

TRUST NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2019

Snippets from the November Trust Meeting:

- Lindsay welcomed our two new trustees to their first meeting and along with the existing Trust Committee were allocated portfolios. (See attachment)
- Lindsay Laing was elected Chair and Keith McKay elected Deputy Chair for the next 12 months.
- The Trust has granted \$900 to the Social Club for their Christmas Party which is to be held on 12th December.
- The Water Tanks are about 20 years old and understandably, some fine hair cracks have appeared which will require repainting. Jim Hickman has been engaged to make provision of a second isolating valve and also to look into replacing the main valve at the bottom of the tanks which has seized through non-use. Costs are unknown at this stage.
- Lindsay, Keith and Phi attended a Retirement Villages Forum in Kerikeri on the 13th November and it was a good open discussion forum with subjects pertinent to our needs i.e. Long Term Maintenance, refurbishments, replacement of aluminium joinery, hot water cylinders etc etc. Other subjects were dealing with residents with drinking or drug problems and marriage of a resident to a non-resident particularly to a partner who is many years younger and not of an age to be in a Retirement Village should the partner pass on. There was also the issue of St John's Ambulance fees and how some residents were not members of St Johns. There was extreme emphasis on belonging to this organisation as an ambulance trip will take you straight to emergency, whereas travelling in a private car will generally only get you to general admissions.
- By the time you read this, Guy Fawkes will be a faded memory, but if you saw the two fires on the beach frontage, you may recall the concern of the residents of Ngunguru Road. Did you know that the Fire Brigade uses water from our tanks to put these fires out, and thank goodness they do have that amenity at their fingertips. However, the Trust may look into some form of reimbursement from some local government or national government body as the water used has been very expensively treated with the granules we purchase to keep the water safe for drinking by our residents. Graeme, our water guru, tells us that he has stocked up on granules to last us into February, by the way.
- We are fast approaching the AGM which is to be held in the Village Hall on December 9th at 2pm. May I remind residents that if you have any questions regarding the Financial Performance Report to please email me or ring me asap so that I can ask the questions of our accountant so that a firm reply will be ready at the AGM.
- And on the subject of AGM, please remember to bring your documentation that was delivered to you some weeks ago.
- The Trust's last monthly meeting will be held on December 11th and it has been agreed that there will not be a January Trust meeting.



That's all for now folks.

Phi Wilson

November Social Club Notes.

Happy Hour:

Seems like every one who attended the Happy Hour had a great time. The farewell for Stu and Gabby was attended by many. Lindsay, (Trust Chairman) said a few words wishing them both well in their new venture. Thanks to Bluey who played the piano and for the wonderful food provided by all who attended. The quiz for the month was won by Linda Spratt.

Melbourne Cup:

What a day of fun laughter and banter. 30 people arrived most dressing for the occasion. The horses ran well and there were no scratchings. Thank you Graeme, who donated the tote tickets for prizes for the winners or the races.

I understand the judge did a great job in selecting the winning participants for the day.

Best Dressed Couple: Irene and Colin Wyatt

Best dressed man: John A'Court

The Pohutakawa Cup: Colin Wyatt

Many thanks go to the Social Club committee who organized the day in my absence. Thanks to those who took the time to dress for the day which was completed with enjoying American Hot Dogs and drinks.

Thanks to Kath for the updates for this newsletter.

Rod and I did have a great time in Melbourne at Flemington. The buses from the Cruise Ship took us to the gates with no stress involved. Seeing the sites, the entertainment and some of the races on the big screen sure was an experience. You can't see the horses around the back straight because of the buildings in the centre of the track. I understand from those of you who have been in earlier years, those buildings were not present so you were able to view the full track. We did get an upgrade from the Cruise Company and managed to obtain a seat in the stand outside the finishing post. Did you see us wave as you raced up and down the hall????? Just asking!!

COMING UP:

November 25th: Garden Group postponed until next year. There is just so much happening for most of us at this time of year as we plan for Christmas and family time.

December 1st Happy Hour. 4.p.m start. B.Y.O. The bi monthly raffle will be held at this gathering. Bring a dollar or two.

December 12th. Trust Christmas Party. More detail closer to the time.

December 18th: Operatunity. As this letter goes to print, I am not sure of the price for the show tickets.

Although 15 had been ordered only 8 have been kept for us which may alter the price. I will contact those already booked in the next few days. Just hoping for a cancellation from the Operatunity organizers so others can join our group. Have you put your name in yet?

December 25th: Merry Christmas one and all. (Oh no it is too soon to write that message.)

There will be one more newsletter in December. If you would like a note placed in it please let me know.

That's all for now

Heather