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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Ngaio and Crofton Downs Residents are warmly invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association, on Tuesday 18th November at the Ngaio Union Church, cnr of Kenya Street and Ottawa Road, beginning at 7.30p.m.

The guest speakers will be Kelvin Hastie of Crofton Downs Predator-Free, and Jane Schaverien of the Community Fruit Trees project, as well as contributions from other community groups.

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## NGAIO CROFTON DOWNS 2014

### NGAIO CROFTON DOWNS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014

Throughout this year we have worked on a number of our own projects. We have also been involved with other community groups.

### PROJECTS

#### Meet the Candidates Meeting

We held a Meet the Candidates meeting on the 2nd September 2014 in the Ngaio Town Hall for Ohariu electorate candidates. It was very successful, with standing room only for many of the 250 residents in the audience. Almost all the electoral candidates attended to promote themselves and their parties and to answer questions afterwards.

#### Welcome to Ngaio Pack

We now have an information pack for new residents of the Ngaio/Crofton Downs area. The pack contains, among other items, a map of local walking tracks.

#### Ngaio/Crofton Downs Walking Track Map

We have just updated our popular walking tracks map of Ngaio & Crofton Downs. It now includes the new Silversky Track extension and Chartwell Reserve. Copies are available in the library.

#### Wellington City Council Reserves Management Plan

The Council has prepared a new draft reserve management plan for the 168 local parks, reserves and protected open spaces that lays out how WCC will manage suburban reserves effectively for the next 10 years. Ngaio and Crofton Downs are particularly rich in the number of parks and reserves in our neighbourhood. The Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association is working on a submission on the draft plan, with a focus on the parks and reserves in our area.

Submissions are due into WCC by 5 p.m. on Friday 5 December, 2014. If you have any thoughts on the plan you'd like to share with us, please email them to [ngaiopa@gmail.com](mailto:ngaiopa@gmail.com). If you wish to make a submission yourself, please go to [www.wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations](http://www.wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations)

#### Planting Projects

We have not had an official planting bee this year. This hasn't stopped Committee Member Trevor Lloyd though. He has been busy weeding the track through the Heke Reserve and, along with others, putting gravel on the muddy parts. He has also planted around the Collingwood Street entrance of the Reserve.



### Bus Services Review

We have taken an active interest over this review. Particularly controversial are the proposed routes through Ngaio/Khandallah. As a result of widespread negative feedback, Greater Wellington is reviewing them. Email Greater Wellington Regional Council [PTPlanReview@gw.govt.nz](mailto:PTPlanReview@gw.govt.nz) if you would like further details.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

#### Website

Our website has a lot of information about Ngaio and Crofton Downs, including recent events, 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)

#### Facebook

We support the Ngaio Facebook page and the Crofton Downs Facebook group by posting updates from time to time. If you are a Facebook user, check them out. [www.facebook.com/pages/Ngaio/151277024975843](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ngaio/151277024975843)

#### Neighbourly

The new, non-profit website Neighbourly helps people connect with others in their community. It also helps people find local special interest groups - such as the weekend dog walkers in Ngaio/Crofton Downs who walk down the gorge to La Cloche for coffee.

We have registered as a local organisation and post updates about our events and other issues effecting local residents on it. More at: [www.neighbourly.co.nz](http://www.neighbourly.co.nz)

### PARTNERSHIPS

#### Silversky Track, Crofton Downs

Last year a keen group of Crofton Downs Residents built a walking/cycling track from Downing Street up to the 4 wheel drive track near the transmitters. They are now working hard extending the track to Silverstream Road. The Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association has been supportive of this project from its beginning, and we are proud to have been able to help the group get funding from other organisations.

#### Fruit Trees Around Ngaio

A local group has started a community fruit tree planting project whereby trees are planted on public land and their fruit can be picked by anyone passing by. Started by Ngaio residents planting trees on their berms, it is now part of a city-wide pilot project supported by Wellington City Council. Trees such as plum, apple and pear are being planted. The Council is also providing compost and running pruning workshops for project participants. Find out more about this project at the Community Fruit Trees blog: [communityfruittrees.wordpress.com](http://communityfruittrees.wordpress.com)

#### OTHER EXCITING PROJECTS IN NGAIO CROFTON DOWNS

Ngaio Crofton Downs is exceptionally lucky in the amount of bush and vegetation growing in the area. There are some really exciting environmental projects making an impact - Orleans Makererua Reserve, Bells Track and Chartwell Reserve among them. A newly-formed group, Crofton Downs Predator Free, is set to make their

contribution to enhancing our environment.

The Committee of the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association are committed and enthusiastic, and it has been a privilege to work in the interests of the residents and our suburb in this past year. We bid farewell to our President, Richie Wards, who has moved out of the area. We are grateful to Richie for the valuable contribution he made to the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association over the years, and wish him well for the future.

#### NGAIO CROFTON DOWNS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Richie Wards (President), Nick Watson (Secretary), Frank McGuire (Treasurer), Viv Chapple, Trevor Lloyd, Darien Mahony, Fiona King, Robin White, Deborah Olson, Diana McRae, Maureen Hyett, Shirley-Anne Morrow.

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# AGM

**18TH NOVEMBER 2014  
TUESDAY, 7.30PM  
NGAIO UNION CHURCH  
on corner of Crofton and Kenya St**

## NEW TALENT NEEDED

The Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association needs an injection of "new talent" on the Committee.

It's vital that we keep going. As an organisation we monitor local issues such as transport reviews and subdivision proposals. We write submissions for policy reviews (e.g. the current WCC Parks Review). We hold election campaign meetings, and we also do lots of planting around the streets and parks. Through our website, and our contributions to the Ngaio Facebook page, we help keep the Ngaio/Crofton Downs community informed.

And because we are an incorporated society, we can use our account books to help groups get funding from organisations such as Wellington City Council.

Let us know if you can help or come along to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 18th November 2014 at 7.30pm

#### CREATING A PREDATOR-FREE NEIGHBOURHOOD

A newly-formed Group, Crofton Downs Predator-Free, entered a competition recently and won \$5000 from the Enhancing the Halo organisation. The funds are to be spent on humane predator traps, which residents will lay and monitor throughout Crofton Downs. Trapping rats and stoats (not cats and kids!) will help create a predator-free neighbourhood and a safe haven for the native birds Wellingtonians are so proud of.