



# KAREKARE BILLBOARD

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## KKRRT Chairman's Report

The current KKRRT Committee undertook early in its term to review the KKRRT constitution and to develop recommendations for any changes to go to the next Annual General Meeting. The decision to do this was driven in part by the length of time that has passed since the constitution was written, and in part because the operation of the constitution in relation to elections and powers of officers etc was seen as confusing and unclear during the difficult period around this years AGM.

At the last committee meeting we enjoyed the benefit of a presentation from Yvonne Dufaur who has been active in the recent review and re-write of the Piha RRT constitution. Yvonne's contribution was extremely helpful. We came to see that apart from being very legalistically written (long sentences, big words) our constitution is not too bad and that much of what has been concerning us could be fixed by adopting some operating procedures and protocols. Such P&Ps could deal with how elections are run, when agendas should be circulated, who is responsible for public communications, how spending is authorized etc etc. As a committee we have committed to developing our ideas for P&Ps for our next meeting.

Yvonne has promised to send us through some examples of such documents from other voluntary organisations, and any feedback from other KKRRT members would be valued and appreciated.

One specific area of the constitution that does nonetheless continue to cause debate is the application and use of proxy voting at the AGM. In

proxies are not a good thing. That is, it is best wherever possible that members attend the AGM, have their say, listen to others, and participate personally. The only valid reason to have proxies is to allow for the representation of residents and ratepayers who cannot reasonably and conveniently attend the AGM. Clearly then if the meeting is held at a time when everyone can come, there would be no need for proxies and they would not be an issue. Obviously there will never be a time that everyone can attend. But - you'll see where this is heading - maybe there is a better time than the Sunday of Anniversary weekend?

The last AGM (the final one that is) was held on a Friday evening in April and was massively attended. Is a Friday evening towards the end of summer a better time? Is the Fire Station a better venue? The nature of KKRRT has changed over the decades. Originally, weekender ratepayers far outnumbered residents; that situation is now reversed and many residents head away for anniversary weekend. What do you think?

The committee will be considering the date for the next AGM at our meeting in November. If you have a burning view any particular way (or one that is just smouldering) please make someone on the committee aware of it before November 17th.

See you at the beach if the wind ever drops.

Regards  
David Munro  
KKRRT Chair

## LANDCARE Sunday 10 November

The programme for the November Landcare day is the pleasurable task of planting some more native species around the waterfall.

This is part of the waterfall restoration project that has been running over the last few years. Families, visitors and children are welcome to help in the last planting day for this year. Bring your spade or digging implements and meet at the waterfall at 10am. Contact Sherryn for

### Landcare news

Karekare Landcare meets on the second Sunday of each month at 10am to tackle weeding or planting projects according to the season. Come and meet those interested in conservation, and become familiar with the special native plants in our area.

For those with web access, you can access more information on current and planned conservation projects on our local Karekare website: [www.karekare.org.nz/landcare](http://www.karekare.org.nz/landcare) For those without web access, briefly, the future projects planned are:

**15 December 02:** Afternoon walk to Pararaha, with rubbish clean-up followed by social BBQ/

picnic on beach.

**Contact:** Robin Binsley 8128 420

**12 January 03:** Beheading and targeting Agapanthus.

**Contact:** Peter De Jaeger 8128 375

**9 February 03:** Wandering Jew. We would like to continue the work in the Pohutakawa Glade.

**Contact:** Alistair Martin 8128 167.

**9 March 03:** Pampas grass.

**Contact:** Mike Nixon 8128 420.

Karekare Landcare meetings dates and contacts may change due to the nature of us being a volunteer group. The contact people mentioned above should know the latest details about their day closer to the time, and the website will be up-dated regularly.

### **Changes to the AkRPMS**

(Auckland Regional Pest Management Strategy)

On October 21 2002, the revised Auckland Regional Pest Management Strategy was released and there are some changes that the residents of Karekare and other West coast beaches will need to know.

While the basic rules and pest categories from the old RPMS still apply to the Waitakere Ranges, i.e. the status of ginger, woolly nightshade, moth plant etc, there are additions to the list where land occupiers/owners need to carry out work. There are new notifiable plants and some new plants banned from sale. The changes are as follows.

#### ***A change to the naming of the categories.***

Low incident plants are now changed from Service Delivery Plant Pests to **Total Control Pest Plants** and the ARC will still carry out work at no cost.

The new plants are:

- Balloon vine
- Purple loosestrife
- Devils tail
- Scrambling lily

Total Control Plant Pests are now **Containment Pest Plants**. There is an addition to this list - Bushy asparagus, a common garden plant, often found in bathrooms. All sites of bushy asparagus will need to be removed from Piha (and other West Coast beaches).

The Monitoring Plant Pest category is gone. In its place is a new list of plants called **Research Organisms**, in which the ARC will evaluate their impact on the natural environment and decide whether they need to be banned.

These are:

- Acacia or Wattle species
- Agapanthus
- Stipa species apart from those already banned.
- Bungalow Palm
- Lilly Pilly
- Climbing Gloxinia
- Coastal Banksia
- Guava
- Gypsywort
- Ivy cultivars
- Other Lantana
- Lizards Tail
- Moreton Bay Fig
- Phoenix Palm
- Queen of the Night
- Queensland Poplar

Another new category is the introduction of **Community Initiatives Pest Plants**. These are plants already banned from sale (and not required to be removed) However if the community can show majority support for the weeds' removal, the ARC can consider

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### **Billboard Contact Details**

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Fax 8128 062

Deadline always 30th month.

Delivery first week of month.

Send copy to  
Vanf@nznet.gen.nz

means to control the pest. A full description of the process is in the RPMS document.

#### ***New plants added to the banned list.***

The following have been added to the Regional list. That is, the ones banned within the Auckland Region.

These are:

- Aristea (*Aristea ecklonii*)
- Balloon vine (*Cardiospermum grandiflorum* and *C. halicacbum*)
- Brush wattle (*Paraserianthes lophantha*)
- Devil's tail (*Persicaria perfoliatum*)
- Giant reed (*Arundo donax*)
- Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)
- Reed sweet grass (*Glyceria maxima*)
- Scrambling lily (*Geitonoplesium cymosum*)

#### ***National Pest Plant Accord.***

The plants listed in this category are those chosen by DOC and MAF to be nationally banned from sale. There is a card which lists these plants and it is available from Protect NZ on [www.protectnz.org.nz](http://www.protectnz.org.nz)

Many of the plants are also regionally banned However, there are some not included in the RPMS. You will need to compare the plants on each list. The idea was to replace the older Na-

tional Surveillance Pest Plants list with a "living list" that could be updated without laborious procedures. A working party meets regularly and makes any changes necessary.

If you need a copy of the new RPMS, they are available from the Enviroline on 366 2070 at a cost of \$20. Or you can contact me on 823 6682 or 021 222 9069 for further information.

Chris McKain  
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## Webby news

The latest updates are to do with the on-going public toilet debate, and uploading various personal opinions on this issue, as well as an aerial photograph from Peter Sewell with the proposed dispersal field site. Rebecca Witten-Hannah, has also taken the time to write a section on the First Response Team, which is now on-line. I am still working with Steve Pye to set-up an area for Karekare Surf Life Saving, another essential part of our community that we would like to see represented on the website, especially as the season has started, and they are now patrolling the beach. Mathew Grove has added information about Karekare Race Day, and any horse owners or riders that you know can now enter a race by filling in an on-line Race Day form. KKRRT AGM minutes from the last few years are also on-line, and we are planning to put monthly KKRRT minutes on in the future. Celeste Buchanan-Strewe has drawn me a beautiful project on the "Life of Eels" that I will be loading next week in the environment section. If anyone has a project, drawing or idea that is relevant to Karekare, give me a call 8128636, or email me on julia.moore@mail.com I can scan transparencies, photos and illustrations, and can accept most types of files.

## Lone Kauri Restoration Group Notices

### Wanted : Small Freezer

Lone Kauri Forest Restoration Group needs a small freezer for bait for the coming trapping season. If you have an old unit to either loan or give, please phone 8128420 and we will pick it up.

### Wanted : Rabbits-Dead or Alive !

Lone Kauri Forest Restoration Group - Rabbits have been an essential component in our success with catching stoats, if you can shoot them yourself, we will pick them up or alternatively, we usually have a person (calling Shaun...) that will shoot them for you if you can give us permission to shoot, usually at dusk.  
Ph 8128420

### WANTED : Accommodation

Lone Kauri Forest Restoration Group - Are you in the area of Lone Kauri Road from No 74 to Farm Road in particular ? (but all offers appreciated..) If so we would really appreciate it you could do your bit for the project, by providing accommodation for volunteers for a week or so. We have a number of volunteers coming from overseas to help with our major project this summer of finishing the grid of bait stations and our trapping program in January. We will suggest they provide a nominal sum of \$35pw ? for food , and share cooking.  
Ph 8128420

## Smoke Alarms

Just a reminder from the Fire Party to check that your alarms are working and replace batteries if needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for advice on the installation of smoke alarms.

Phone Kevin 812 8153

## FIRE SEASON

A reminder that the restricted fire season starts on December 1st. This means that no fires may be lit outside without a fire permit.  
Call Kevin on 812 8153

## KAREKARE BEACH RACES SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST

The day is drawing close. If anyone wants to help on the day please call Phil on 8128 537. Offers of car-parking space would be greatly appreciated to relieve the congestion. Call

## FOR SALE

CAR-SHAPED BED  
Ideal fun bed for a boy.

Also

Round Para Pool  
(4.5 metre diameter)  
Fully functioning with pump and sand filter  
Offers  
Phone Vanessa 8128153

Would the person responsible for repeatedly damaging Ted Scott's roadage sign like to cease their activities or Ted will nail their bolts to the post!

