

TRUST NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2018



Once again the Whangarei District Council turned up out of the blue with their chopping machinery and decimated the hedges before we had time to say Gordon Bennett!! Our Building Committee are investigating costs and availability of a builder as we speak and hopefully the fence will be replaced in the not too far future. Originally we thought the Council would remove the stumps, but they have said their responsibilities ended with the removal of the hedge. We have to do the tidy up work, so we will do our best to help the stump's demise along.....

Snippets from the August Trust Meeting:

- Our August meeting was brought forward a week, due to numerous Trustee absences occurring August 8th.
- The Trust is disappointed to inform everyone that Trustee Alan Wellington and his family are moving to Cambridge and have sold their coastal property. Alan has kindly offered to return for any important meetings and serve out his term. I particularly will miss his enthusiastic expertise on financial matters. The Trust is investigating the secondment of a recently retired accountant – someone that Alan has recommended. Watch this space.
- The steps up to the Tsunami Hill are all completed and have been well commended by those who use them regularly. A handrail for the last few steps toward the seat will be added very shortly.
- The Hall's carpet will be cleaned and Margaret Pengelly has been given the job of locating a suitable cleaning service (we believe there is someone locally). If anyone else is thinking of having some carpet cleaning done, please contact her as there may be a discount for multiple referral.
- Cyclists, skateboarders and skooterists (is that a word??) need to be reminded that they are not to use the Village road as a grand prix area, although I can see the tarmac is very tempting! Recently I have told children not to ride through the village and they have taken it well, but I understand some children have not been so polite. Lindsay asks that if you are able take a quick photo of any offenders, he is happy to take it down to the school and talk to the Principal.
- Yes, there have been many residents discussing the hedge removal. The Trust envisages a wooden fence with vertical boarding will be erected and matching brickwork will be added to the other side of the entrance to provide uniformity. However, tradies are extremely busy and Bruce has encountered a few obstacles on the work scene regarding labour availability.
- A Heads up to you all – our APM (where the Trust is elected) has been set down for 24th October and at this stage, two of our Trustees have signalled they won't be seeking re-election. Time to put your thinking caps on and do some shoulder tapping.....



SOCIAL CALENDAR – (Report from Heather)

Operatunity Concert was well attended once again but this time we deployed our own cars as numerous non-residents were ticketholders. Marion Burns, Suzanne and Carl will feature at the next show on 27 September. Bookings and money required by 1st September to ensure we all get a seat. The bus will be ordered for this trip.

Garden Group – 6th August is postponed and I hope to make contact on my return from Wellington.

500 Cards – Monday night commencing at 6.45pm. All welcome. **Art** – Tuesday mornings. **Craft** – 2nd Weds pm.

Whist – Wet afternoons when folk available. If you are interested, give Rod a call 9460524. We had 7 arrive last wet Sunday afternoon and there was laughter and banter galore throughout the afternoon. We are still learning.

TV Boxing – This was an exceptionally successful event with 28 people (not all residents) attending to watch. The gold coin donation paid for the event and excess monies went into the Social Club coffers. Thanks to Rory and Maryann, and Heather for the buttered scones and milk provision and Graeme for organisation. (I know our Chairman enjoyed it.)

Thank you: **Wendy** who donated the round table in the hall. **Brian** Hunwick who re-varnished and polished the table – ready for our use. **Alan** who donated a bench top stove which is kept in the kitchen cupboard. Thank you on behalf of the residents.

Birthday Afternoon Tea – August 28th at 3pm. Circle this date on your calendar. All are welcome to celebrate Merv's 90th birthday. A small plate of finger food would be appreciated. (Merv, do not read this part of the newsletter. Just joking Merv). Let's drink a toast to Merv with red wine. For further info, contact your Social Club member.



That's it for this month folks.

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