

Northwood News

Northwood Residents Association – October 2015

Northwood Village Fair



Read about the work that Northwood Residents Association has been doing...

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If you are new to Northwood, welcome.

We hope you enjoy this place and hope you will feel part of our community. There has been plenty happening behind the scenes this year so grab a coffee and read on inside...

Comments from the Committee

The Northwood Residents Committee is a group of residents that live in Northwood who are passionate about the community and making it a great place to live.

On the committee are people with a variety of talents who give their time to this cause for everyone. Our committee meetings are just once a month and cover a wide variety of topics. Thanks to the excellent work of our chair Clive Smith, and our secretary Robyn Pay over many years, we have excellent contacts and relationships with the Christchurch City Council and our local boards. This helps us get queries to the right place can try to get answers on issues effecting Northwood.

We are always keen to welcome new people to the committee and to volunteer in different ways. If you are able to give a few hours of your time each month to help be further involved in your community we would love to hear from you. We can promise you a warm welcome!

Please call Lois on 3239148 if you would like to have a chat to see what is involved. Come and join us and make a difference in your community.

The NRA looks forward to seeing you all at the Northwood Fair.

The NRA Committee

Name	Address	Phone
Clive Smith - (Chair)	46 Mounter Avenue	323 7527
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Bruce Campbell	9 Northwater Drive	323 6602
Sharyn Foote	49 Beechwood Drive	323 5782

Join NRA, contact a committee member and tell them about your thoughts on local issues. Write an article for Northwood News, send an email to northwoodresidents@gmail.com

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Focus on a Local – David Couper

Our focus person for this newsletter is NRA committee member- David Couper. David joined the Northwood Residents Association about a year ago. He is originally from the Rai Valley in Marlborough. David and his wife Justine (who works for a laboratory) have three children, Zac (20), Jake (19) and Teagan (16).



David attended the University of Canterbury and met Justine there. The pair decided to have their Kiwi O/E together (Overseas trip). They were away three years and visited such places as Canada, (which they travelled coast to coast), England, South America and Hong Kong. Later with their children, David and Justine have had several adventure-type holidays which they organized themselves. They visited several countries in Africa (David has been to Africa three times), including South Africa and Botswana. They prefer to see places whilst camping and using 4-wheel drive vehicles, so they can really experience the flora and fauna. David and Justine have taken some amazing photos whilst on their travels, including lions, elephants, giraffes and some amazing and beautiful birds.

In 2011 David and his family visited Guatemala and Cuba. Like other overseas trips they brought back some fabulous artwork from there. One painting from Guatemala I saw was stunning: amazing detail and intense colour!

Whilst visiting such destinations they are often aware of the very low standard of living they see (for example Soweto in South Africa), so when they can they visit orphanages and schools so they can donate stationery and footwear to under-privileged children; things many families in New Zealand take for granted.

David believes that travelling is a “state of mind”: to enjoy all your holiday you need to start off with a positive attitude. Be prepared for some stressful experiences, but don’t let those overshadow the adventure!

David keeps himself fit by walking their gorgeous husky dog, Max every day (the cat, Harry, stays behind!) He also plays softball for the Papanui Softball Club.

Originally David began his working career in Christchurch as a courier driver then worked in Auckland. Later he lived in Wellington working for Foodstuffs for 15 years in Logistics, and has worked for Farmlands in a similar capacity for the last two years. David and his family moved to Christchurch after the initial earthquakes and love it here. The NRA welcome David and his experiences and knowledge gleaned from periods on the Road Transport Association, other Residents’ Associations and schools’ Board of Trustees.

David is very family oriented, as seen by the fantastic family holidays he and his wife organize. He has organized a big family reunion and is the keeper of the family tree. Using the website ancestry.com.au he has included the research both he and his late Mum had done on their family, and created a family tree. His advice to anyone else interested in genealogy is:

- When using such an extensive information source as ancestry.co.au - ensure you have as much information as possible when attempting to find more details about a distant relative.
- Note: many years ago families would sometimes name new babies in the family with the same name of a child they had lost. Parents would sometimes have the same name as their children too, which can make searching public records confusing!

In the future David and Justine would like to visit Eastern Europe: more amazing experiences and memories!

There have been several projects David has done a lot of work on here in Northwood including ongoing issues at the Northwood/Main North Road intersection and the LLUR, the Listed Land Use Register. Thank you David and family for the volunteering you do for our community. It is much appreciated.

Is there someone in Northwood that you would like to see in Focus on a Local? Please contact Louise Wilson on 323 8623.

Neighbourhood Clean Up

Northwood Residents Association will be running the next "Neighbourhood Clean Up" in November. The clean-up focuses on trimming back overgrown vegetation and clearing fallen leaves etc. from underneath existing plants.

This is a new initiative by your Committee and will be a regular activity run by the NRA to show residents, visitors & CCC that we do care about Northwood and are prepared to give some personal time to help maintain our neighbourhood to the standard that we expect.

The next clean-up will be on **Saturday 28th November at 9.30am** at the entrance to Northwood by the pre-school. Please remember to bring your gardening gloves and a smile.

Any enquires please phone Bruce Campbell, one of our Committee members 027 6698779 or 3236602.

The NRA must apologise for the error in the last newsletter, we entered the wrong date for the August clean-up. Apologies to anyone who wanted to attend but couldn't.



Neighbourhood Week
23 October – 1 November 2015

Organise a local gathering to get to know your neighbours – could be a street party, progressive dinner, monster garage sale or even a sports day.

A small subsidy is available from Christchurch City Council's Community Boards to help you organise something in your neighbourhood.

Applications for subsidies close Friday 28 August 2015 at 5pm.

For more information and great ideas visit:
www.ccc.govt.nz/neighbourhoodweek



We were allowed to snap some lovely pictures of a Northwood resident's spring garden.

Northwood Fair

The Northwood Fair is nearly here!

Our annual neighbourhood fair is held on the first Sunday in November every year at the Northwood Park.

This year the date is Sunday 1 November so invite your friends and family, pack a picnic or enjoy some yummy food from the vendors on site.

NRA provides the fair as part of the Christchurch City Council's Neighbourhood Week and for us it's the culmination of a celebration of our community. Northwood Fair has free entry and everyone is welcome, the more the merrier!

As part of our continuing relationship with local businesses, you will see a number of them at the fair. We are particularly mindful that these relationships work both ways. NRA provides this facility for local businesses to promote themselves to our community while these businesses actively support, sponsor and run some parts of the fair.

We are still taking last minute stall bookings. If you would like a stall at the Fair please email northwoodfair@gmail.com



Stallholders wanted for The Northwood Village Fair.
To be held on Sunday 1st November 2015, from 10:30am to 2pm at Northwood Park.
Register at www.northwood.org.nz or email Lois at northwoodfair@gmail.com

Remember . . .

Sunday 1st November
10-30am - 2pm

Shirley Papanui Edible Garden Awards

NOMINATE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS



Promoting involvement in Edible gardening not competition. Every entrant gets a certificate.

The Shirley/Papanui Sustainable Edible Gardens Award is an awards programme in partnership with the Canterbury Horticultural Society aimed at acknowledging and supporting individuals, schools and communities who are actively involved in the growing of their own food. The awards seek to encourage others to consider establishing a garden, either by themselves or with others. Gardens will be assessed on the use of sustainable practices, creativity, and planning and plant knowledge.

Growing your own food brings joy and sustenance to many. Having a ready source of food 365 days of the year from either your back yard, community or school garden has captured the imagination of many and is enjoying a renaissance in cities and local neighbourhoods throughout the world.

The Shirley/Papanui Community Board acknowledges not only the direct health and economic benefits of growing and harvesting food but also the community connectedness and resilience that comes from toiling together for a common goal.

This year there are categories for Residential House, Residential Units, Schools and early learning centres and Community Gardens. We are also looking for gardens that have produced the best tomatoes, best new entrant, exceptional yield and commitment to sustainability.

For more information please contact Trevor Cattermole

Trevor.Cattermole@ccc.govt.nz

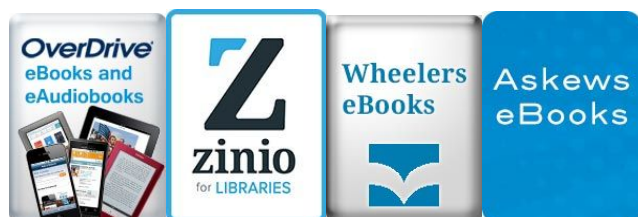
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Papanui Library

Work is progressing well on building repairs at Papanui Library and the Council Service Centre operates from a temporary premises at the rear of the building.

If you are looking for something to read you can check out another Christchurch City Library or maybe use one of our websites free downloadable eBook, eAudiobook or eMagazine collections. Overdrive contains thousands of fiction and non-fiction titles for adults, young adults and children. Wheelers contains New Zealand material, Askews has a British focus and Zinio has hundreds of specialist and popular magazines. By downloading and installing free software you can use your library card and password or PIN to download titles from your computer, tablet or smart phone at any time.



Street Coordinators Found

In our last newsletter we put all call out for some more street coordinators and you didn't disappoint!

Thank you so much to those that have offered to deliver the newsletters in Caleb, Mica and Jasper Places.

A big thank you must also go out to our current street coordinators.

Without you our newsletters wouldn't get delivered.



North West Christchurch

Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis International is an active community based volunteer service club working to enhance the lives of children worldwide.

We are right here in your community.

As an International organisation, we pool our collective strengths to make a significant difference around the world.

- If you are keen to improve your society
 - If you would like to lend a hand to help others
 - If you would like to meet new people
 - If you like to have fun working alongside others
- AND especially if you care about children.

WHY NOT CONTACT US?

Kevin at 323 9252 or Lynda at 354 4054

Tuning into Kids

A new group parenting program has become available for parents and is being offered in the Northwood community. The program is called TUNING INTO KIDS™ and it teaches parents ways to instill high emotional intelligence in their child. Intensive research shows that children with high emotional intelligence:

- Have more success academically and higher cognitive skills
- Less likely to have behaviour difficulties,
- Have stronger social skills
- Have better physical health and less physical illness.

Emotional intelligence is considered a key aspect in raising happy, resilient, and well-adjusted children. It increases the bond between parent and child, and helps to solve/reduce and prevent behaviour problems.

TUNING INTO KIDS™ runs for 6 sessions for two – two and a half hours each, costs \$245 for the entire program (approximately \$15 an hour), 6 parents per group, run at Belfast Community Centre either during the day or at night depending on preferences of the group. Starting term 4 2015. TIK is ideally suited to parents of preschool and primary school aged children. For all enquiries, to have a chat, or to make a booking please contact: Alissa Jardine, alissajayneheaton@hotmail.com 021 265 0949. For more information on the program visit www.tuningintokids.org.au

Northwood News Advertising

Would you like to advertise your local business in the Northwood News?

NRA reserves the right to decline an advert should there not be sufficient allocated space. NRA expects the advertiser to provide an 'as is' high quality advert(s) of differing sizes if possible at least two weeks prior to publication.

Payment is required prior to publication, and where possible, direct credited to our bank account. You will be given our bank account details and an advertising number upon confirmation to use as a reference. When depositing money please ensure that your name (or your business name) is clearly identified.

Advertising Rates (which are per issue and subject to change):

¼ page advert - \$25

½ page advert - \$50

Whole page advert - \$75

Contact Sharyn Foote on 323 5782, footiesnz@yahoo.co.nz with any advertising enquiries.

Annual Membership and Subscription to 31 March 2016



The vision of our association is:

To nurture and facilitate a dynamic, friendly community that is resilient and sustainable

By joining the Northwood Residents Association you are helping us make our vision a reality!

If you would like to become a member of our Association, please complete your details below and either post (along with payment of \$10 per household) to a committee member or deliver them to your,

We are already

I/we would like to become a member/s of the Northwood Residents Association.

My/our details are:

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>
Telephone:	<input type="text"/>

My option of payment is by:

Internet Banking to: ☐ OUR: Bank Account number 031355 0518081 00

example:

Mary & Joe	Bloggs	55 Janal Place
Particulars	Code	Reference

NB. It is unnecessary to include comments such as "subscription subs" etc.

Cash enclosed ☐

Cheque ☐ Made out to 'Northwood Residents Association'

Graffiti

Take responsibility and report graffiti as soon as you notice it. Call the graffiti hot line (03) 941 8666 with details of the location and surface type – provide a photo if you can.