



ORCA News and Views

March 2018



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Welcome to the very first newsletter of the Onslow Residents' Community Association (ORCA) representing the interests of Khandallah, Broadmeadows and Kaiwharawhara.

Message from the President

Well we did it. The Onslow Residents' Community Association (ORCA) was established on 22 November 2017. It came into being with 60 members and a committee of 14 people. Most of the inaugural meeting consisted of ratifying our constitution and electing our officers and committee.

Our purpose is very clear: we represent the views and interests of the Khandallah, Broadmeadows and Kaiwharawhara communities - so we encourage all residents and community groups to join us so your voice can be heard.

We look forward to connecting with the community and with authorities and relevant groups such as the Wellington City Council and the Greater Wellington Regional Council to make our area a better place to live. We will work to improve the public services and facilities for our community and most importantly we will foster a sense of community.

Already the committee has met three times and we are going at a cracking pace. We are now an incorporated body, applied for charity status, set up a bank account and have received an IRD number. We also have organised the committee into sub-committees of interest and our members will become knowledgeable in those areas.

It has been a long time since Khandallah, Broadmeadows and Kaiwharawhara have had a community group that represents them. The more members we have, the more effective our voice, so we ask that you let your friends, and neighbours know about us and encourage them to join.

Nicola McFaull, President, Onslow Residents' Community Association



A few members of our committee: Richard Campbell, Ray Chung (Vice-President), Nicola McFaull (President) and Tania Thomas.

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Annual Meeting, 11 April 2018 at 7:30pm, Khandallah Town Hall

It might seem a bit soon, but we are holding our first annual meeting in accordance with our Constitution, four months after the end of our financial year. We thought this would be a good reason to get our members together and hear what they have to say, invite new people to join us and we promise there will be an interesting speaker invited too! We look forward to seeing you there!

***ORCA meets the
2nd Wednesday of each
month at 7:30pm
Khandallah
Town Hall.***

Meet our Committee

What a great start to the Association with 14 people on our committee. They are: *Nicola McFaull (President), Ray Chung (Vice-President), Lance Pratley (Secretary), Beverley Holder, (Treasurer), Richard Campbell, Martin Jenkins, Lachman Prasad, Wilma Sherwin, Shirley Morrison, Annie Van Herck, Laurie Marks, Ron Gall, Steven Banks and Tania Thomas.*

We meet at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Khandallah Town Hall. We have already had three committee meetings and at our last meeting Councillor Diane Calvert attended and listened to our local issues. All members are welcome to attend our committee meetings.

Sub-Committees

Committee members have organised themselves in areas of interest. If any residents or members have an issue that falls under these portfolios – please don't hesitate to contact the convenor.

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Housing and Development Issues

Two new developments at 56 and 67 Kanpur Road, Broadmeadows are causing unease amongst residents resulting in ORCA letting council know its concerns. Although

Broadmeadows is not zoned for medium density housing, the Council has issued resource consents without notifying residents to allow a total of seven dwellings to be built on these two sites.

Housing, Infrastructure and Planning Sub-Committee

Convenor, Lachman Prasad said that these developments change the whole character of Broadmeadows. "We are really concerned that this is MDH housing by stealth. We have analysed these new developments and are really surprised that Council has let through so many breaches. We are looking forward to hearing their explanations although as yet we have not heard from them."

Other concerns relate to transport and parking issues with only seven onsite parks allocated in total for both dwellings which could have a minimum of 18



***Let us know if you have
an issue in your area that
you are concerned about
by emailing us at
onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com.***

Concerned about the local transport issues?

ORCA has been told that a number of our residents are concerned about the transport decisions that are being made and the affect it will have on residents.

If you have concerns about the bus timetable and route changes, we advise you to contact your local Councillors as soon as possible.

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people living there, with each dwelling having three bedrooms respectively. Lachman said he was not against development as long as it fitted in with the character of the community and did not have adverse impacts on the neighbourhood.

Transport and Road Safety Issues

Submissions on new bus stops at Kanpur Road and BoxHill/Station Roads closed 23

February.

However, submissions to a proposal to improve visibility by way of a no-parking zone between numbers 72-78 Jubilee Road, Khandallah will open on 27

February and close on 9 March.(TR42-18). It will involve the loss of two parking spaces.



There will be significant changes to the bus services in Khandallah and Broadmeadows in the middle of the year. Metlink is launching a new bus network in July 2018. A new bus route 24 will provide an all-day service to Broadmeadows seven days a week. The service will operate both in a clockwise and counter-clockwise loop through the Broadmeadows area and this is requiring new stops for the counter-clockwise loop. This includes a stop at 88 Kanpur Road.

However, Khandallah loses out with a less frequent service in the evenings down to once per hour. Changes to the bus routes for Khandallah will mean that anyone wanting to bus east of Willis Street (e.g. Courteney Place) will need to change buses at the Grand Arcade. Those at the Homebush Road Cashmere end of the suburb will now have a bus service that starts in Maupuia.

Wilma Sherwin, Convenor of the Transport Sub-Committee said ORCA has been being studying these changes and will endeavour to keep our members and residents informed of WCC and GWRC proposals relating to transport, traffic and parking in their neighbourhood so residents can participate in the consultation process.

Find out more about the public transport changes in Broadmeadows and Khandallah at <https://www.metlink.org.nz/on-our-way/wellington-city/2018-wellington-bus-network-by-suburb>

New Walkway at the end of John Sims Drive

ORCA welcomes a new pathway which has been constructed by the Council at the Broadmeadows end of John Sims Drive and which connects up to John Sims Drive in Johnsonville. Annie van Herck, ORCA Environment and Parks Sub-Committee convenor said that she is delighted the Council has built the walkway as it provides a much needed short-cut. “It means children can walk to Johnsonville West School much easier,” said Annie.

ORCA has written to the Council thanking them for taking the initiative to build the track. “We have suggested a few enhancements to make the walkway safer, such as lighting installed and steps built to mitigate the steep slopes at each end. Plus signage so the residents know it is there.”

Keeping a Watch over Kiwi Point Quarry

Wellington City Council, who owns the Kiwi Point quarry beside Ngauranga Gorge, wants to extend the quarry’s operation so that it digs into the Southern Hill, making it an unwelcome eyesore for travellers on State Highway One as they enter Wellington.



Proposed Quarry Extension photo courtesy of Stuff

The Council has voted to formally notify a District Plan change to re-zone part of the quarry for the maximum development of the south face and they have given the Public three weeks to have their say.

ORCA understands there are a number of health and safety, environmental and business concerns regarding the new development. We were bemused to find that some residents’ homes that overlook the proposed southern excavation would be less than 70 metres from the operation and at the Council meeting they were hardly mentioned at all. One only has to visit the quarry to experience the noise and dust that arises as the machines carve into the hill and if Council has their way this would go on for the next twenty years.

We want to make sure affected residents have their say, as well as Wellingtonians who are not so sure they want to see Wellington’s gateway a big gaping eyesore.

We understand the Quarry is an important source of rock for Wellington and that the Council stands to make \$65.3 million over 20 years if it extends the life of the quarry and this goes to benefit all Wellington. But we are not convinced there is no other option to obtain rock for building in the Wellington area and we would like to see evidence of the proper due diligence before the Council makes their decision.

The Council's next step is to notify the public of the District Plan change, including mailing surrounding people directly. There will be two rounds of submissions, with a right to be heard at a Council meeting to support a submission. This carries the right of appeal through the Environment Court.

In terms of timing, we understand the Council will notify the plan change sometime in March with the Public given 20 working days to make a submission. Hearings would likely take place in late July/early August.

Make your voice heard – submissions open at the Council now

Periodically the Council asks for submissions from the public on specific issues. A submission is a statement which explains your opinion to the Council. They are usually written statements but may also be delivered by speaking to the Council or an appropriate committee in person.

The three main areas the Council asks for input from the Public are general Council decisions (including policies, strategies, bylaws and Council Plans), Notified District Plan Changes and Notified Resource consents.

We at ORCA intend to make submissions to the Council on areas of interest for our members and neighbourhoods. We have recently submitted a letter to the Council regarding the developments at 56 and 67 Kanpur Road, Broadmeadows. The letter sets out our analysis of the development and what we see are the areas that contravened District Plan rules.

Other submissions currently out there are:

- [Feedback opens on revised plan for Oriental Parade](#)
- [New 'no stopping lines' on parts of Jubilee Road, Khandallah and Quetta Street, Ngaio](#)
- [Draft Te Reo \(Maori Language\) policy for Wellington](#)
- And keep an eye out for the District Plan change to rezone the Kiwi Point Quarry



Neighbours Day: 24 – 25 March

Khandallah and Broadmeadows residents have always been good participants in the Neighbours Day celebrations. This year it is being held on 24-25 March and people are getting out of their silos and meeting their neighbours. No matter where you live, you can host a Neighbours Day Aotearoa event and connect with your community

Join ORCA

Become an active member of your community. Annual membership is only \$10. It means you can vote at the AGM, plus you get will get up to date information about your community throughout the year, as well as an opportunity to have your voice heard.

Join the Onslow Residents' Community Association today by emailing us for a membership form at onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com or call our President, Nicola McFaull on 0274 511 366.

Have a look at the Neighbours Day website to get ideas and even host your own Neighbours Day Aotearoa!

[Click here to find out more about Neighbours Day.](#)

Regenerating the Port Sustainably

You may have noticed the large scale regeneration happening around CentrePort lately. The Company wanted to find a smarter and more environmentally friendly way to better utilise the concrete they had left over from demolition. They were able to achieve this by establishing a concrete re-use/waste minimisation programme at Kaiwharawhara Point.

Clean-fill concrete recovered from demolition projects such as TCW1, Shed 37 or Stats NZ building, is transported to the Kaiwharawhara Point reclamation where CentrePort has a resource consent to store it and turn it into gravel.

To do this they use a concrete crushing machine which turns the large pieces collected on Port into gravel. At full capacity, the machine is accommodating close to 100 truckloads a day of material, and crushes 50-60 tonnes of concrete an hour.



Once this is done they bring the gravel back on to port, where it is then reused on a number of regeneration projects around the port. This programme is helping to significantly minimise the amount of waste being created by these large demolition projects, while also saving CentrePort money.

So far they have processed around 3,000 tonnes of concrete at Kaiwharawhara Point, with that number expected to rise as new regeneration projects start over the coming months and years as they continue to build a 21st century Port.

Sustainability is a growing issue around the world and CentrePort has put a significant amount of time and investment into finding more environmentally sustainable ways of operating. The concrete re-use/waste minimisation programme at Kaiwharawhara Point is a great example of this.