

Cashmere Residents' Association

Annual General Meeting 2016

Chair's Report

Welcome and thank you to all members and supporters of Cashmere Residents' Association, to all Newsletter contributors and deliverers.

Committee

Many thanks to our hard-working committee: Leona Murahidy, Anne Hodge, Ralph Roden, Carolyn Phibbs, Jan Webster, Joan Earl, Eve Harding and Murray Wards. CRA committee meetings are held the third Wednesday night monthly and we are always open to new topics and ideas for Association activity. Contact us via any committee member or the group email. Through sharing news - with two printed newsletters and two public meetings per year and the regular email Cashmere News Diary - we enjoy increasing the social life, and hopefully resolving of an issue or two, for the suburb. Thanks to Christchurch City Council for the print support. Where leadership is needed we are happy to provide it, then have the results open to public scrutiny.

Cashmere Road and the new Cycle Park

CRA has helped lobby successfully for an upgrade to the Worsley's Road intersection that will start later next year, after the Christchurch Adventure Park opening this December. Fingers are crossed that no accidents will take place, with the influx of traffic, before the intersection upgrade. Traffic flows and safety at the bottom of the hill should be improved by the addition of these traffic lights on Cashmere Road.

Cashmere Tennis Club lights

CRA has supported local residents surprised by construction of about ten 8-metre high floodlight stands for four courts at Cashmere Tennis Club on Valley Road. The residents had construction stopped and a hearing is scheduled before the community board early next year. After-hours noise is the main problem at this site, caught in the natural amphitheatre of Cashmere Valley.

Health services and public transport

CRA maintains a strong interest in quality public services in our immediate area. The loss of Princess Margaret Hospital should be properly balanced with replacement facilities of high standard. Hospital users need to be able to travel easily between destinations so CRA is lobbying for improved public transport. We have already helped the Barrington bus interchange towards completion and will continue in that light. For example, the Blue line service up the hill misses Dyers Pass Road entirely and stops at 7:30pm on a weekday and 7pm at weekends and holidays. Bus service has thus been drastically cut for our area and we are lobbying for some reinstatement.

CREST

Cashmere Residents' Emergency Support Team continues to meet monthly here at the church, preparing a basic community response to any future disaster. Three years old now, CREST sees collaboration between the Cashmere Presbyterian Centre, Cashmere School and Cashmere Residents' Association, ably assisted by Christchurch City Council Civil Defence Emergency Management and the Rotary Club of Cashmere. The working party of organisational representatives is developing systems for mobilising local resources if ever there is a need. CREST committee membership is by invitation and commitment to be available. We now have a price for hub emergency power supply and venue preparation, and perhaps an emergency radio, and fundraising has begun through a school mufti day.

Hot-water cylinder corrosion

There appears to be a water quality issue for some parts of Cashmere, if not all. CRA has begun a website to collate the known facts and correspondence at chchwater.wordpress.com and we liaise between city council and residents over regular water testing and technical remedies.

Community BBQs

A successful community barbeque was run by CRA in collaboration with local churches at Thorrington School last December. Neighbourhood Week features similar activity by local residents - in Herbs Place, Glamis Place, Merlewood Avenue and Upper Crichton Terrace - in October and November this year, through community board support.

Representation Review

In the year ahead we will all learn what the changed Council representative system works like. CRA opposed the reduction in community boards and the remapping of Christchurch for a parliament-style system of more wards with one councillor each. We argued that competition within the wards was essential for the health of Christchurch and democracy. We also defended the structure of relationships within and between traditional suburbs that the changes cut very hard across. But we lost this battle. All the best to the Council and community boards in their new term.

Thank you to our local sponsors, a growing list including Cashmere Cuisine, Kaizuka gifts, One Stop Liquor, Computer Help NZ, and others I may have missed.

Questions and suggestions are invited for the Cashmere year ahead.

Thank you everyone for attending CRA AGM tonight.

We will continue to deliver you increased service.

Rik Tindall

CRA Chair

25 October 2016