

# Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association



April 2019

## Chairpersons Report

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019 from the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association. Our years always start busily with the Community Picnic to be organised – this year on 7 April. A bit later this year, but planned to fit in with other dates, and in before the arrival of winter.

This year, 2019 is a local body election year, so we will later in the year be organising an evening to meet our local candidates for Council, Regional Council and mayoralty.

A big focus for us in 2019 will be to complete a strategy for Cummings Park, and work with Council to have it implemented. Last year the survey of residents, in conjunction with WCC showed a strong result in favour of retaining the dog exercise area. Now that we have that decision behind us, we are able to work with our community to develop a strategy to make the most of our community taonga.

This is our first newsletter since our AGM, and I thank everyone who turned out for that evening. It is always heartening for our executive, who volunteer much over the year, so see a good turnout at the AGM each year. As a result of that meeting, we have adopted our new rules – a major revision for us over 2018.

## Ngaio Community Picnic

### Cummings Park

Sunday April 7, 12 pm to 3.00pm

Enhancing our sense of community



- Meet other locals
- Stalls
- Entertainment
- Games
- Fire engine
- Sausage sizzle



Our guest speaker Claire Pascoe made a fascinating presentation on how roads could be opened for public use – thank you Claire. Personally, it is good news to have someone with a vision like this to be driving Wellington development.

At the AGM we also presented our new logo, designed by Lynn O'Shea. We are using that logo now, and it is certainly a fresh new look for

all the material where we use it. Thanks Lynn for providing your time and skills to design the logo for NCDRA.

As your new Chairperson this year, I hope I can continue the committee's good work towards our overall aim of promoting the general wellbeing of all residents. Any members

thoughts on issues that we need to tackle are welcome, please email me at [info@ngaio.org.nz](mailto:info@ngaio.org.nz).

Ian Turk  
Chairperson

## Outer Green Belt Management Plan Review

NCDRA made a submission on WCC's proposed plan for the outer green belt.

In general, we supported the five guiding principles that will direct management of the green belt. It was our view that these principles will ensure that Wellington "retains a valuable asset from which all residents will receive, either as a natural skyline along the length of the city, or more actively through recreation activities".

We noted the community involvement in track building which increases access to the green belt but proposed that the management plan

also needs to provide for maintenance of existing tracks.

The management plan discusses development of a picnic area and use of the existing woolshed just off Chartwell Drive as a learning resource. We supported the development of this area with further community consultation, saying "the development of an education/ interpretation centre would add value to the green belt and assist Wellington residents to understand the history, culture, and environmental aspects of the green belt, and provide opportunities for appreciation of the outdoors

## Ngaio Gorge Road Slip

WCC has advised a new timeline for work on the Ngaio road slip.

Geotechnical investigation works have now been rescheduled to start in April 2019, not January as informed previously. Initial investigations revealed that borehole drilling could dislodge more material which would fall

onto the road. Therefore, as a preparation for drilling work, the container wall is being extended by an additional 40m uphill,

The Council aims to select a main construction contractor by mid 2019.

## Park Ranger

We welcome our new WCC Park Ranger to the region –Adam Groenewegen. I know Adam is out and about getting familiar with this region,

and has been taken over several of the tracks, and shown our park resources. Welcome Adam to Ngaio and Crofton Downs.

## Community Preparedness

As a result of comment from one of our members at the AGM, your committee has reopened our relationship with Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO). Chris Moore, Emergency Management Advisor will be at our picnic on 7 April with information and able to answer any questions you may have.

Later in the year we are planning to hold a workshop for our residents, with WREMO,

which will take us through Community response planning for our area – intended to help communities understand how to work together after a disaster. There will be notices once the workshops are finalized.

On that topic – did you know that the Community Emergency Hub, ie the place where communities coordinate their efforts during a disaster are Crofton Downs Primary School and Ngaio School?

## Joining NCDRA

If you are not a member of Ngaio Crofton Downs, why not join?

Our annual subscription is only \$10, and every person who lives in or owns property in Ngaio or Crofton Downs is eligible.

Our membership form is available from our website ([Ngaio.org.nz](http://Ngaio.org.nz), then under membership), or drop us an email at [info@ngaio.org.nz](mailto:info@ngaio.org.nz) (we will send a form back to you)

## NCDRA Committee

NCDRA committee members and officers are: Viv Chapple, Carol Jenkins, Trevor Lloyd, Howard Moore, Steve Moore, Rachel Noble, Murray Pascoe (Treasurer), Robyn Radomski, Steve Rodwell, Ian Turk (Chair), Graham Weir, John White (Secretary)

We meet at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at Ngaio Town Hall. All members are welcome to attend our committee meetings.

We always welcome members who are interested in being part of the committee. The executive is elected at each AGM (in November), but there is always the opportunity to see how the team works before then.

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