

Northwood News

Northwood Residents Association – August 2015

Keeping Northwood Beautiful



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

As many of you will have noticed there have been some changes made to the traffic lights at Main North Rd/Northwood Boulevard/Radcliffe Rd intersection. The NRA has raised the various intersection issues on many occasions with the local authorities and whilst we cannot take credit for this change directly our constant input into the discussions has assisted. The NZTA, who control this intersection as it is on a state highway (SH 74), initiated the traffic light changes to allow for "Pedestrian Protection".

There has been an extra lane added to the Radcliffe Road side of the intersection to split the left turning traffic out of the through lane, so there are now three lanes - right turn, straight through and left turn. Pedestrian Protection, in that the Radcliffe Road right turning traffic will now have a red arrow to stop them turning right and the Northwood Boulevard left turning traffic will have a red arrow to stop them turning left whilst the pedestrians are crossing the road, has been installed. The pedestrian walk time from the Super Centre to New World has been altered to 6 seconds green man and 23 seconds flashing red man. This time frame is determined by using the AustRoads Standards for a crossing of this width. When the crossing is demanded, the turning movements are held by the red arrow for 13 seconds.

The lane changes on the Radcliffe Road side have improved the sight lines for drivers travelling east and west at the intersection but we all still need to remember to turn into the correct lane when turning into a two lane road - If you are turning right then turn into the right hand lane of a two lane road and if you are turning left then turn into the left hand lane.

There is no intention to install a right turn arrow for the southbound traffic on Main North Road - the answer to the obvious question of "Why?" is that the traffic volumes do not support it. I have reviewed the numbers and they are quite clear - the impact of a right turn arrow for southbound traffic on the overall traffic flow is too great.

We at NRA still feel that there are better options for pedestrians at this important local intersection and will continue to lobby the local authorities."

What is your experience crossing Main North Road as a pedestrian? We'd love to hear your thoughts. Please contact David Couper on the number below or david.couper@farmlands.co.nz

The NRA Committee

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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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Northwood Residents Association AGM

The NRA held its AGM on the 27 May at the Northwood Villas.

The AGM focused on:

- Membership
- The Listed Land Use Register (LLUR)
- Allocation of NRA funds
- Subscription fees
- Community clean up initiatives

Aaron Keown and Mike Davidson, members from the Shirley Papanui Community Board were in attendance and spoke about a number of local issues.

Residents and Committee members in attendance voted to keep the level of fees for the Northwood Residents Association the same at \$10 per household for the 2014/2015 year. The fees will be revisited at the 2016 AGM.

The Committee spoke about the funds the NRA has for beautifying and maintenance of Northwood public spaces. These funds could be used for such things as park benches and plantings and will be featured in newsletter in the coming year.

A big thank you must go out to the Northwood Villas for allowing us to host the AGM in their club rooms.



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

Seagull Feeding

Northwood residents have noticed an increase in the number of seagulls. Approximately 100 seagulls were counted in Waterford Reserve and the City Council mentioned that the guano from the seagulls is seeping into the light fittings on the street lights. You can help with the seagull numbers by no longer leaving food out or feeding them. Let's try and get the seagull numbers down around our beautiful neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Winter Clean Up

Northwood Residents Association held its inaugural "Neighbourhood Winter Clean Up Morning" in June. The clean-up was along the walkway between Saracen Ave and Glen Oaks Drive and focused on trimming back overgrown vegetation and clearing fallen leaves etc. from underneath existing plants.

We had a great turnout from Committee members but community input was low. A big thank you must go out to those community members and to Mike Davidson, Chair of the Shirley Papanui Community Board (who doesn't even live in Northwood) who took 2 hours out of their Saturday morning to come along and help. Thanks also to the Christchurch City Council who came and removed all of the green waste for us for free.

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 29th August at 9.30am** at the playground in Waterford Park. 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.



Focus on a Local – Isobel Blyde

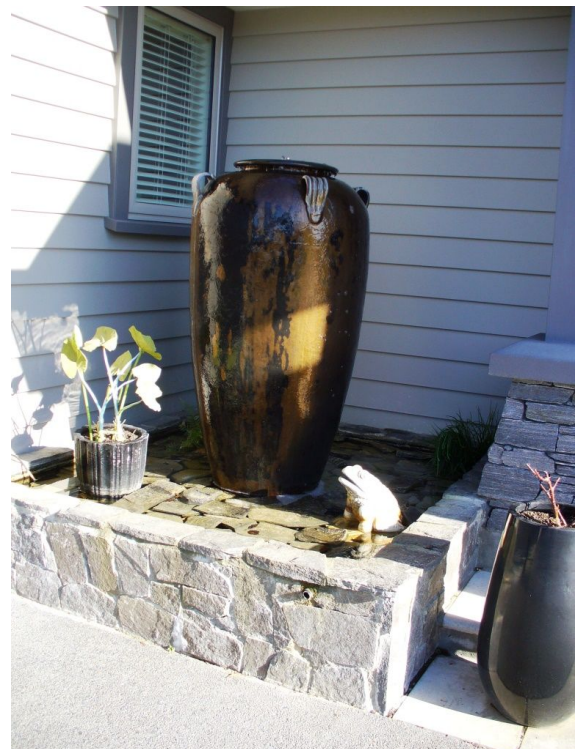
Our Focus Person for this newsletter is local resident, Mrs Isobel Blyde. She gave an interview to the NRA on her role as a member of the most attractive Long Street in Metropolitan Christchurch (2015), and as an individual recipient of the most attractive garden of the Premier Long Street competition.

Isobel was pleasantly surprised at the awards ceremony to receive a beautiful silver tray, which is engraved with each year's recipients since 1988.

Isobel transferred here five years ago from her family's dairy farm in Lepperton, Taranaki, in order to be closer to her daughter. Her two sons now run the farm, which she tries to visit twice a year when her health allows. Farming with her family meant life was very busy; but she spent a lot of time of the 48 years she was there building up an approximately half-acre garden. She remembers fondly the long driveway leading up to the homestead filled with all different tree species including oaks and rimu.

As an avid gardener with extensive horticultural knowledge, Isobel's garden includes different foliage, texture and colour. When the NRA return in late spring, we will take some more photos showing such specimens as hostas, maples, and all manner of roses, fuchsia, pansies and begonias. Interspersed throughout the garden are wonderful sculptures including the family of cranes depicted below. Isobel also tends to a veggie garden and has a special part of her garden dedicated to her husband Peter. She employs someone to help with general maintenance of the garden once a month, and someone to help her with the pruning; which Isobel believes is vital for keeping plants in check, but also for promoting healthy regrowth.

As well as tending to both a beautiful home and garden, Isobel has a variety of other talents. I was humbled by the stunning hand-painted porcelain pieces, the beautiful handmade dolls and decorated ostrich eggs that she has all created from scratch. Isobel is a credit to our community and we wish to commend her (and her neighbours on Glen Oaks Drive), for their commitment to making their homes and thus Northwood such a lovely place to live!



Northwood Fair

It's time to start planning for the Northwood Fair!

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.

If you would like to be a part of this year's fair, please contact us on northwoodfair@gmail.com or phone one of the Committee members listed at the front of newsletter.



Remember . . . Sunday 1st November

Papanui Library Closure

Papanui Library will be closed

**from Wednesday 12 August – Monday 12 October
for earthquake repairs.**

Items from Papanui Library can be returned to
any library in the Christchurch City Libraries network.
Papanui Library will not be able to accept returns throughout
the closure. Reserved items will be made available at
Fendalton Library unless otherwise requested.

Papanui Service Centre will remain open
in a temporary office at the rear of the building.

For more information please contact the library on (03) 941 7923
or visit christchurchcitylibraries.com

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Would you like to advertise your local business in
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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
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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.

Street Coordinators Needed

The street coordinators play a big part in getting the Northwood News into your letterboxes.

We are on the lookout for 2 new street coordinators.

You don't have to live on the street that you deliver to but it makes it easier.

We need street coordinators for:

- Caleb and Mica Place – 26 homes
- Jasper Place – 17 homes

If this sounds like you, please contact Pam Anderson on 323 5253.

Snap Send Solve

The Christchurch City Council has released an application for your smart phone called Snap Send Solve.

The aim of the app is that when you see an item in your neighbourhood that needs to be fixed, such as a pothole, damaged street sign etc. you can take a photo on your phone and log it using the app. This sends an email to the Council to come and repair what needs to be fixed.

The app is free to download and is available from both the iTunes store and Google Play store.

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Cleaning Up After Your Dog

A number of Northwood residents have dogs and it's great to see them out walking with their owners getting in some exercise.

What aren't nice to see are the parcels your dog leaves behind on the footpath or someone else's lawn.

As a dog owner you are responsible for picking up after your dog. The majority of community dog owners are great at this but there are the odd few letting us down.

When taking your dog out for a walk, please remember to pack a plastic bag so that you can clean up after your dog.

Let's keep Northwood looking beautiful.

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:

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My option of payment is by:

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Particulars	Code	Reference

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

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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.