

Northwood News

Northwood Residents Association – May 2015

Your neighbourhood



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

Our wonderful summer seems to have come to an end in the last few weeks, and the leaves blowing around the streets of Northwood and the rugby posts in Northwood Park are evidence that autumn has well and truly arrived.

The arrival of autumn also means it is time for us to hold our AGM. This year it will be held on 27th May at the Northwood Villas. The meeting provides a chance for members of our community to come together and have their say on local issues. Please get your neighbours together and join us. See more information on page 3.

Recently we have been asking for help to produce our newsletters. We are very pleased to report that our committee member Sharyn Foote offered to put this newsletter together and we are sure you will agree she has done a great job. We are always keen to hear about what you would like to see included in the newsletters, so please contact any committee member with your thoughts or contributions.

Your NRA has been continuing to discuss the introduction of the LLUR with ECAN. More analysis of horticulture land that has been converted to residential subdivisions is being undertaken but no progress or resolution is available at present. Please see page 7 for more information.

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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Obituary

It is with sadness that we report the recent passing of our respected former committee member and friend Pat Lawson. Pat was passionate about the Northwood community, and her contribution to the work of the NRA committee was really appreciated. Even after she resigned from the committee, both Pat and her husband Grahame could be found helping us out at our annual fair. Pat will be missed by us all and our thoughts are with Grahame and Pat's family and friends.

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.

Northwood Residents Association AGM

The NRA will be holding its AGM on **27 May 2015, 7.30pm** at **Northwood Villas**.

The AGM is open to all Northwood residents and will focus on:

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

Northwood News Advertising

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

We aim to produce three newsletters per year and it is circulated to approximately 1100 households, what a fantastic way to get your business noticed!

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, one of our Committee members on 323 5782, footiesnz@yahoo.co.nz with any advertising enquiries.

The Committee thanks Fuji Xerox for their continued support of the Northwood News



Neighbourhood Winter Clean Up

Northwood Residents Association propose to hold an inaugural "Neighbourhood Winter Clean Up Morning", this is a new initiative by your Committee 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.

This year will likely be something simple like trimming back overgrown vegetation and removing to the transfer station. Residents are invited to come along and help Committee Members. The date will be advertised at our AGM to be held shortly.

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

The Belfast Emergency Response Plan (BERP)

The Belfast Emergency Response Plan had been developed as a collaborative community response to Civil Defence Emergencies if they were to affect the Belfast and wider Belfast area.

The BERP began in May 2014 when Civil Defence approached the Belfast Community Network about what current emergency plans were in place. Belfast Community Network in partnership with Christchurch City Council staff, Belfast Primary School, Belfast Rugby Club, Belfast Rotary, Belfast Residents Association and Northwood Residents Association have developed this Emergency Response Plan as a collaborative effort in the event of a Civil Defence emergency in our community.

The BERP includes response options where a significant emergency event (where electricity supply or road routes are cut off for more than six hours) or when a civil emergency is declared.

The BERP works as a collaborative and meets on an as needs basis. BERP as a collaborative is prepared to operate emergency centres in civil defence emergencies. BERP operates a Civil Defence Community Hub within Sheldon Park at 710 Main North Road, Belfast.

For more information about the BERP, contact the Belfast Community Network on info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz or 03 323 9731.



Christchurch Community Response (CCR) Door Knock campaign will be coming to Northwood in June/July

This group of volunteers will door knock every home in the Belfast area and check on the wellbeing of our community. Since the earthquakes CCR have visited over 45,000 homes and is recognised by other major agencies operating in Christchurch such as the CCC, Red Cross, Salvation Army, CDHB.

The dates below are the tentative dates and the door knocking is done between 9am-1pm generally on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. The base for this will be at the BCN facility, Sheldon Park. CCR will be in Northwood on **30 June, and the 1st and 2nd of July.**

If you would like to volunteer your time please contact Lynda Goodrick from the Belfast Community Network on 323 9731.

Premier Long Street for 2015 – Christchurch Beautifying Association

The Christchurch Beautifying Association has advised us that Glen Oaks Drive has been awarded the Premier Long Street for 2015. Congratulations to all of the residents on this street.

A double congratulation must go to Isobel Blyde at 19 Glen Oaks Drive for the most attractive garden of the Premier Long Street competition.

Every property in the street received a certificate at a function hosted by the Christchurch Beautifying Association on March 24th.

The winning street received a plaque which is hung in the street for 12 months for everyone to see.

Well done and thanks for helping to keep Northwood beautiful.

What is Neighbourly?



Neighbourly is a New Zealand owned company founded by a team of individuals passionate about building stronger, safer and more vibrant communities.

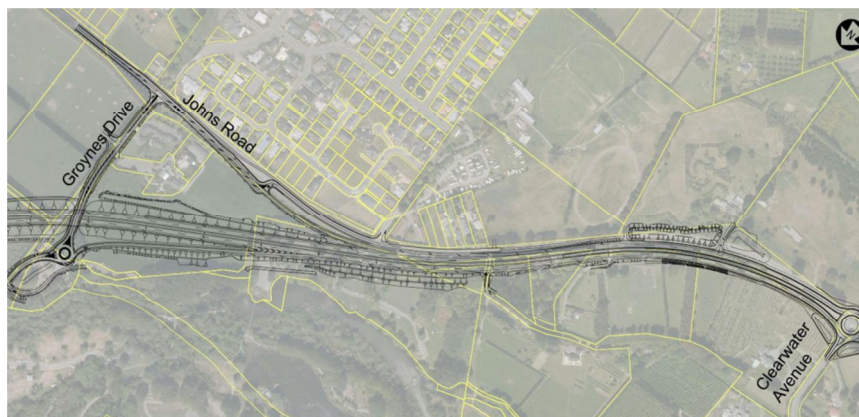
Neighbourly's mission is to create an easy way for neighbours to talk and share online, creating more real world connections and ultimately growing stronger, safer and friendlier communities.

Neighbourly is a great forum for selling, buying, lost and found, joining community groups such as walking, exercise groups etc. and it allows you to keep connected or make new connections with your neighbours.

If you want to find out more about Neighbourly and whether you should join, check out their website to find out whether Neighbourly is right for you and your family - <https://www.neighbourly.co.nz/about-us>

The Western Bypass – an update . . .

The Western Belfast Bypass (WBB) will provide a direct connection between the Christchurch Northern Motorway and Johns Road, bypassing Main North Road and the Belfast urban area to the west. The bypass will improve access between North Canterbury and the west and south of Christchurch (including Christchurch International Airport). It will also improve safety and reduce congestion on Main North Road.



This project has been tendered and the contract is expected to be awarded in April 2015. Work is expected to start soon after this and take about 3 years to complete.

Working in conjunction with the Western Bypass is the Western Corridor.



An artist impression of the Clearwater roundabout

The existing Western Corridor runs along Johns, Russley, Masham and Carmen Roads. When the Western Belfast Bypass is constructed the Western Corridor will run from the Northern Motorway and join Johns Road near the Groynes. The Western Corridor will be a four lane highway (two lanes in each direction) with a median separating on-coming traffic, selected main road intersections will also be improved.

Johns Road (SH1) between The Groynes and Sawyers Arms Road is part of the Christchurch's Western Corridor. Traffic volumes on the whole Western Corridor are increasing and this is expected to continue into the future. To improve travel times, efficiency and safety on this section of highway, it will be upgraded to a 4-lane, median separated highway.

Downer started construction of this 2-2.5 year project in September 2014. An update as at February 2015 is that construction on the Greywacke Road extension is well advanced with site clearance almost complete on Johns Road.

How Safe Is Our Soil? – an update . . .



Essentially, most of Northwood is on the Listed Land Use Register (the LLUR) as a result of the land we own being used as orchard and market garden. This is an historical record and is accurate.

The LLUR

Northwood residents are critical of ECan's handling of the LLUR publication. Most residents are comfortable with the publication of such a list as part of public domain knowledge of the history of our land. We believe that this should be the extent of the register i.e. land once used for a HAIL activity is recorded.

Safety

As far as ECan are aware, there is currently insufficient information to fully characterize any risks to human health or the environment from activities undertaken in Northwood.

Knowledge

ECan has no current plans to revise the LLUR record unless new information comes to light, or investigation reports are received.

Buying or Selling a Property that is listed on the LLUR?

The view from real estate agents is that they will always inform the prospective buyers or sellers that a property is listed on the LLUR – full disclosure.

Generally soil testing hasn't been undertaken, buyers haven't been put off and it hasn't made a difference to the sale price.

To find out if your property is listed on the LLUR, or for more information you can visit the Environment Canterbury website - <http://llur.ecan.govt.nz/Public/> and type in your address.

Focus on a Local – Shaun Horan



Bess and children

Our Focus person for this newsletter is Shaun Horan who is the Head Keeper at Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. He gave an interview to the NRA about the Reserve's fascinating history and animals. Staff love to see locals visit the zoo and are offering a discount to residents of Northwood and Styx Mill. Visit Willowbank on **Sunday 24th May** and receive 50% off your entry fee. Just take along proof of address e.g. a phone or power bill with your address on it. Why not make a day of it, on the day, lunches are available for \$16 for adults and \$6 for children.

The reserve first opened in Labour Weekend, 1974. Co-founders Michael Willis and Kathy Rangiwananga are passionate about animals and conservation. They set up Willowbank to become a place where others who were also passionate about such things, could work together towards the conservation of a range of animal species, especially those native to New Zealand.

There are up to 500 individual animals and 50 different species at Willowbank and include Capuchin Monkeys and otters in the Wild NZ section; miniature horses and peacocks in the Heritage NZ section, and eels and Kune Kune pigs in the Natural NZ section. Because of Willowbank and Staglands Wildlife Reserve Kune Kune pigs were saved from near extinction and are now found worldwide.

Willowbank is well known for its Kiwi conservation efforts. They have North Island Brown Kiwi, who can be viewed in their Nocturnal House from 10.30am each morning. At present there are 6 kiwi in the Nocturnal House. Staff at Willowbank have bred over 580 kiwi, and can have up to 80 kiwi on site. They breed 5 of the 6 species of kiwi and are

the only breeders of the West Coast Great Spotted Kiwi.

There is also a Bird Sanctuary and Wildlife Hospital at Willowbank. Residents can bring any injured birds they might find, as long as they ring first to sort out details.

Unfortunately there was major damage to the roof of the Nocturnal House after the earthquakes, but very willing volunteers from polytechs around the North Island put on a new roof without any additional cost to Willowbank. The Reserve was open for 2 weeks free of charge immediately after the quakes, to give residents a positive experience whilst they were coping with aftershocks. Willowbank has its own water bore, backed up by its own generator, and Willowbank staff generously used this system to give out free water to locals who needed it.

Willowbank is in the midst of building a new function centre that will be able to cater up to 90 people and they have almost completed a new toilet facility for visitors within the park. All events are catered through the firm Moveable Feast.

Shaun wants to convey his thanks on behalf of all the Willowbank staff to local residents for all their support over the years. Willowbanks focus on conservation and education is to be commended. We are very lucky to have such an important and fascinating venture so close to Northwood.

A documentary about the history of Willowbank is available on YouTube – search 'Throwing Peanuts' to watch how much the park has progressed.



Ryan and Llama

Willowbank are pleased to invite any volunteers over the age of 16 that might want to help with jobs like gardening and cleaning cages. If you are interested in helping out please email:

David@willowbank.co.nz

Address: 60 Hussey Road, Northwood

Website: www.willowbank.co.nz

Phone: (03) 359-6226

Open 364 days a year

Prices:

Adults \$28

Children (aged 5-14) \$11, under 5's free

Students and seniors \$25.50

Family pass \$125 (2 adults and up to 3 children) unlimited access for a whole year.



Cape Barron Geese

The entrance fees and money from the gift shop go towards the care of the animals.

Opening Hours

Summer hours: from 9.30am until 7pm (last entry at 6pm)

Winter hours: 9.30am until 5pm.

The facilities which include a café/restaurant can be hired for:

- Children's birthday parties
- Group dinners
- Cocktail parties
- Conferences
- Corporate functions including Christmas functions.
- Educational tours for school classes.



Couple at Whare



We have a special offer for Northwood residents. 50% off Gelish Manicure only - now only \$20!!

Please have a look at our website for more details: www.lashboutique.co.nz

Tel: 021 228 2255

Email: info@lashboutique.co.nz



Northwood Security

The NRA has had a couple of reports of burglary, vandalism and vehicle theft recently.

Let's try and keep our neighbourhood safe.

- Remember to close all windows when you are not home, even if you are only popping out for an hour
- Keep valuables out of sight if you are leaving them in your car
- Park in the driveway or garage if you can
- Keep an eye on your neighbours, get to know their names
- Ask your neighbour or a friend to clear your mail if you are going away
- Report any suspicious activity to the police

Northwood Fair

The Northwood Fair was held on the 2nd November at Northwood Park with a fantastic turnout of stall holders and locals looking to support their local community. As per previous fairs we had a wonderful collection of stall holders, rides, music and food - with some stall holders even selling out they were so popular!

Although we had a mixed bag of weather - beautiful sunshine mixed with extreme wind gusts, it was a fantastic day.



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. Part of that celebration is to help good causes; this means that stall sites for fundraising and non-profit organisations are free. 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.

This event continues to be a major fundraiser for Belfast School.

The fair is held on the first Sunday in November so mark Sunday 1 November in your calendar and let us know if you would like to be involved.

A big thank you must go to our local sponsors:

- The Warehouse
- Elgas
- Move Logistics
- Fuji Xerox
- New World Northwood
- Belfast Pharmacy
- Ray White Northwood
- Farmlands
- Hirepool
- Countdown Northwood
- The Warehouse Northwood



Photographs from around the neighbourhood



The most attractive street award. You can see the sign at the intersection of Glen Oaks and Beechwood Drive.

