supporters having membership, comments or posts blocked off the public arena by them, board members and their associates?"

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He was referring to the fact that Deputy Board chair Phelan Pirrie is an admin or moderator on at least 20 local community Facebook pages right across Rodney, from Snells Beach to South Head, and he claimed after the meeting to have been blocked or had comments removed from many of them since becoming a candidate. Additionally, Board chair Beth Houlbrooke is an admin on five groups in the Warkworth area.

Road campaigner Geoff Upson, who is also standing in Kumeu, said he had been blocked by the majority of local Facebook groups in his area, claiming that Mr Pirrie being an admin was a common thread, and that all Rodney First candidates had also blocked him.

"Before I announced I was going to run, I was a member of all of these groups," he said. "After a while, I realised I wasn't hearing anything from these areas. When I search for them now, they don't even show up."

Mr Upson said he didn't blame Mr Pirrie for being involved in so many groups, but found it frustrating that it wasn't out in the open.

Warkworth Independent Steven Garner thought that Board members being admins of a significant number of community pages could be seen as a conflict of interest.

"There is a definite bent towards Rodney First on these pages and when you multiply this by the total number of members of these Facebook groups, then the influence is significant," he said.

Mr Pirrie would not say exactly how many Facebook groups or pages he was an admin for, or whether he saw any ethical issues in administering community pages as a Deputy Board chair. However, he vehemently denied that it was an issue, saying the claims were completely groundless and it was nonsense that he and others were somehow controlling Facebook in Rodney.

He said he had blocked Geoff Upson from posting on his (Mr Pirrie's) personal Facebook page to prevent Mr Upson "stalking him" online and being tagged in Mr Upson's posts, some of which Mr Pirrie said were defamatory. Steven Law had been removed from a Muriwai & Waimauku Facebook group, but this had happened in April last year for "continually posting inflammatory material against the group's rules despite being cut considerable slack".

"I've been accused of being corrupt, of genocide and of lining my pockets on social media, and I've just had to rise above it. It's really sad that the election has been turned into a mud-slinging match by people who don't know how to behave civilly on social media," Mr Pirrie said.

Beth Houlbrooke said the handful of groups she administered were only ever designed to keep residents informed.

"We wanted to be good communicators and for people to be able to understand the role of the Local Board, and have their say," she said. "They were set up as virtual community noticeboards, for anyone to use. We didn't start them with any kind of intention to take control."

She said Rodney First had been the subject of unjustified mudslinging and dirty politics by a team of independent candidates and their backers.

"The only motivation I can see is our opponents don't like the transport targeted rate. So, let's have a proper debate about the issue and they can tell us what they're offering. Are they going to cancel it?"

What's their solution? That's the debate they should be having.

"When I went into the election, I expected to have to debate issues, but not this sort of stuff. I've never seen it before, it's just vile."

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In the District Court  
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Under the Harassment Act 1997

**GRANT MCLEOD MCLACHLAN**

Company Director  
(Applicant)

CIV-2021-044-745

**BETH PATRICIA HOULBROOKE**

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Deputy Chair, Rodney Local Board, Auckland Council  
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Sales Executive  
(Respondent)

**DUNCAN SPENCER POWELL**

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Electrician  
(Associated respondent)

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Affidavit by Shane Germany

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Rodney Local Board North Shore

02 JUL 2021

Filed by Grant McLeod McLachlan, the applicant in person.



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1. My name is Shane Germany.
  2. I am making this affidavit in support of an application by Grant McLeod Mclachlan for a restraining order against the respondents, Beth Patricia Houlbrooke and Aaron Warwick Stephenson, and the associated respondent, Duncan Spencer Powell.
  3. On Saturday 26 June 2021, I attended a live performance of a band at The Tahi. The applicant, respondents, and associate respondent also attended the performance.
  4. The applicant and I frequently socialise at The Tahi.
  5. On Saturday 26 June 2021, the applicant sat on the same seat throughout the evening underneath the heater at the table outside the main entrance to the bar. He was the sober driver for the evening and looked after our belongings. For most of the evening, I was standing or sitting not far from where the applicant was sitting.
  6. I noticed that Ms Houlbrooke and Mr Stephenson were attending the event. Mr Powell also stood at the opposite end of the same table as the applicant but chatting with electrician colleagues. I recognise Mr Stephenson and Ms Houlbrooke as the people in the photographs of Appendix A, which is attached.
  7. I asked the applicant whether he was feeling safe. The applicant said that he felt safe as the respondents and associate respondent hadn't done anything to intimidate him.
  8. Around 9:30pm, I walked towards the bar and passed the applicant. He had his hand on the vacant stool next to him. There were several other vacant seats nearby as many were dancing nearby.
  9. Moments after I sat down, I noticed that Mr Stephenson and Ms Houlbrooke had moved to sit on stools next to the applicant. The applicant looked anxious as Mr Stephenson was acting in an up-close and intimidatory manner next to the applicant. I then saw the applicant



look to his left towards the opposite end of the table. When he turned to his right, Mr Stephenson got closer to the applicant in an aggressive manner. The applicant reacted by pushing Mr Stephenson away. Mr Stephenson then fell backwards and onto Ms Houlbrooke. Mr Stephenson swiped his left arm on the table to sweep drinking glasses off the table and onto the concrete pathway, breaking several glasses.

10. Before I had the opportunity to assist the applicant, I saw the bar manager escorting Mr Stephenson and Ms Houlbrooke to an area near the bar office, which was a few metres from where I was sitting, and close to the main entrance to the venue. Mr Stephenson was swearing and Ms Houlbrooke was shouting, "But he started it!" Mr Stephenson and Ms Houlbrooke appeared to be heavily intoxicated.
11. The heated discussion with the bar manager continued for some time, which drew the attention of many at nearby tables. At one point, Ms Houlbrooke very loudly said, "The police will believe me! I'm Beth Houlbrooke!" Several people nearby found this comment amusing and laughed. Ms Houlbrooke and Mr Stephenson left moments later.

### Conclusion

12. I confirm the truth and accuracy of this statement. I make this statement knowing that it may be used in Court proceedings. I am aware that it is offence to make a statement that is known by me to be false and is intended by me to mislead.

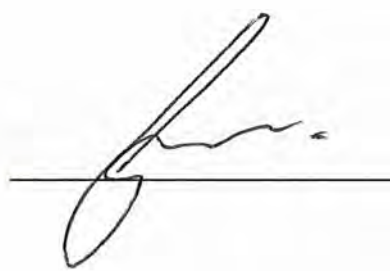


SWORN at

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this 2 day of JULY 2021

Signed and sworn before me:



A Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand  
Vaughn Summerton  
Lawyer  
Wardill Pasley Law  
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Appendix A



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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
HELD AT NORTH SHORE**

**CIV-2021-044-000745**

In the matter of the Harassment Act 1997

**BETWEEN GRANT MCLEOD MCLACHLAN**

Applicant

**A N D BETH PATRICIA HOULBROOKE**

First Respondent

**A N D AARON WARWICK STEPHENSON**

Second Respondent

**A N D DUNCAN SPENCER POWELL**

Associated Respondent

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## **MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT**

### **Current proceedings**

1. On 2 July 2021, the applicant Grant McLeod McLachlan filed a notice of proceeding and affidavit in support, seeking a restraining order against the first and second respondents and associated respondent. At that time, the applicant was self-represented.
2. The Court arranged for service on the first and second respondents and associated respondent. The matter was set down for a callover on 17 August 2021.
3. On 16 August 2021, a notice of representation was filed notifying the Registry that the applicant was now represented by counsel.
4. On 17 August 2021, at the callover, the applicant's counsel was present. Neither of the respondents, nor the associated respondent were present, nor represented by counsel. The presiding judge noted that the Court record reflected that all three respondents had been served. The matter was set down for a one-hour formal proof hearing to be allocated.
5. On 9 December 2021, the Registry issued a notice of hearing advising the matter was set down for a one-hour formal proof hearing on 21 January 2021.
6. On 14 January 2021, the Registry advised the applicant that the formal proof hearing was adjourned as the allocated judge was unavailable.
7. The Registry issued a new notice of hearing for 4 April 2021 at 10am.

### **Orders and directions sought**

8. Mr McLachlan no longer wishes to pursue the application for a restraining order.
9. A copy of this notice will be served on the first and second respondents and associated respondent.

10. The applicant has a right to discontinue the proceedings, pursuant to rule 15.16(1)(a) of the District Court Rules. None of the restrictions specified under rule 15.17 of the District Court Rules apply.
11. Accordingly, these proceeding should be discontinued and the hearing scheduled for 4 April 2022 vacated.

Dated 22 March 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N. Small', written in a cursive style.

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Natalie Small  
Counsel for the applicant

**From:** [Grant McLachlan](#)  
**To:** [Carole Garland](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Summary.  
**Date:** Thursday, 24 February 2022 3:57:26 pm

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Thanks for clarifying things.

Regards,

Grant McLachlan

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**From:** Carole Garland <[cagarland@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cagarland@xtra.co.nz)>  
**Date:** 24/02/22 12:58 PM (GMT+12:00)  
**To:** Grant McLachlan <[grant\\_mclachlan@hotmail.com](mailto:grant_mclachlan@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Summary.

Hello Grant,

I did not give you permission to take notes during our conversation yesterday, which from what I have read it would seem as though you intend to use them to bolster your case. A few points I would like to make:

The person in question was not yelling and waving her phone as she charged towards me, I said she had a furious look on her face.

I did not say that she was gloating that she had caught me red handed.

The person in question slapped my granddaughter, I did not say on the face, when the attempt was made to stop her from taking photos of us with her phone, which she was waving around in the air.

She did not then charge at me waving her phone like a weapon. I actually told you that I tried to get between them to defuse the situation while explaining that if we had been left alone we would have been on the other side of the boat ramp. I am not terrified of walking along the beach, I still do it most days.

I did not say it was the same lady in question standing watching me gather seagrass from by the boat ramp after ten o'clock one morning with my dog running around. and continually looking at her watch and looking at me. The lady that day actually had a small dog on a lead with her.

You have managed to embellish this situation Grant, to either suit you own situation or to escalate an ongoing problem between dog owners and the few beach dwellers who are determined to make things as unpleasant for us as possible.

Please do not use this incident or these notes for your own agenda Grant. The last thing I want at my age is to be dragged into someone else's troubles.

Carole Garland

On 24/02/2022 10:40 Grant McLachlan <[grant\\_mclachlan@hotmail.com](mailto:grant_mclachlan@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Carol,

Thanks for our time explaining your ordeal with Diane Taylor and Pauline Benest.

Following our telephone conversation yesterday, here is a summary of the notes that I took from the call:

- On 2 January 2022 you were with your teenage granddaughter walking your spaniel in a southerly direction on the Snells Beach esplanade at Sunburst Avenue Reserve at approximately 5pm;
  - As you approached the boatramp on the footpath, your dog yanked the leash out of your hand, the dog ran onto the beach near the garden next to the boatramp and headed towards the water at the foot of the boatramp;
  - As you rushed to retrieve your dog, Diane Taylor appeared from south of the boatramp “charging like a hippopotamus” yelling and waving her smartphone;
  - You were focused on retrieving your dog while Diane Taylor seemed more focused on gloating that she had “caught you red-handed;”
  - It was obvious that the dog had a leash on and that the leash had accidentally come loose from your hand;
  - You tried to rationalise with Diane Taylor that you knew the rules and were trying to abide by them;
  - Diane Taylor seemed pre-occupied with trying to take photos of your dog in the water;
  - There was a conversation about whether Diane Taylor can follow people around and take photographs of people without their permission;
  - It was also raised that it was unfair and unreasonable to take photographs of a situation out of context;
  - Your granddaughter tried to intervene to prevent an escalation of Diane Taylor’s aggressive behaviour;
  - Diane Taylor slapped your granddaughter in the face;
  - Diane Taylor then charged at you, trying to slap you and waving her camera like a weapon;
  - Your granddaughter grabbed the camera from Diane Taylor as she thrust it towards you and your granddaughter threw the smartphone away from causing further harm;
  - Diane Taylor then told you that she works at the police station; and
  - Another lady who accompanied Diane Taylor, Pauline Benest, said in a posh accent that Diane Taylor “is right, you know.”
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- You are terrified of walking your dog alone along Snells Beach for fear of being harassed.
  - You have not laid a complaint with police as you are aware that other complaints have been ignored and that the aggression of the vigilantes has since escalated.
  - You are concerned about how the added stress will affect the treatment of your cancer.
  - You have considered moving from Snells Beach as a result.
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- In another incident, as you walked your dog on the beach around 10pm, you saw a frowning Diane Taylor standing on the seawall outside her house tapping at her watch.

This pattern of behaviour is similar to other incidents involving other vigilante accosting and assaulting law-abiding dogwalkers.

Thank you for clarifying this.

Regards,



Grant McL. McLachlan



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# Warkworth Area Dog Owners NZ



**Grant McLachlan**

March 11 at 4:01 PM · 🌐



This is a puffer fish. If you see one, put it in the rubbish bin. They can be extremely toxic.



👍🤩 Rachel Callender and 4 others

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**Jenny Bartlett**

Luckily I haven't spied any on our dog walks lately.

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**Grant McLachlan** Author

**Jenny Bartlett**, that's because you were facing the wrong way.



Like Reply Share 1d



Jenny Bartlett shared a post.

Admin +1 · Yesterday at 6:12 AM · 🌐



Love all the friendships made on our beach "promenade" .

“It was only a sunny smile,  
and little it cost in the  
giving,  
but like morning light  
it scattered the night  
and made the day worth  
living.”

~F. Scott Fitzgerald

Style on a shoestring by Gill

March 13 at 11:00 AM · 🌐

A favourite 🌿🌸🌿

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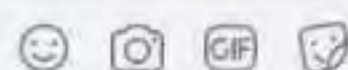
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Rachel Callender

I'm an.interloper from Warkworth - must say good morning a million times on our walk and it's awesome ❤️

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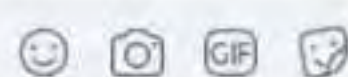


Jenny Bartlett Author Admin +2  
Nah- you Warkworthians are locals !

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Write a public reply...



Jenny Bartlett Author Admin +2

Classic one this morning meeting Niki Springboard.

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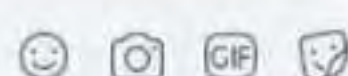


Jenny Bartlett Author Admin +2  
Kia pai to ra ano !

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Jenny Bartlett

Admin +1 · 58m · 🌐



Lost property. Sorry no pics- I never carry my phone.

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Jenny Bartlett Author Admin +2

Small dog collar- red and white stripes -reg no 104795 on the bench at the bottom of Snells Beach Rd .  
Frisbee , tennis ball and preschoolers jandals at the big playground  
Pink sandals in the tree in front of the campervans.

Like Reply Share 57m



# Sandspit, Snells, Algies & Mahurangi East



**Jenny Bartlett**

[Admin](#) +1 · March 18 at 1:34 PM ·



Grant McLachlan- you are listed in the Membership as unavailable . Does this mean you have blocked admin. If so you will be removed from the group.

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7 Comments

Duncan Powell  
Beth Houlbrooke  
Rebe Henriksen  
Barry Houlbrooke

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**Roxanne Halliday**

Grant McLachlan - can you see this question?

Like Reply Share 6d



**Grant Clifton**

Wondering what this post is for? What does it have to do with the sandspit, snells, Algies Bay or Mahurangi East community? Or is this some sort or personal vendetta? Please advise.

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**Claire Manning**

**Jenny Bartlett** don't waste your energy - just turf people who do this. Several steps need to be taken to block someone, so it's clearly not accidental.

Like Reply Share 5d



**Jenny Bartlett** [Author](#) [Admin](#) +2

In the interests of fairness I have removed personal comments.

Like Reply Share 5d



**Jenny Bartlett**

March 18 at 1:38 PM · 🌐



Is Grant McLachlan no longer an admin on here? Or has he blocked me ?

👍 😂 3

30 Comments

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**Roxanne Halliday**

He is still admin 👍 2

Like Reply 6d



**Grant McLachlan** Admin

That's right.

Like Reply 6d



**Brenda Matautia**

Probably blocked you

Like Reply 6d 👍 3



**Jenny Bartlett** Author

Power- the ultimate you know what !

Like Reply 6d 👍



**Roxanne Halliday**

🔒 Jenny Bartlett aphrodisiac?

Like Reply 6d 👍



**Roxanne Halliday**

😂😂😂😂

Like Reply 6d



**Jenny Bartlett** Author

Yep - bankers need to get their jollies somewhere !

Like Reply 6d



# Sandspit, Snells, Algies & Mahurangi East



**Jenny Bartlett**

Admin



+1

March 18 at 1:44 PM · 🌐



NB Please don't block admin if you want to be part of our community group.

👍 😂 ❤️ 20

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**Jean Van Wyk**

Lol what a stupid thing to do

Like Reply Share 6d



**Jasmine Hweh**

If someone does that shouldn't it be automatic removal?

Like Reply Share 6d

👍 2



**Jenny Bartlett** Author Admin +2

Yes they are no longer a member.

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👍 2



**Glenn Grant**

Well stated Jenny....! 👍

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New activity ▾



Jenny Bartlett

Admin



+1



Feelgood Friday .  
What made you smile today ?

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Kay Flower

My new hair cut... 7

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Jenny Bartlett [Author](#) [Admin](#) +2

Kay Flower Bet you're looking gorgeous Petal !

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Kay Flower

Jenny Bartlett Just like a perfect flower!

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Jenny Bartlett [Author](#) [Admin](#) +2

He putiputi ataahua !

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Beth Houlbrooke

Kay Flower photos or it didn't happen!

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Kay Flower

Beth Houlbrooke Certainly did happen...just need a photographer now!

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Admins & moderators · 1



Jenny Bartlett

Admin +1

Works at Self-Employed

Add Friend

Group rules from the admin

1 **What can you post in this group?**

Questions or discussion about local issues, local information, recommendations or advice, lost or found pets or property, shared local photos, community events or crime issues.

2 **No Trolls, Bullying or Hate Speech**

Any trolling, personal abuse, defamatory or inflammatory posts, flame wars, posting speed cameras or police checkpoints, slagging off local businesses, spamming, swearing etc will be deleted.

3 **Local Businesses... No Spam!**

One ad every 3 days (in these difficult times . Previously we allowed fortnightly ads ) Local businesses only - Rodney/Kaipara. No multi-level ads .

4 **Buying or Selling ? Not in this group thanks.**

We are not a buy sell group. Ads like this will be deleted from the group. (Garage sale adverts welcome)

5 **Keyboard Warrior? This is not the group for you...**

Want to complain about someone's driving, fireworks, dog poo, anything else that's annoying you? Take it over to Bitch & Moan Warkworth, don't post it on here.

6 **Issues or Problems?**

Any issues or questions? Report any posts you're unhappy about using FB's reporting system. Please private message the admins directly so it can be dealt with - don't post it in the group.

7 **Want to Join?**

This group is for people living locally. Please indicate this and agree to the rules so you can be accepted.

8 **Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015**

If you make defamatory statements about individuals or engage in posting material that breaches the 'Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015' you'll be legally liable for the consequences and blocked.

9 **Crime or Suspicious Activity**

If it's good enough to post here, it's good enough to have phoned the Police first on 111 or 105. Security alerts are good but do not post here unless you have reported it to the authorities first.

**grant\_mclachlan@hotmail.com**

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**From:** STALLWORTHY, Mark <Mark.Stallworthy@police.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 21 February 2022 10:00 pm  
**To:** grant\_mclachlan@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Illegal parking.

Hi Grant.

I have been informed that you have made public comments about an illegally parked car somewhere near where I live.

Sorry I am not sure about what vehicle you are talking about but please feel free to make any parking complaints by calling 09 3010101. For driving complaints call 105.

Kind regards

Mark

Sergeant Mark Stallworthy  
Officer In Charge  
Warkworth Police  
0211914318

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 Event type: Event Type: 2I - Information  
 Scene station: Warkworth  
 Reporting station: Warkworth  
 Case: 210920/1844, s.53(b)(i) Priv Filed, Waitemata District HQ, Records  
 Location: (At) s.53(b)(i) Priv  
 Narrative: Created by MSY688 12/10/2021 13:30

s.53(b)(i) Priv reports online harassment from Grant. Appears Grant is trying to be a investigated reporter making accusations that s.53(b)(i) Priv is dishonest.

s.53(b)(i) Priv wished to report the online trolling from Grant. No offence

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Modified by CSA571 20/09/2021 11:27

s.53(b)(i) Priv s.53(b)(i) Priv reports online bullying by MCLACHLAN/Graeme

Details to be emailed to Sgt STALLWORTHY by MCKENZIE