

SKP film fundraiser

Save Kennedy Point (SKP) kicked off a series of fundraisers with a movie screening on Sunday afternoon.

The group sold out its tickets in two days for a showing of award-winning activism documentary *The Bentley Effect* at Waiheke Community Cinema.

In a theme that will ring true with SKP supporters, the film concerns a group of local Australian communities demonstrating, protesting and eventually preventing gas field production by major gas companies in New South Wales. Before the movie, a short film made by SKP supporters surrounding the marina plans was shown.

"I think it is safe to say that supporters felt invigorated after watching the inspiring movie. As a direct result, we had some new faces appear at our fundraising committee the following day, all eager to stop this precedent-setting development," SKP chairperson David Baigent said.

"The cinema was abuzz with supporters who feel the marina at Kennedy Point is out of keeping with the rest of Waiheke."

The event was a part of fundraising efforts to meet the group's latest round of expenses, which total around \$40,000, and are due in mid-December. The money will pay for the expert consultants and lawyers it has engaged to challenge the

development of a 186-berth marina and 72-space floating carpark next to the Kennedy Point car ferry terminal. Auckland Council granted resource consent for the marina in May, despite significant community objections.

SKP has already raised over \$100,000 and plans to announce further fundraising events in the future. • *Richard Jones*

AT plans review of bus routes

Auckland Transport will launch public consultation on a new bus network in March 2018.

AT is currently planning the proposed new network, which it says will include shorter bus routes which operate more frequently and provide better links to ferry services. A spokesperson says AT will announce its proposals before seeking public feedback. It was too early to say which routes might change.

Fullers chief executive Mike Horne says its subsidiary, the Waiheke Bus Company, will make submissions on the plan and discuss options with the council over new routes, as will Waiheke Local Board. He says any changes to schedules will likely depend on the contracts that AT chooses to award.

He believes the changes will look to improve linkages between ferry and bus services but also take into account emerging alternative methods of transport.

"We're not looking for a whole lot of double-decker buses on the island, but outside of that it's really about bus standards that have been rolling out around the country," Mr Horne says.

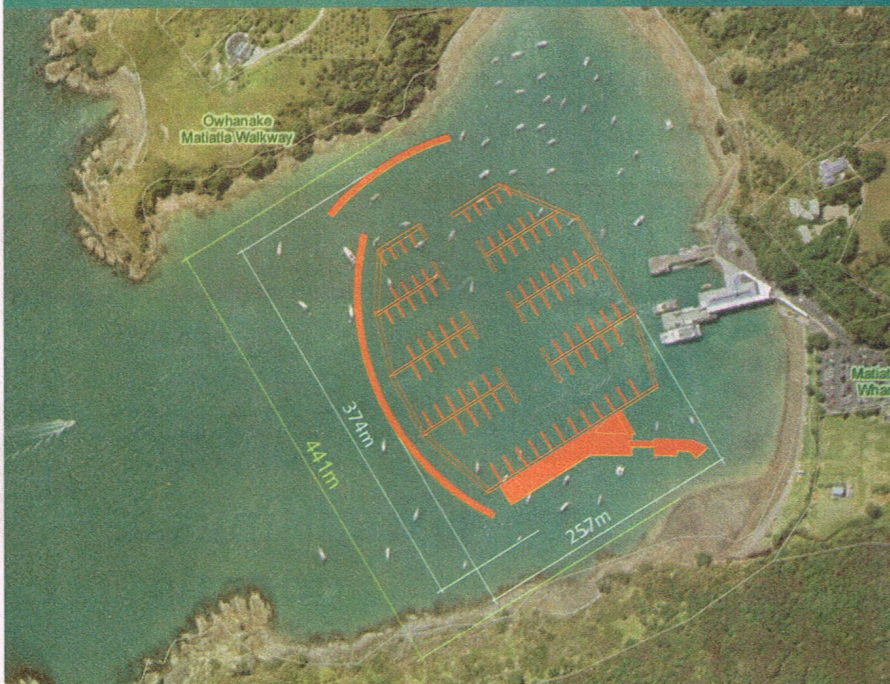
"The sorts of things that are interesting to me are emission standards on buses and what the drivetrains are, how hard they are on roads and those sorts of things. I believe AT take quite a focus on that, and that's important."

"It's not just about the ferries linking up with the buses. Electric bikes in particular are becoming really popular and obviously as a ferry operator we're having to think in a different way about how we accommodate that."

"It's all about how these things join up seamlessly, at the end of the day."

• *Richard Jones*

It's not big, it's HUGE!



To give you a sense of scale, this is how the proposed marina at Kennedy Point would fit in Matiatia Bay. Help us stop this!

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