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Westmorland Residents Association



*A warm welcome is
extended to
new residents*

NEWSLETTER



Update on our bus situation

After the recent Ecan submission process, and a brilliant community effort to get them to 'think again', you may have recently seen in the Press that they've made the decision, to reinstate our bus service, albeit with very different route going into the city and bus exchange. Great to know when the community comes together on an issue, things can be done !

Just this last week, committee member Lindsay Richards, has also been in discussions with both Red Bus and ECan over suggestions we made about changes to the route of the 145 bus within Westmorland itself, as part of our submission on the bus service at the recent LTP (Long Term Plan) Hearings.

ECan could not adopt those suggestions at the LTP Hearings because they were outside the scope of the submissions, but advise that they could adopt our changes, if they are ratified by residents, by way of a separate consultation process.

Our suggested route of Penruddock Rise, Sedgwick Way, Ravensdale Rise and onto Penruddock Rise again at the top of the hill (or the other way around) has already been tested by ECan and they agree it is preferable to the existing route.

Within the next few weeks, ECan will deliver consultation documents to every house in Westmorland and, assuming positive responses outnumber objections, the new route could be introduced without delay. We don't have a date for the delivery of the consultation documents yet, but will advise you all (our Facebook page) as soon as we know.

Please support this initiative by responding promptly—hopefully in the affirmative.

We use our Westmorland Residents Association facebook page to regularly update on the current state of play with our buses, and other local matters, so check it out. Please note that it is a closed page for Westmorlanders and you are very welcome to join.

ANNUAL DONATION DETAILS

An appeal goes out to all Westmorlanders receiving this newsletter, to give a small donation so that we can continue to help and provide service for our community.

If you haven't yet made your annual donation for the 1 September 2017 - 31st August 2018 financial year, and would like to, please use the form below.

Our contributions help support our Westmorland community and in a variety of ways, ie towards providing our newsletters, our annual picnic/bbq, maintenance of our website, meetings and various other eventualities we help/assist with in our local area. We request that households make a small annual donation of \$10 (or whatever you feel is right for you).

CAN YOU HELP US?



We're looking for someone to take over the running of our website, after coming to the realisation that we have neither the time nor the expertise, to give it the attention it needs.

Is there anyone out there, skilled in website administration, preferably with knowledge of Joomla ?

Unfortunately it would be a "labour of love", but we'd be thrilled to hear from anyone who could help.

Feel free to phone Lindsay on 339-6900 (evenings).

DONATION SLIP

Please complete and attach this slip with your donation, place it in an envelope and either . . .

- Place it in the WRA mailbox at 22 Penruddock Rise, (no postage), or
- Direct credit to **WRA Westpac** bank account no: **03-0866-0349035-00**
(Please make sure you reference with your name and/or address on the transaction, so we know who it's from).

Name _____ Donation Amount _____ Date _____

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Please note that as donations are not tax deductible, receipts will not automatically be sent out. But if you do require one, please let us know. ... (see website for contact numbers).

Your email address: _____



Shown here . . . a random collage of pics taken from our very enjoyable and well-supported picnic/bbq in February. (*Sorry not that clear*).

Everyone seemed to have had such a great time, lovely weather, great company and heaps of fun and entertainment. It was, so good to see such a big community turnout this year.

Thanks to the committee for their efforts and organisation.

NOTICES

- **GARDEN PRIDE AWARDS**

Congratulations to the 14 residents in Westmorland who received a GARDEN PRIDE AWARD this year.

- **SECURITY**

Again unfortunately we have to report that quite a number of crime events are happening in and around our suburb - which includes homes being broken into and number of cars being stolen.

As we keep stressing, please be very vigilant day and night - if you see anything at all that may, or may not be suspect, take down car registration and/or call the police. Another good thing to do, if possible, is take a quick photo of anything/anyone suspicious.

- **DOGGY DOOS**

There seems to be an increased spate of dog owners in the area, not cleaning up after their dog. Sorry folks with kiddies, but Highcrest Reserve and a few other parks and people's grassed verges, have seen an increase in this lack of dog responsibility. Please, if this is you, have consideration for our children (and adults) using these places!

- **WRA IS ON FACEBOOK**

Our page is proving very popular with a record number of residents already having joined, and more doing so every day as the word spreads. This is a good current way to stay on top of things that might be happening in our area.

- **HOON HAY/CASHMERE RD TRAFFIC LIGHTS**

"On again off again," . . . scheduled installation due for Sept this year has again been put back a year. Will we ever really see this happen ?

- **LED STREET LIGHTING**

You may have noticed our street lighting is currently being upgraded to LED..... seems to be creating a greater coverage of light which must be a good safety/security improvement..

WRA Committee 2017/2018 - Chairperson Bill Kingston, Secretary Carol Penney, Treasurer Phillip Stockbridge, Committee Stephanie Dobson, Lyn Bailey, Lindsay Richards, Jill Kinley, Bill Graves, Lynette Hartley, Angela Smith

Are you wondering what's happening on Hendersons Rd....

HENDERSONS RD SPARKS ROAD WETLANDS

*Explanation from Ross McFarlane
Community Board Halswell Hornby Riccarton*

The work being undertaken presently on the Southern side of Hendersons Road, is part of the stormwater management basin, which form part of the Flooding Intervention Policy adopted by CCC in Nov 2017. In short this policy was implemented to minimise the downstream affects of increased and historical flooding following the 2011 earthquakes and to create approx. 800,000 cubic metres of stormwater basin, which will allow further residential development in upstream catchments. These ponds will aid the run off effects of sediments carried down from the hill catchments in rainfall events and provide improved water quality, prior to entering the Cashmere Stream and Heathcote Rivers.

Further works downstream, likes of riverbank remediation, stabilisation, dredging and in some instances property acquisition are other outcomes necessary to minimise the effects on downstream communities, eg Eastern Tce. Full info and additional links are available on the CCC Website. (*see below*)

Some features of the area will become apparent, including creation of 3 wet ponds, the removal of the large open drain and hedgerow on the roadside. This will be replaced by swales and a single wire low post fence. The area will be linked with walkways, bridges and boardwalks and will be planted out in native grasses and low vegetation and a mixture of taller species, eg Totara and Matai. An informal car park will be accessed close to the corner of Sparks Rd and Hendersons Rd. Some existing trees will be retained if practical, but these tend to be fence-line or shelter belt planting, likes of willows or macrocarpa. Removals will be mulched for site or off-site re-use.

The CCC have, over many years, gradually purchased property for this purpose, as it was a known natural basin. The total area bounded by Cashmere Rd, Hendersons Rd, Sparks Rd and Sutherlands Rd combines to make an area close to Hagley Park in size! Links will be provided throughout and across the area and will become a passive recreational asset to the wider community, similar to the Travis wetlands in the Burwood area.

Please contact Ross directly for any further info - ross.mcfarlane@ccc.govt.nz (<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/policies/sustainability-policies/flooding-intervention-policy/>)