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Ngaio enjoys the increasing numbers of native birds in our suburb, especially tuis, wood pigeons and morepork - we look forward to seeing the return of the kaka.

AGM

16th October 2012

7.30pm

NGAIO UNION CHURCH

on corner of Crofton and Kenya St

ON THE AGENDA

Proposed name change to:
Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association (All members can vote. Membership fee is \$10.00 - you can join on the night).

- Supper afterwards. All welcome.
- Speaker - Matt Robertson, Park Ranger
The greening of Ngaio

More details on our website

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NGAIO 2012

BI-ANNUAL JUNK DRIVE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH NGAIO SCOUTS

Saturday, 22 September 2012

INORGANIC JUNK TO BE ON ROADSIDE BY 8.00AM

FOR RIGHT OF WAYS LEAVE AT ROAD TOP OR BOTTOM

JUST \$10.00 - SEE VOUCHER

PLEASE NO WHITEWARE | SOFAS | CAR BATTERIES

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POP-UP SHOP BY SIMLA RAILWAY STATION

FOR 'GOOD' JUNK - FROM 9.00AM TO 12.30PM

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NGAIO PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012

It is my pleasure to present my second Annual Report of Ngaio Progressive Association (NPA).

Your residents association meets the first Wednesday of the month in the side room of the Ngaio Town Hall at 7.45pm and next year we look forward to celebrating 30

years of working for the betterment of Ngaio and Crofton Downs communities. This newsletter is our annual communication to you - so read on to discover what we have been doing! (Thank you to Wellington City Council for financial assistance in publishing this report, and our Committee and Ngaio Scouts for delivering it to your letter box).

We have three strategic goals: communicating effectively with residents; advocating for residents with local and regional councils; and enhancing our environment. Each year we set targets for these goals, and we have achieved and not achieved these for 2012 as follows:

Communicating

At the AGM last year we were unsuccessful in our bid to change our name so this year we want to try again. We feel the Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association is a name that is more straightforward. We have always encompassed the geographical locale of Ngaio and Crofton Downs, but we want to formally acknowledge this in our name. Last year we didn't have the two thirds majority constitutionally required to achieve the change. Come along to our AGM, become a paid up member (\$10), and have your say! (Only paid-up members are able to vote although all are welcome to attend).

Interaction with residents continues. We hosted a very lively and well attended "Meet the (Ohariu) Electoral Candidates" evening last November. I am indebted to local resident Johnny Bell for being Master of Ceremonies. We made the national television news and had press coverage in the 'Dominion Post' which was very edifying!

At meetings we have discussed issues brought to our notice by concerned residents: the placement of rubbish bins, dealing with dog poo, especially those little blue bags that the dogs are so good at using; cats, feral and otherwise; train noise (unresolved at the time of writing), and boy racers.

Our website www.ngaio.org.nz has notes from our meetings, NPA news stories, and lots more about Ngaio.

Advocating

In 2012 we made submissions on the WCC Draft Long Term Plan, GWRC Public Transport Reform proposal and Parking at Ngaio Town Hall. We also attended the Community Preparedness Guidelines meeting, the Bus Review feedback meeting (only us and the Highbury Res Assn!) and some Trelissick Park Group and Project Kaiwharawhara meetings.

We didn't do our biannual street audit this year. Instead we encourage residents who encounter a footpath / lighting / foliage issue to contact WCC directly - ph 04 499 4444.

We are pleased to report that Councillors John Morrison and Andy Foster have been in attendance at NPA meetings especially at the feisty one related to the Long Term Annual Plan. These conversations are useful for us to see the thinking behind Council decisions and for us to express our concern over ongoing issues. The condition of the turf at Cummings Park, the Honour Roll, safeguarding the future development of a proposed walking track from Cockayne Road to Odell's Reserve, and Council's spending priorities are all matters that we have drawn to the attention of John and Andy. We have also welcomed to meetings Wellington Park Ranger Matt Robertson and the local constabulary as well as members of the Greater Wellington Regional Council and Councillors Daran Ponder and Paul Bruce.

Enhancing our environment

Our mediation in the Environment Court over the Kilmarston development has nearly drawn to a close. After 5 years of process, documents have been signed by nearly all the parties and lodged with the Court. For those that don't know, this is a proposed housing development off Huntleigh Park Way. NPA

was concerned to formalise public access to the skyline and safeguard the Crow's Nest, a local landmark. To this end we have been successful – if the subdivision proceeds, Wellington City Council will purchase the Crow's Nest.

Our website contains a link to photos of a recent working bee in Silverstream Road where established plants were released and further planting went on. There is a particularly apt photo of committee member Trevor Lloyd, working with his back to the camera, amidst a sea of beautiful native planting. This is pertinent because NPA successfully nominated Trevor for a North Wellington Volunteer Service Award. Trevor has been a Committee member for over twenty years and much of the planting and some of the walkways in Ngaio and Crofton Downs, which you have probably attributed to WCC, are a direct result of Trevor's vision, persistence and sheer hard work. Trevor, the Committee salutes you!

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the NPA Committee for their commitment and dogged enthusiasm. We do need more committee members – it lightens the load for everyone! Come along to our monthly Committee meetings and become part of things!

Ngaio Progressive Association Committee

Trevor Lloyd, Darien Mahony, Frank McGuire, Deborah Olson, Louise Rees, Ritchie Wards, Robin White, Fiona King & Julia Williams

Viv Chapple
President

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