



**Community Newsletter from the Committee of the Mahurangi East Residents  
& Ratepayers Association (MERRA)**

**June 2026**

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**Autumn Sunset**



We have had some beautiful sunsets recently. This is a photo from last week..

**MERRA AGM 2026**



The 57th MERRA Annual General Meeting was held on the 17th of May at Scott House. The Chair, Barry Mein welcomed 37 residents, ratepayers and committee members.

The Speakers were Greg Sayers (Auckland City Councillor), Tim Holdgate (Rodney Local Board) and Kim Burke who is a facilitator and community development person working in initiatives for developing a better stronger group for emergency management across the Rodney region.

It was agreed that membership subscriptions should remain at \$20 per property for the 2026/27 year. A subscription notice has been issued with details on how to make your payment. If you are not currently a member and you would like to join MERRA please email [merrasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:merrasecretary@gmail.com)

The following Committee members were elected for the 2026/27 year:

- Barry Mein (Chair)
- Heather Mackay (Secretary)
- Chris Bradley
- Mike Brooker
- Craig Maskill
- Emily Raffils
- Michele Revell
- Chris Russell
- Struan MacLeod (welcome) (Treasurer).

### MERRA Thanks

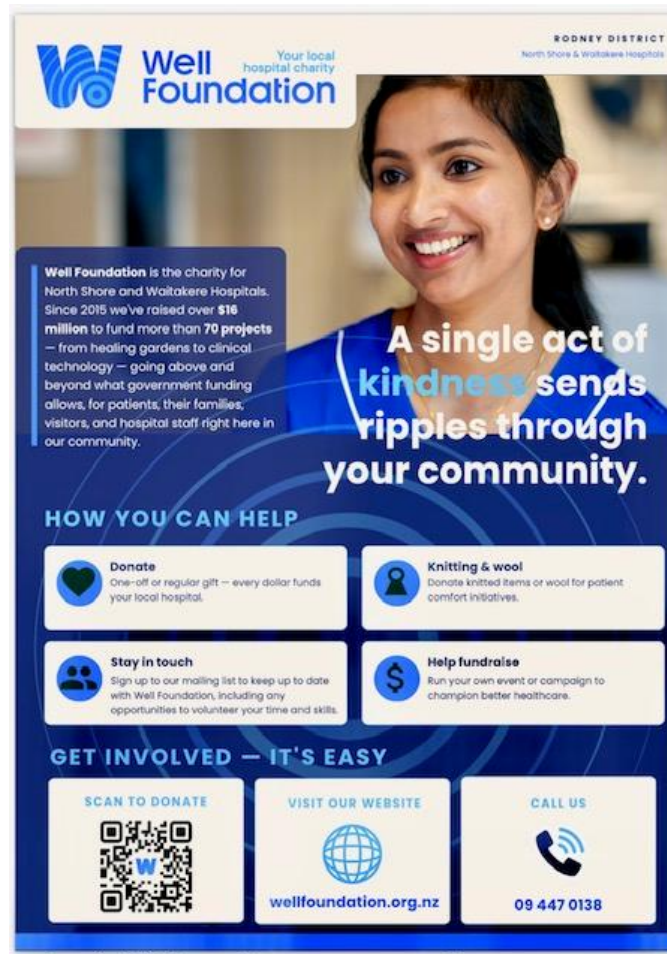
The MERRA Committee would like to give a big Thank You to both Peter Seers for his long standing role as committee member, CRG Coordinator as well as Chair and Debbie Mickelborough who has been Treasurer for the last four years. Both have given their time, energy and expertise to the benefit of the Scotts Landing community. MERRA has chosen to donate to the Well Foundation (see the article below) to express our appreciation to them.

### Scotts Landing Fire Party



The regular fire practise was held at Young Street on Sunday the 29th of May, was an opportunity to test the local water supplies. It was decided to experiment with a 1000L water container and the flow rate showed surprisingly that the quantity of water would last for almost 20 minutes. That 20 minutes would serve for either the arrival of the Mahurangi fire truck or the identification of another suitable water source. The fifteen members took the opportunity to rehearse the procedures necessary to fight a fire. One issue that again surfaced was the poor cell phone coverage in that area which could affect an emergency situation.

## Well Foundation Campaign – and message from Robyn Redford



The poster features a smiling woman in a blue hospital uniform. The top left corner has the Well Foundation logo with the tagline 'Your local hospital charity'. The top right corner says 'RODNEY DISTRICT North Shore & Waitakere Hospitals'. The main headline reads 'A single act of kindness sends ripples through your community.' Below this is a section titled 'HOW YOU CAN HELP' with four options: 'Donate' (one-off or regular gift), 'Knitting & wool' (donate knitted items or wool), 'Stay in touch' (sign up to mailing list), and 'Help fundraise' (run your own event). The bottom section is titled 'GET INVOLVED – IT'S EASY' and includes three options: 'SCAN TO DONATE' with a QR code, 'VISIT OUR WEBSITE' with the URL 'wellfoundation.org.nz', and 'CALL US' with the phone number '09 447 0138'.

Many of you contributed to the Well Foundation campaign for the Healing Garden in Lindsay's name in 2023/4. Hopefully you've had the chance to visit this peaceful indoor garden if you've been to North Shore Hospital to Totara Haumaru since then.

We're now kicking off a campaign to raise awareness and funds for the Well Foundation (WF) in the Rodney district. The poster above will be visible in the region and I warmly thank Debbie M. for her ideas and practical help in that regard. WF spends every dollar raised for the comfort and benefit of patients, their families and health staff in small and large projects beyond the reach of the health budget for the hospitals at North Shore and Waitakere and the wider community services.

To my fellow Scott Landers I ask that you help the campaign by donating \$20 online, by donating wool for the WF knitters to use and by following WF on Facebook and Instagram. To sweeten the deal if you make a \$ donation I will gift you a small jar of our SL honey "while stocks last". Call Robyn on 0274 989 699 for honey delivery and wool collection. Thank you so much already for your support and contributions, Robyn Redford

## Road Safety Reminder



At the MERRA AGM a local resident wanted to remind people to wear bright or hi vis clothing when cycling or walking on the local roads, especially around dusk or dawn. As we have no footpaths and narrow bendy roads this will help drivers be more aware of others on the roads. While you are out walking in your hi vis please take a bag for any rubbish that might be around.

## Rat Trap Setting



One of the best ways to look after the native birds in your backyard is by protecting them from rats and mice. If everyone puts one or two covered rat traps in their garden, the number of native birds will increase. As the weather gets colder rats seek warm shelter and food, making it a perfect time to trap them. Put traps inside tunnels or boxes so that other animals and birds don't get caught. Place the traps along walls or fences and lure them with peanut butter, bread and cheese or Nutella. Put a small amount of the lure outside the trap to attract them. Always wear gloves so your scent doesn't deter them. Check your traps every few days and rebait them if it looks old. Good luck!

## Plant pest focus



The plant pest to focus on this month is the Arum Lily. In New Zealand the Arum Lily is widely classified as an invasive pest plant, due to its toxicity and ability to choke out native plants. One of the best ways to remove it is to cut and paste. Look up how to do it on [Weedbusters](#) or ask our MERRA weed control man Chris Russell on 027 4933881. He has supply of paste supplied by MERRA for you to have as well.