

Caring for Our Community

Get Your Council Wearing Gumboots

This winning formula for change is courtesy of a bunch of blokes down Waitarere Beach way.



Progressive Association members Harold Booth, Garry Fraser (President), Dave Colling (Deputy Mayor of Levin and Counsellor rep) and Peter Wright at the joint Waitarere Domain venture.



Success is stamped everywhere including renovating the entrance to the beach, implementing beach wardens, flooding control and the new skateboard ramp which was built from bits of junk found at the Council's yard.



Progressive and Rate Payer Associations link residents with local council and advocate change. The Waitarere Beach Progressive and Rate Payers Association advocate the hands on approach; they get the council out to problem areas, even if it means wading through a flooded back yard wearing

gumboots, rather than writing a letter. Tips for other Groups who want "things to flow," include be realistic in what you ask for, think of it as a partnership built on mutual respect, and work on long-term infrastructure. This group of residents know that what you put into your community, is what you get out of it.

President Garry Fraser says the philosophy of caring for the place you live in and its people, is where it all starts.

For more information on your local Progressive and Rate Payers Association, contact your local council.

This is the tree

that lost the branch, that fell on the lines
that cut the power, that blacked out the district
and stopped the businesses, and ruined the roast
and crashed the computers, and turned off the telly
and did untold damage
that could easily have been prevented...

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