

Northwood News

Northwood Residents Association – March 2016

Northwood Fair



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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

2016 has started off well for your committee. We are back up to strength in numbers and look forward to working with residents on issues that affect Northwood. We have the AGM coming up soon. This is a great forum for you to hear from the Association and for your voice to be heard about what you think of Northwood. We are always looking for helpers, committee members to help keep our organization ticking.

NRA has an excellent relationship with CCC, so contact us you need helpful advice on issues with the council.

We will continue to run events from time to time including area tidy ups and of course the Northwood Fair in November. If you are keen to help improve your neighbourhood and strengthen your community, get in touch.

Finally, the local CCC Community board boundaries will be changing soon. Our councilors will be at the AGM to answer questions around this. As part of our community resilience programme, NRA is an active member of BERP (Belfast Emergency Recovery Plan). The proposed boundary changes may threaten this relationship.

The NRA looks forward to seeing you all at the AGM.

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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Focus on a Local – Bruce Campbell

Our focus person for this newsletter is NRA committee member Bruce Campbell.

Bruce and his partner Pam built in Northwood in 2013 after their home in Christchurch's East was demolished after the quakes. Their search for a suitable location for a brand new home was extensive. They were very much focused on an area with a real community feel, such as homes within an area within geographical boundaries; (for example, Northwood is enclosed by Johns Road and Main North Road). They felt that Northwood ticked all the boxes with its diverse range of housing; and facilities such as the nearby supermarket, retail centre, Northwood Villas, Country Club, cafes and parks.

Bruce and Pam have three adult children and two grandchildren. Spending time with family is an important part of their lives. In their spare time they will sometimes holiday in a caravan and take their grandchildren with them. They also love to have friends over and have a beautiful garden and deck to do just that.



Bruce grew up in rural Canterbury and travels around the South Island in his job working for a New Zealand importer of farm machinery. The day before our interview (during one of our many hot days), Bruce said it had been 36 degrees Celsius whilst on a farm he was visiting!

Bruce has been a past president of the New Brighton Lions and is still active within that organisation. He has always been very conscious of looking after his own community and having a say in improving it, and for these reasons joined the Northwood Residents Association. Since joining the NRA he has helped to instigate our neighbourhood clean-up days. Bruce feels that small contributions which keep Northwood looking nice, demonstrate pride in our community.

Thank you Bruce for all that you do in Northwood. Like all NRA committee members, he is conscious that residents can do a lot to look after their own community.

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

NRA Website

The NRA has been working hard on a new website! Look out for updates on our Facebook page and the next newsletter for details of when it will be up and running.

The website has an improved look and feel making it much easier to navigate and contains loads more information including:

- Northwood history
- Annual calendar of events
- Past issues of the newsletter
- Who to contact and much more.

Neighbourhood Clean Up

Northwood Residents Association will be running the next "Neighbourhood Clean Up" in April. 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 2 April at 9.30am at Crombie Green then back along the creek to Northwood 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 323 6602.

Images from the last clean up



Northwood Fair

Our annual neighbourhood fair was held on the first Sunday in November at the Northwood Park.

We had a great day with lots of stall holders and members of the community coming down. Thankfully the weather was fantastic and the wind stayed away this year.

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.

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.

Thank you to the following local businesses for supporting the Northwood Fair:

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

If you would like more information about holding a stall at the 2016 fair please email northwoodfair@gmail.com









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 works as a collaborative and meets on a 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.

The five key venues for managing a response are:

- Belfast Rugby Club – for a 36 hour scale event
- Belfast Primary School – for a larger, 48 hour + scale event
- Belfast Community Network building – 48 hour + event
- Belfast Bowling Club – 48 hour + event and
- Belfast Medical Centre

In the first instance BERP's response to a significant emergency event – where electricity supply or road routes are cut off for more than six hours, or a civil emergency is declared will always open Venue 1 (Belfast Rugby Club) until Venue 2 (Belfast Primary School) has been evacuated.

If the BERP were to be activated the following roles/sections will be activated:

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| • Communications | Belfast Community Network |
| • Co-supervision | Rugby Club (Venue 1) |
| • School Principal/Deputy | Belfast Primary School (Venue 2) |
| • Medical | Triage at Belfast Medical Centre |
| • Catering | Belfast Bowling Club and Salvation Army |
| • Accommodation | Sleeping area at Belfast Rugby Club |
| • Showering | Belfast Rugby Club |
| • Clothing | Belfast Salvation Army |
| • Door knocking checks | Belfast Rotary, Belfast Residents' Association and
Northwood Residents' Association |

Our role, the NRA, is conducting door knocking checks in the neighbourhood to check on community wellbeing and make sure that residents are ok.

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



NRA Relationships

At Northwood Residents Association we work in close partnership with Christchurch City Council on a weekly basis on an array of issues.

You really couldn't miss the very large advertising trailer for Texture Plants that turned up on the roadside next to the Northwood entrance. Something this big gives a lot of us the impression that someone must have asked to do this. Well... not so. Northwood Residents Association used its excellent contacts and relationship with the City Council support staff and raised the issue of the advertising trailer. When we made contact with the council on the 4th Of March 2016 Council was unaware the billboard had been parked on their corner reserve. Within hours, the wheels turned and the right people were notified. NRA were responsible for getting the offending trailer removed. In the process, the company responsible was fined.

Thanks go to residents who also contacted us regarding this issue. It's good to know that when something needs doing, NRA is contacted. Thankfully, by the time we were reached, by phone and Facebook, the issue was already being processed.

This has been a simple but effective illustration of NRA in action for Northwood and working for the community.

We are also working alongside Council and NZTA around safety issues on the pedestrian crossing on Main North Road Intersection which has involved a large piece of work that we have compiled over the last three years with improvements being implemented to the intersection. We still are working on this project with the safety of pedestrians in mind.

If you ever see anything around Northwood that you are unsure of please reach out to us at Northwood Residents Association so we can reach out to our contacts at the council and we can get things investigated. But also if you see issues around the neighbourhood that you know are not right please make contact with the Christchurch City Council through the contact centre 941 8999 or through the council application of Snap Send Solve.

New Park Benches

Following the last AGM it was agreed that the NRA would install two park benches in the Northwood Park. The benches were installed in November 2015. Not only do they look great but they provide a nice resting place for those watching any sport or just taking a break. Thank you to Midas Northwood for helping attach the plaques.



Security

Recently there has been a spike in the number of vehicle and property break-ins and thefts across the neighbourhood.

This is not something that we want to see in Northwood.

Some tips to help make our neighbourhood safer include:

- Keep valuables out of site if they are in your car overnight
- Remember to lock your vehicles and homes when you head out or overnight
- Report any untoward behavior, thefts or break-ins to the Police as soon as possible
- If you see anyone acting suspicious contact the Police



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

Annual General Meeting

The AGM for the Northwood Residents Association is being held at the Northwood Villas bowling green on **Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 7pm.**

The AGM is open to all Northwood residents.

If you have any questions about the AGM or would like a copy of the agenda please contact one of the Committee members listed on page 2 or email northwoodresidents@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there.

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, or thenorthwoodnews@gmail.com 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.