



# ORCA News and Views

## Issue 6 – April 2020

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### Connecting with your Neighbours

Why don't you set up Neighbourhood Support Group on your street?

This is what we suggest you do:

- Compile a contact list of people on your street
- Identify a person who is willing to be the Street Co-ordinator
- Identify people who are vulnerable
- Keep in touch – start a telephone tree, a facebook page, a zoom neighbourhood meeting.

For templates and tools as to how to do the above go to <https://onslowcommunity.org.nz/>

### Supporting our local businesses

Check out this link to all the Wellington businesses that are delivering local food and drink to your door.

<https://www.wellingtonnz.com/experience/eat-and-drink/local-food-and-drink-delivered-to-your-door/>

*Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020. The Onslow Residents' Community Association (ORCA) works to improve the neighbourhoods of Khandallah, Broadmeadows and Kaiwharawhara.*

### Message from the President

When I first started this newsletter back in February, I was going to talk about the great community spirit the people of Khandallah, Broadmeadows and Kaiwharawhara have. Since then the COVID-19 virus has entered our community and life has changed for us all. It will be in the times ahead that we will need to come together as a community and support those whose health and livelihoods have been affected by the COVID-19 Response. This will show our true community spirit.

We are encouraging people to set up neighbourhood support groups with the people on their street. Visit [www.onslowcommunity.org.nz](http://www.onslowcommunity.org.nz) to access ideas and tools as to how you can come together. And for information about COVID-19 go to [www.covid-19.govt.nz](http://www.covid-19.govt.nz).

Our AGM, which was to have been held on 21 April 2020 will now be postponed until the Government advises it is safe to gather. We will provide you with more information as soon as we can. We hope Andy Foster will still be able to come and talk to us at this meeting.

This year a few of our committee are moving on and we are looking for new members. If you would like to join the committee, call me on 0274 511 366 or by email at [onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com).

I would especially like to welcome all new members. It is great seeing ORCA growing. And for our current members – the annual membership subscription is now due. You should have received your membership letter a few weeks back. Membership subs for 2020 remain at \$10 a year. We look forward to welcoming you all back this year.

**Nicola McFaull. President, ORCA**



- All health care workers
- Khandallah, Ngaio and Onslow Medical Centres
- Mike Walsh and the New World staff
- Craig Hercus and the Khandallah Village Pharmacy Staff
- The Khandallah Diary
- Metlink bus and train drivers and guards
- And all other essential workers who enable our community to keep functioning.

**Thanks to all the front line workers who are keeping us safe, fed and healthy during COVID-19 lockdown.**

# Khandallah Park Annual Summer Picnic

Following on from the successful centennial of Khandallah Park last year, the Onslow Community Residents' Association along with other community groups created a new tradition for our community with the Annual Summer Picnic in Khandallah Park.

The picnic this year was held on Saturday, 22 February from 11 – 1:30pm coinciding with the opening of KAT's play "Pirate Jean the Mean Queen" at 1:30pm. The theme of the day was of course PIRATES with a fancy dress parade, a treasure hunt, (fake) pirate tattoos and a Pirate Photo Board for would be young pirates to have their photo taken.

There was free entry to Khandallah Pool, food stalls, old fashioned races and games and live lunchtime entertainment provided by the Onslow College Music Department. The wall of doom, catch a duck in the pond, bubble blowing and splat the rat games proved popular too.

Read more about the event at <https://onslowcommunity.org.nz/khandallah-park-annual-community-picnic/>



## Responding to our community in the time of COVID-19



Congratulations Khandallah, Broadmeadows and Kaiwharawhara for your tremendous effort at staying at home and breaking the chain of transmission of the corona virus. We are now in Level 3 and we must keep being vigilant to protect us all, especially the older and vulnerable ones in our community.

This time of isolation can be stressful for people, especially those that live alone or are vulnerable. Kindness is an incredibly powerful way to show you are united against COVID-19. Now is the time to think about not just looking after yourself but checking on your neighbours through email or phone.

You can make a huge difference by:

- Checking in on older relatives, neighbours, those who live alone and vulnerable people, over the phone, to make sure they have everything they need. Remember the government suggests people over 70 stay away from supermarkets as much as possible.
- Talking to friends, whānau and neighbours over the phone to see how they are and if they need support.
- Dropping essential supplies, like food or medications, to those at home. You can leave them outside the gate. If you are helping run errands or deliver shopping, don't forget to disinfect hard or plastic objects first so you and the person you are helping stay safe.
- If you are driving please look out for pedestrians, keep your speed down. Pedestrians be watchful as the traffic levels grow again.
- More information can be found at <https://covid19.govt.nz/>
- For Wellington based information <https://wellington.govt.nz/about-wellington/emergency-management/civil-emergency-news-and-information/covid-19>

These kinds of connections and offers of help will go a long way to getting others through COVID-19.

**If you need help please contact ORCA members and we will do what we can to help you.**

You can email us at [onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com) or call us on:

- Nicola McFaul: 0274 511 366
- Ray Chung: 021 338 811
- Lawrence Collingbourne: 021 750 633

If we pull together we will get through this challenging time. All the best and please stay safe.

## ORCA Annual Meeting – time to be advised

The pandemic has put paid to our Annual Meeting which was to be held on Tuesday 21 April 2020 with Mayor Andy Foster as guest speaker. We will send our financial statements and annual report to all our members in the next few weeks.

Elections for new officers and new committee members will be postponed until we can hold the meeting which we hope will be before the end of June 2020. For those of you who can't make the meeting, we will accept proxy votes. More on this soon. We are also considering making some constitutional adjustments and these will be voted on at the AGM as well.

*[onslowcommunity.org.nz](https://onslowcommunity.org.nz/) / [facebook](#) @onslowresidents / April 2020*

# Thank you for your service



**We give a fond farewell to the following people who are resigning from the committee this year. Thank you for the tremendous work you have done for the community and ORCA over the last 2 and a half years.**

**Wilma Sherwin, Ron Gall, Ron Zoest, Tania Thomson and Richard Campbell.**

## Join the new 2020 Committee – we need you!

We are looking for new members to join the ORCA Committee. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at the Khandallah Town Hall. This is a great way to meet new people and get involved in your community. We have a number of sub-committees which you can join depending on your interest. If you are interested in becoming part of the committee and getting involved with making our area a better place to live, email [onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com) or call Nicola McFaul on 0274 511366 or Lance Pratley on 04 479 6949.

## Membership Subs Are Now Due



Our annual membership fee for 2020 is still \$10 and we ask that you pop that amount into our ASB bank account which is 12-3223-0204207-00 before the AGM which will be held by the end of June (we hope). Can you make sure you write your full name in the reference particulars. This will keep your membership up for the period of 1 January to 31 December 2020 and it means you will be eligible to vote and stand for office at the 2020 Annual meeting. If you no longer want to support ORCA and be part of this community group, you need to notify the Secretary in writing at [onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com](mailto:onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com).

For those who have already paid, we welcome you back to ORCA. Thank you for supporting this community initiative that helps make our area a better place to live. We look forward to seeing you at our events throughout the year

## ORCA Christmas Party 2019

Along with the festive season, we were happy to celebrate our second year anniversary on Friday, 6 December 2019 at our annual Christmas party.



## Resilience Planning - now more important than ever

**FREE EVENT**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO**

**KHANDALLAH TOWN HALL**

**22 September 2 – 5pm**

**NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS**  
Kaitiaki Wharui o Te Upoko o te Kaitiaki

**Wellington Water**

**Urban Search and Rescue**

**WELLINGTON REGION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**Your Earthquake Planning Guide**

Pick this up get prepared

**survive-it**

prepare now survive later

**NEW ZEALAND POLICE**  
Ngā Pōhēhē me te Kaitiaki

**PROGRAMME**

- 2:00 WREMO
- 2:45 Emergency Radio
- 2:50 Wellington Water
- 3:00 Red Cross
- AFTERNOON TEA
- 3:40 Urban Search & Rescue
- 3:55 Community Connections
- 4:20 Survive-it
- 4:35 Composting Toilets
- 4:45 NZ Police

Last year on 22 September 2019, ORCA held an **Emergency Preparedness Expo** as part of our long term strategy to improve the resilience of our community and encourage every house on every street to be prepared for an emergency. Little did we think that emergency would arrive on our doorstep as a pandemic six months later.

We had a full hall of over 90 people and the programme consisted of speakers from the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO), Red Cross,

Wellington Water, Urban Search and Rescue, Emergency Radio, NZ Police and SURVIT. We also learnt how to make a composting toilet (thank you Fiona Calderwood).

This year we will continue with developing our local resilience strategy, working with the Council and others to ensure that we as a community are prepared for whatever emergency comes at us. This will include encouraging each household to have a plan, store plenty of water and a pantry of supplies. And most importantly, making sure neighbours are connected. We will keep you posted on our plans for 2020/2021.



## Living Sustainably Expo a Huge Success

We know that the next few years will be tough as the economy recovers from the pandemic. We ask people to support our local businesses to help them get back up and running. But we also have a bigger fight on our hands long term as the community learns to adapt and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Environmental sustainability is one of the long term goals ORCA has for our community. On 22 October 2019, over 80 people attended an evening at Khandallah Town Hall on how to live more sustainably. The main speaker, Rachel Benefield, of Plastic Free Kapiti, inspired listeners with her description of how her family live without plastic and her message was to Reduce, Recycle, Reuse. We also heard about establishing a community garden and composting from Kato Misa of the Khandallah Community Garden; how to reduce reliance on petrol cars from Sigurd Magnusson from the NZ Electric Car Guide (and he showed us his Tesla). Tony Pearson from the award winning company, Future Energy Ltd talked about solar energy; Madeline Taylor from Khandallah Predator Free exhibited the predators causing the most damage to our native species and the traps to catch them; and scientist, Wendy Popplewell, demonstrated the art of making foodwraps out of beeswax.

For further information on any of the topics covered, you can contact:

- Electric Car Guide (Sigurd Magnusson) [sigurdmagnusson@gmail.com](mailto:sigurdmagnusson@gmail.com)
- Khandallah Community Garden (Kate Misa) [kcgardens9@gmail.com](mailto:kcgardens9@gmail.com)
- Future Energy Ltd (Tony Pearson) [tony@futureenergy.nz](mailto:tony@futureenergy.nz)
- Plastic Free Kapiti (Rachel Benefield) [artfulkidsnz@gmail.com](mailto:artfulkidsnz@gmail.com)
- Predator Free Khandallah (Madeleine Taylor) [madeleine.f.taylor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:madeleine.f.taylor@xtra.co.nz)
- Wendy Popplewell [wendylynnehenry@gmail.com](mailto:wendylynnehenry@gmail.com)

This year our Environmental Sustainability Committee is working on a full programme that includes looking after our local waterways. More to come on that soon.



## ORCA Sponsors Responsible Dog Owner's Course

ORCA organised for thirty keen dog owners to attend the **Responsible Dog Owner Education and Obedience course** on 3 November at Khandallah Town Hall. This is part of our objective to keep people safe.

To encourage and recognise good dog owners, the Council offers a reduced dog registration fee for people who achieve Responsible Dog Owner (RDO) status. Council will provide a reduced dog registration fee if dog owners qualify as a RDO. You can



become an RDO if you have attended and passed an approved course, paid annual dog registration fees on time and your dog has free access to a fully-enclosed containment area on your property (this doesn't have to be a fully-fenced garden or yard).

For more information on dog courses go to

<https://wellington.govt.nz/services/consents-and-licences/dogs/registration/responsible-owner-discount>



## New Garden Club Proves Popular



Hats off to Sue Skeen and Claire Gleeson who launched the Onslow Garden Club on 29 January.

The group has met twice since then and already has over 45 keen gardeners as members. At the first meeting, local historian and gardener, Bee Dawson, entertained the group with an account of successes and failings of the missionary gardeners in Northland. Then at the February meeting the group learnt about propagation from Anne-Marie from the Maryflower Boutique Nursery in Grenada Village. Claire Bibby from the Historic Halfway House garden at Glenside also spoke about this special garden. The group meets on the last Thursday of each month at the Ngaio Union Church at 7pm. For more information or to join the Club contact Clare Gleeson on 021 646 515 or Sue Skeen on 027 682 8764 or email them on [onslowgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:onslowgardenclub@gmail.com).



## Khandallah Community Garden Update

*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.



Since the start of the Level 4 restrictions or Rahui, the Garden and Tarikaka Orchard have been closed by WCC, who also stated that there must be no volunteer activity there. It is impossible to close the gardens though and the group has been pleased to see people walking through it in their bubbles during their daily walks.

Although the garden is looking very overgrown and neglected, at some point soon the group will get back in there and do the hard work of tidying and maintaining the orchard and veggie beds.

Thanks to Murray the neighbour for extending his bubble across the road and mowing the lawns.

Once the Alert Levels allow, working bees will be held on the last Sunday of the each month from 2-4pm. For more information email Jenny Rafferty at [edjen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:edjen@xtra.co.nz)

## Western Suburbs Arts Group News

The Western Suburbs Art Group had a full programme planned for 2020 with demonstrations, films and outdoor painting. At the first meeting of the year, Helen Wilson gave a demonstration painting glass using ink and wash. There was an outdoor sketching session at Ngaio's All Saints Church in Abbot Street in February and in March John McDonnell demonstrated how to paint hills.

Although COVID-19 has disrupted the planned programme, the Western Suburbs Arts Group, the group is still painting from home with the following topics suggested.

- April – painting skies
- May – animals
- June – people in groups
- July – seminar on perspective.



*Painting by Gerda Smits*

The Western Suburbs Art group was established in mid-2019. It normally meets on the 2nd Friday of the month from 12.15 until 2.15 pm in the Khandallah Town Hall upstairs lounge. The meeting ends with coffees at a nearby cafe.

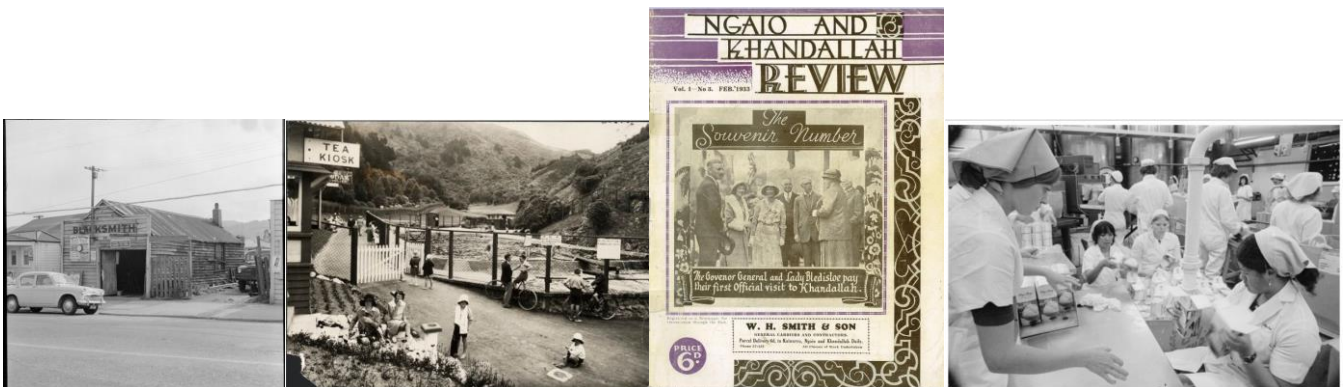
For more information about the group email Christine Wren at [christinew090917@gmail.com](mailto:christinew090917@gmail.com)

## Snippets from the Onslow Historical Society

Did you know that there were Maori Pa at Makara, Ohariu, Ngauranga and Kaiwharawhara? That Cockayne Road is named after New Zealand's greatest botanist and there was a baby farm operating in Newlands in the 1920's?

The history of the northern and western suburbs is rich and diverse. Membership of the Onslow Historical Society offers an opportunity to help to preserve and enjoy this history with regular events newsletters and the Society's magazine "The Onslow Historian".

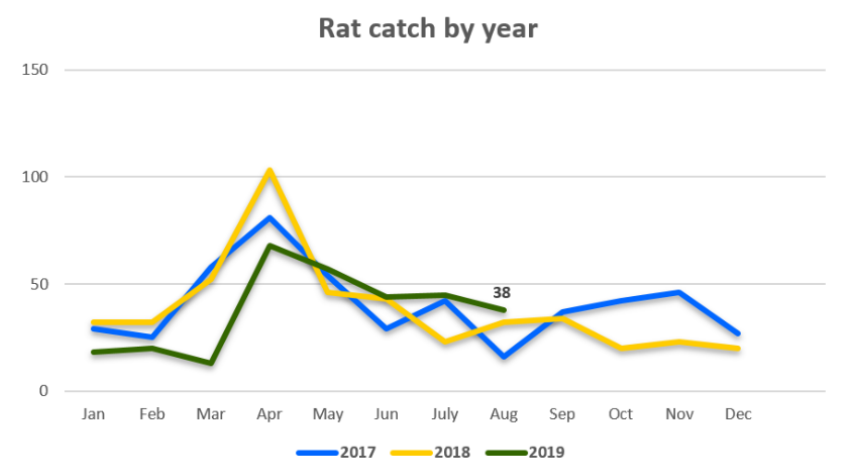
If you are interested in joining please visit <http://onslowhistoricalsociety.appspot.com/> or contact Clare Gleeson 021 646 515 for more information.



## Rats, Traps and Join Khandallah Predator Free

It was good to see Ian Duncan and his team at the Khandallah Park Annual Picnic educating the public on how to keep Khandallah and Broadmeadows free of those introduced pests that are decimating our indigenous wild life. You would be quite surprised how many rats, stoats, weasels and mice lurking in your trees and undergrowth.

Duncan, Madeline and the Khandallah Predator Free group are asking all residents to contract them and buy a trap. You can contact them at [madeleine.f.taylor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:madeleine.f.taylor@xtra.co.nz).



## Keep our streams and waterways clear

Lynn Cadenhead who is on our Environment sub-committee wants to remind people to keep our local waterways clear.

Did you know that anything you put into your storm water drain goes straight in to our local stream network and out into the harbour untreated.

The Tyers Stream catchment spans our whole area and when someone tips paint, cement or other pollution into the stream, the picture below shows what it looks like.

This not only kills our native fish species and eels but it is a health risk too as many of our kids play in the streams.



It is illegal for anything other than rainwater to go into stormwater drains.

We ask that when you dispose of your paint or wash your car, for example, think about what you put down that storm water drain.

Find out how to properly dispose of your household waste and look after our storm water at

<https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/your-water/stormwater/looking-after-your-stormwater/>

## Wellington City Council News

Check out the latest news from the Wellington City Council:  
Week ending 3 May 2020: <https://mailchi.mp/wcc.govt.nz/kia-kaha-be-kind-be-safe-804166?e=38b5405a8a>

Week ending 10 May 2020 <https://mailchi.mp/wcc.govt.nz/kia-kaha-be-kind-be-safe-804210?e=38b5405a8a>

And find out how the council is handling Level 3 [here](#)

### Northern Suburb Roadworks coming up for 2020

Check out main Wellington City Council scheduled roadworks for May 2020. Latest updates on roadworks, road closures and events information can be found on the WCC website at: <https://wellington.govt.nz/services/parking-and-roads/road-works/road-works-and-road-closures>.

### Changes to Central City Parking

Wellington City Council is currently consulting on the changes to parking in the city. We encourage you to have your say and read the [proposed parking policy document](#) and let them know what you think. You can either fill in a form or email them at [policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz).

### Rates rise of 5.07% looming. Make a submission on the 2020/2021 Annual Plan

Wellington City Council is seeking community feedback on the proposed 2020/2021 Annual Plan. The plan includes increased funding for the water network, and projects such as the new central city library network and planning for Let's Get Wellington Moving.

Councils is recommending a 5.07% percent increase in rates for the next financial year.

We encourage all our residents to read the Annual Plan and send in their feedback. Public consultation will take place between next Friday 8 May and 8 June. While we don't have the link yet – most consultation can be found on <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](mailto:onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com) or download it from our website at <https://onslowcommunity.org.nz/> or call Lance Pratley on 04 479 6949

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Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

## Meet our Committee

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

ORCA current committee members and officers as of April 2020 are: **Nicola McFaull (President), Ray Chung (Vice-President), Lance Pratley (Secretary), Lachman Prasad (Treasurer), Annie van Herck, Martin Jenkins, Shirley Morrison, and Lawrence Collingbourne.**

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 lead. Note members can join the sub-committee even if they are not on the main committee.

Portfolio	Contact	Phone
Housing, Infrastructure & Planning	Lachman Prasad (Lead) Ray Chung, Richard Campbell, Martin Jenkins	027 243 2128
Environment and Parks	Shirley Morrison (Lead) Nicola McFaull David Stephens, Lynn Cadenhead, Annie van Herck, Martin Jenkins.	027 655 2664
Resilience and Emergency Preparedness	Martin Jenkins (Lead), Kate Gard, Fiona Calderwood Shirley Morrison, Nicola McFaull	027 604 7329
Transport and Road Safety	Lance Pratley (Lead), Martin Jenkins, Ray Chung	04 479 6949
Governance and Systems	Lawrence Collingbourne (lead), Nicola McFaull, Lance Pratley, Richard Campbell, Martin Jenkins	021 750 633
Financial Management	Lachman Prasad (Treasurer), Nicola McFaull, Lance Pratley	027 340 1375
Communications	Nicola McFaull	0274 511 366
Secretariat	Lance Pratley (Secretary), Shirley Morrison (minutes)	04 479 6949