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The NCDRA website has a lot of information about Ngaio and Crofton Downs, including recent and upcoming events, photos, a list of our parks and reserves and details of local community services. Visit us at [www.ngaio.org.nz](http://www.ngaio.org.nz)

NCDRA is on **Facebook**. We also support the Ngaio Facebook page and the Crofton Downs Facebook group by posting updates from time to time.

We are also registered as a local organisation on **Neighbourly**

*email us for links - [ngaioipa@gmail.com](mailto:ngaioipa@gmail.com)*

#### HELP YOUR COMMUNITY BY BOLSTERING OUR COMMITTEE

We need more people and more skills on the NCDRA Committee, particularly given the loss of two experienced office holders in recent months. It is vital we keep going. Among our activities we:

- monitor local issues such as subdivision proposals
- write submissions for Council policy reviews
- hold election campaign meetings featuring local candidates
- organise and conduct planting around streets and parks
- use our accounts and incorporated society status to help local groups get funding
- keep residents informed through our online presence.

If you can help, please come to the AGM and put your name forward, either as a Committee member or office holder. If you are thinking of doing so it would be helpful if you email us prior to the AGM.

*Thank you to the Wellington City Council for the annual grant of \$1500*

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NEWS FROM THE  
NGAIO CROFTON DOWNS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (NCDRA)

2015



A LOCAL RESIDENT

## HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT CUMMINGS PARK COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

*DEVELOPING A VISION FOR CUMMINGS PARK*  
NGAIO TOWN HALL SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2PM TO 4PM



### NGAIO UNION CHURCH

CORNER CROFTON ROAD & KENYA STREET  
TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM  
ALL RESIDENTS ARE WARMLY WELCOMED

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOP  
DEVELOPING A VISION FOR CUMMINGS PARK**  
The Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association is seeking input from the community to develop a vision for Cummings Park in the centre of Ngaio.

The first step is a workshop in the Ngaio Town Hall between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 31 October. The aim is to generate ideas and gauge community preferences about future possibilities for Cummings Park prior to preparing a draft vision.

Currently the park contains a playground, a picnic lawn and areas of regenerating native bush. The Korimako stream runs through the park, as does the national Te Araroa walkway.

We believe Cummings Park has the potential to meet the needs of our community by better providing for a range of informal recreation activities for all age groups.

A community vision would strengthen the ability of local residents to effectively engage in partnership with the Wellington City Council on issues relating to the park's future.

The workshop will be facilitated by local residents who work professionally in landscape architecture and urban design. It will start with a short presentation at 2pm which sets the context for the project. A series of facilitated group discussions will follow.

You are encouraged to stay from the beginning if you can, but otherwise we hope you will drop in and let us know your views about Cummings Park, or email them to us at [ngaioipa@gmail.com](mailto:ngaioipa@gmail.com)

We welcome all those with an interest in developing community aspirations for the present and future of Cummings Park to attend.

**OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON  
10 NOVEMBER**  
All residents of Ngaio and Crofton Downs are warmly invited to the AGM of the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association (NCDRA) on Tuesday 10 November at the Ngaio Union Church, corner of Kenya Street and Crofton Road, beginning at 7.30pm.

Guest speakers will include Nick Tansley who will talk about the Morgan Foundation's contribution to predator control in our suburbs, and Matt Robertson (the local park ranger) who will focus on threats to kaka outside Zealandia.

We try to conduct the business part of the meeting quickly and efficiently so that there is plenty of time to listen to and ask questions of our guest speakers. Light refreshments are provided at the end of the meeting at about 9pm.

All residents are invited to participate in discussions, but only members of the NCDRA can vote. If you are not already a member you can leave the form below at Ngaio Pharmacy, go to our website, or join up on the night. Annual membership costs \$10.



**THE CROFTON DOWNS  
PREDATOR FREE  
COMMUNITY**

Now over 200 people are trapping in backyards in Crofton Downs & Ngaio. To join the battle contact the co-ordinator at [kelvინehalo@gmail.com](mailto:kelvინehalo@gmail.com)



**A MAP OF WALKING TRACKS  
IN AND AROUND NGAIO AND  
CROFTON DOWNS IS  
AVAILABLE AT THE  
CUMMINGS PARK LIBRARY**

**NGAIO CROFTON DOWNS  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015**  
We had an eventful and fruitful year which included making submissions to the Wellington City Council and supporting the initiatives of three independent community groups.

**WCC RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
We made a substantial submission to Council on the draft Reserves Management Plan which we generally supported. While no substantial changes were made as a result of our submission, we did attract attention when we spoke on the submission to Councillors. As a result four Councillors visited both Cummings Park and Chelmsford Park with members of our Committee. Possibilities for the future development of both parks were discussed.

**WCC DRAFT BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY &  
ACTION PLAN**  
We made a brief submission on this, focussing on the need for better signage in areas where fledging native birds were at risk. This followed the killing of a fledgling kaka last summer by an off-leash dog in Huntleigh Park.

**PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY  
GROUPS**  
We were delighted to be associated with construction of the Silversky track (from Silverstream Road to the Skyline track) led by a group of mainly Crofton Downs residents.

This initiative has significantly added to options for walking and biking in our local environment.

Ngaio resident Kathleen Wright and a team including Reed Wade and Diana Dallas from Crofton Downs created an enterprise hub in Johnsonville Mall where people who work from home can share facilities and ideas. "Sub Urban Co-Working" ([www.suburban.org.nz](http://www.suburban.org.nz)) was launched in

September at its site near the Mall food court. We are pleased to be one of many who helped the team achieve a great outcome on a shoestring budget.

We were also pleased to support Crofton Downs residents concerned about the proposal to fast-track housing development at 131 Silverstream Road. Residents were, with our support, successful in ensuring that normal RMA procedures were to be followed for the development. The Wellington City Council has, however, decided against publicly notifying the earthworks resource consent application for the development, and the consent has now been granted.

**PEOPLE**  
Robin White, the current chairperson of the NCDRA, withdrew from active involvement in June through illness. Our secretary, Nick Watson, resigned in June as he was moving from Ngaio. The loss of both Robin and Nick has left large holes on our Committee.

We hope to remedy this by attracting new people to put their names forward at the coming AGM, either as officers or members of the Committee.

Current Committee members are Murray Pascoe (Treasurer and acting chair), Viv Chapple, Toby Green, Maureen Hyett, Trevor Lloyd, Darien Mahoney, Diana McRae, Shirley-Anne Morrow, Deborah Olson, Robyn Radomski, and John White (acting Secretary).

**JOIN THE NCDRA!**  
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