

TRUST NEWSLETTER – JULY 2018

Hello Residents, WOW – that hedge cutting by the Whangarei District Council took us all by surprise! We had previously been told that it may be 3 to 4 months away, but it was literally 3 weeks. What a shame we can't get the same response when dealing with the stream banks etc or even building site compliance. More below.....

**Snippets from the July Trust Meeting:**

- With Lindsay in Blenheim, our Vice Chair – Norm Pratt – chaired our July meeting.
- **Welcome** to our newest residents – Lorraine and Ross Holland – who are currently housesitting but will be a permanent fixture once the owners return. Meanwhile, they have the luxury of downsizing at their leisure. Ross has already earmarked an area in the Bloke's Shed for his hobby of wood turning.
- **Roadside Hedge Cutting:** Investigations uncovered the fact that the Council actually owns the roadside that the hedging is on – both sides of the entranceway. They decided that rather than have the hedge trimmed every 6 months or so, that they would remove the hedges completely and so they have started. The stumps have to be ground down and when everything is cleared, the Trust is committed to building a new fence with a matching brick wall on the other side. Trust finances and timing need to be worked out, but construction would not be expected for a few months, owing to other financial commitments.
- **Unit 29** may soon be starting as a proposal for temporary power is currently underway.
- **Thumbs Up** to one of our newer residents – Stuart McAulay who along with Graeme Brider has investigated night metering as a means of saving power and therefore costs. Watch this space.
- **Prospective Residents** now number 5 with a further addition confirmed at this meeting.
- **Seventy two plants** supplied by Tawapou and donated by Whangarei District Council will be used on the Tsunami Hill and the flax bushes will be planted on the stream banks.
- **Contractor Clip It Services** will soon be repairing the steps and handrail up Tsunami Hill as this was identified as a Health and Safety Hazard and must be remedied.
- **Vege Plots** – After identifying who was using the vege plots, it has been noted that there are 2 plots free at this time. Yes, there are several of our residents who are using extra plots, but nobody seems to require them at the moment, so it makes sense for them to be used in the meantime. As demand occurs, gardeners with more than 1 plot will be asked to relinquish some and will be given time to reap their efforts.
- **A reminder that Minutes** once confirmed at the following meeting are put in the folder in the Hall for resident's information.

SOCIAL CALENDAR – (Report from Heather)

1st July: Despite it being a really dreary day, 16 villagers arrived. It was a wonderful afternoon full of laughter all because Jim Robertson had left a book behind when he left. Somehow (and we won't say how), the book found its way to the library. A question was asked and said book was used as the prize. In August we hope the book will return to the Happy Hour and the winner of the question will be given the book to read and share more Jokes the following month. We look forward to seeing you there on **August 5th!**



10th July. Decimal currency Evening meal. So many arrived (which is very much appreciated by the Social Club.) Many thanks to the villagers who gathered prior to, and following, the celebration to make the evening possible. Thanks to Lindsay and Bob (Dairy) for their donations of Ham and Lamb and the chefs in the village who prepared the food. We borrowed the sound system from the Bowling club and the Bay Maries from Julie at Salt Air. The community support is very much appreciated. According to the feedback all had a very pleasant and positive evening

27th July. Operatunity Show, The Golden Era Of Musicals in Whangarei. Bus will leave at 10.15am Show followed by lunch at 11am. Return approx 1.45pm. Please let Heather know if you need tickets by the 20th July.

That's it for this month folks.

Phi Wilson