



ORCA News and Views

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Welcome to the fourth newsletter of the Onslow Residents' Community Association (ORCA) working to improve the neighbourhoods of Khandallah, Broadmeadows and Kaiwharawhara.

Notice of Annual Meeting

26 March 2019

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Khandallah Town Hall

Come hear what we have been up to in the last year and what our plans are for 2019.



Our guest speaker for the evening is Greg Campbell, Chief Executive of the Greater Wellington Regional Council. He will talk to us about the work of the GWRC and his vision for Wellington.

There will also be the usual election of the committee and if you would like a nomination form email us at onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com or download it at on www.onslowcommunity.org.nz

Message from the President

After a great end to 2018, the Onslow Residents' Community Association is all set to make a real difference to our community in 2019.

Last year we developed a strategic plan and came up with four areas where we want to make a difference. These are:

- Helping our community to be resilient and prepared for emergencies
- Becoming more environmentally sustainable
- Making our area safer
- Connecting our community.

Members of ORCA have each taken one of these goals and are developing project plans to achieve them. We will be actively seeking help and volunteers from our membership and the wider community. If you would like to be part of any of these projects, let us know at onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com.

It's Annual Meeting time again and our AGM will be held on Tuesday, 26 March at 7:00pm in the town hall. The meeting notice and agenda will be sent out this week. This year our guest speaker will be the Chief Executive of the Greater Wellington Regional Council, Greg Campbell. He will be talking about the GWRC vision for the Wellington region amongst other things. We look forward to hearing his views.

Finally, our membership secretary has been working hard getting membership renewals and welcoming new members. We have 60 new members on top of our current membership of 80. It's great to see ORCA growing. Membership subs for 2019 remain at \$10 a year. We look forward to welcoming you all back this year.

Nicola McFaull, President, Onslow Residents' Community Association

Celebrating 100 Years of Khandallah Park

What a wonderful day it was celebrating the 100 year anniversary of Khandallah Park on Saturday, 23 February 2019. Spear headed by the Khandallah Arts Theatre (KAT) group, the community came together to celebrate the park with a picnic, fashion show, kids games and the Wellington City Council opening the pool for free. There were lots of local community groups pitching in including ORCA, Revitalise Khandallah Pool & Park, Rotary Kau Kau, Khandallah Community Gardens, Onslow Historical Society, Ngaio Scouting, Wellington Water and Khandallah Presbyterian Church. The day was topped off by the opening season of KAT's play *The Ugly Duckling*.

ORCA was very happy to be part of this really cool community event. Annie, Shirley, Wilma, Tania and Nicola made nearly 180 cupcakes and we were happy to see them all sold! Congratulations to lolly jar winner, Sophia Wheddon who guessed the correct number of lollies in the jar. Proceeds are to go to the Khandallah Park and Pool Revitalisation Project. We look forward to next year's picnic too!

Fun times at Khandallah Park 23 February 2019



Shirley Morrison, Annie van Herck and Nicola McFaul



Wilma Sherwin with some of the 180 cupcakes



Lolly jar winner Sophia, Wheddon, her mum Gabrielle and friend Lauren Higgins. Councillor Calvert enjoying an ORCA cupcake.



ORCA Christmas Party 2018

Along with the festive season, we were happy to celebrate one year of ORCA on Friday, 7 December 2018 at what will be our annual Christmas party.



Councillor Diane Calvert with ORCA President, Nicola McFaul



ORCA Vice President, Ray Chung, Andy Foster and John Dawson



Nicola McFaul, President revealing our new flag



Briony Ellis, Annie Gardiner and Lynne Cadenhead



Jeff Orr, Shirley Morrison and Annie Van Herck



Paul Anderson and Councillor Andy Foster



Nicola McFaul and Martin Jenkins



Tania Thompson and Lance Pratley



Evelyn and John Dawson and family and Nicola McFaul



Richard, Campbell, Ron Gall and Lachman Prasad

Street lights, are they alright on your street?

Street lights are an important safety feature of any community. Over the last year, the amber lights have been replaced with LED which has changed the ambience of the lighting in our area. Council advises that if you find the lights in your street are too dark or too bright, or not working, contact the council at Fix It and let them know about your issue. You can download the fix it app for your phone or tablet or go to the WCC website at

<https://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/dealing-with-the-council/contactus-fixit>

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Join our Community Projects

If you are interested in projects that ORCA is planning, why don't you join a project committee? The projects are:

- Environment
- Emergency preparedness
- Safety
- Connecting the community

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All Welcome!

At the Khandallah Village Fair

Thanks to Rotary Kaukau for organising the Khandallah Village Fair on Sunday 9 December 2018. ORCA had a table at the Fair and we signed up 42 new members.



Dianne Small won the Christmas Hamper



List MP, Brett Hudson drew the lucky ticket



ORCA Team at the Fair

Liquor licence application for the Village – have your say by 27 March 2019

We were very sad to see the Video Times store, which was located next door to the Post Office close in the village. We note that a liquor store, Bottle - O has applied for an off-licence to replace it. It would be open all week – 9am to 9pm.

There is a consultation process currently underway for interested people to make a submission on this application. To lodge an objection you have to have a greater interest than the general public. With four licensed premises, two off-licences and a supermarket selling alcohol, our area is already well-served.

The key issue is whether the amenity and good order of the locality would be affected to more than a minor extent. We are aware of the concerns a number of local families have raised regarding the bottle store being in a very family oriented village.

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We encourage all residents to think about whether they would want a liquor store in the village. You have an opportunity to have your say by 27 March, 2019.

Find out more at <https://wellington.govt.nz/services/consents-and-licences/alcohol-licensing/have-your-say-on-licence-applications>

Traffic and parking resolutions from Council

These are live now:

- Council propose to install 13 metres of broken yellow lines opposite 9 Maldive Street to facilitate improved access and egress.
- Council also proposes to install a limited Parking (P60 from 10am - 5pm each day) to the two on-road parking spaces closest to the entrance of the Cashmere park Do Exercise Area.

If you would like to provide feedback on these two proposals that affect our area you can do so by **15 March 2019** at <https://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/consultations/open/traffic-resolutions---february-2019>

Wellington's outer green belt under scrutiny

Do you want toilets on top of Mount KauKau? How about four wheel drives allowed up there? Are you supportive of a new track that connects Crofton Downs with Khandallah Park? All these ideas form part of the draft plan for Wellington's Outer Green Belt reserves. The draft management plan describes how the Outer Green Belt provides ecosystem services to the city (such as providing fresh water, holding carbon and protecting soils and vegetation). It also plays a role as a recreation space that is easy to access and where people can participate in a range of activities such as walking, running, biking or participating in environmental care activities. This allows people to meet others in their community, lead active lives and foster a connection to the natural environment, even though they live in a city. The plan includes ideas about how the reserves can support city resilience and help create resilient communities.

Have your say on what you think should happen to the Outer Green Belt at <https://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-inputs/consultations/open/outer-green-belt-management-plan-review>

Onslow Road pedestrian safety

ORCA is very supportive of member Dominic Lane who is spearheading a motion to install a pedestrian footpath on Onslow Road. He has been running his campaign for six months and has received support from the community and from Councillor Diane Calvert, who is on board with supporting this initiative. What Dominic wants is a footpath that allows residents to walk in safety to the Hutt Road, and to reach Khandallah village. While he notes that progress is slow, community support is strong. While there is varying opinions as to the demand for a footpath, the Council's assessment says the "the road has an unacceptable level of service for pedestrians and it not

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suitable for walking". Dominic says, "this is exactly why we want a footpath. It should be suitable for walking."

Dominic and his group will continue with Councillor Calvert and the Council to push for a more substantial consideration of the options. If you wish to contact him you can email us at onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com and we will pass on your message. Alternatively you can find him on Neighbourly as Dom Lane from Khandallah.

Khandallah Community Garden

Located on the Corner of Mandalay Terrace and Onslow Road

KCG is a community orchard and vegetable garden run by a group of volunteers and is there for anyone to visit, pick herbs, fruit and veggies when ready to pick and to do a bit of weeding and watering.

They would love some help at their next working bee on **Sunday 24th March 2-4 pm** at the Community Garden so come on down, bring a trowel, gloves and sunscreen, give us a hand and join us in some afternoon tea. They will hopefully have some garlic bulbs to give out to anyone attending plus the apples and pears may just be about ready for picking.

Current work on Box Hill and Burma Road

Wellington Water, on behalf of Wellington City Council, is currently replacing an aging one kilometre section of water main on Box Hill and Burma Road.

Strengthening the network here will reduce the likelihood of outages and better protect the supply of water to local residents and businesses in the event of an earthquake.

During the works, the road needs to be reduced to one lane in parts. When travelling through the area, whether on foot, by bike or in your car, please be mindful of the constrained traffic environment and for your own safety, follow the signs and watch out for others.

For more information on the project, visit

<https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/work-in-your-area/box-hill-and-burma-road-watermain-renewal/>

What do you think about the WCC Annual Plan?

The Wellington City Council has released its 2019-20 draft Annual Plan, which outlines continued spending on resilience and the environment, housing, transport, sustainable growth and arts and culture. The draft plan is available [on the Council website](#).

Justin Lester said it includes spending on some crucial projects that will ensure we remain one of the world's most liveable cities despite our continued growth.

The Mayor says the 10-Year Plan received strong backing for its spending priorities: resilience and the environment, housing, transport, sustainable growth and arts and culture.

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He says they are proposing a rate increase of 3.9 percent in 2019-20 to account for Council investments. This includes construction of the Convention and Exhibition Centre opposite Te Papa and the strengthening work on the Town Hall and St James Theatre.

Consultation on the Annual Plan will be from 1 -29 April with the link on the Council's website where you can provide feedback at <https://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations>

Join ORCA Today



If you haven't already – why don't you join ORCA? Subscription is \$10 annually. Membership is open to all residents, businesses and community groups in Khandallah, Broadmeadows and Kaiwharawhara. Email us for a membership application at onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com or download it from our website at <https://onslowcommunity.org.nz/> or call Ron Gall, Membership Secretary on 0274 466 838 or 04 479 3653.

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2nd Wednesday of each
month at 7:30pm
Khandallah
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Meet our Committee

ORCA committee members and officers are: **Nicola McFaull (President), Ray Chung (Vice-President), Lance Pratley (Secretary), Lachman Prasad (Treasurer), Richard Campbell, Martin Jenkins, Wilma Sherwin, Shirley Morrison, Annie Van Herck, Ron Gall and Tania Thomas, Ron Zoest.**

We meet at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the downstairs lounge at the Khandallah Town Hall. 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, Infrastructure & Planning	Lachman Prasad	027 243 2128
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