



# ORCA News and Views

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

## Message from the President

### Kia ora katou

Welcome to our seventh newsletter. Last year was an example of community action to overcome one of our greatest challenges, Covid-19. I am so grateful that our Prime Minister chose the “eliminate” option! It is taking us longer than we imagined, but I hope by working together we can get back to our new normal this year.

ORCA still managed to complete a good programme last year and this newsletter contains reports from our major events following lockdown. This year we look forward to a fuller programme. It was pleasing to host a large turnout, lots of smiling faces and great weather at our kick-off event, the Khandallah Park Picnic.



In 2021 it is going to be important to define what our new normal looks like. We face big issues to afford the future we want and ensure that we address the threats we face. It is vital that we can all have our say. To that end, this year ORCA will be empowering you with information that addresses transport, spatial planning, council finances and community sustainability.

Our second event is next week. A public meeting on Transport helps you know more about the Regional Council's plans and what Let's Get Wellington moving might achieve, Do come and support this; it is vital that we give both councils a realistic appraisal of our transport, else we may get saddled with changes we don't want.

In the meantime, let's keep safe, be kind and build a better future together.

**Aroha nui**

**Lawrence Collingbourne, President, ORCA**

Transport  
Public  
Meeting

Have your say

March 16<sup>th</sup>  
Khandallah  
Town Hall

## Next Event: Transport Public Meeting

### Transport Public Meeting

March 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm, Khandallah Town Hall  
Come and have your say!



Regional Public Transport Plan  
Regional Land Transport Plan  
Let's Get Wellington Moving



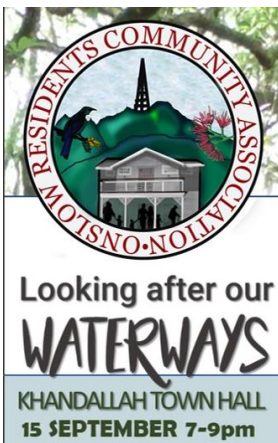
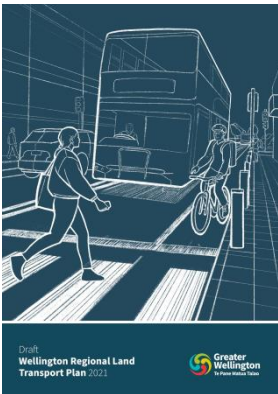
March 16<sup>th</sup>: The Regional Council is consulting on its plans for Land and Public Transport containing \$6.6b of projects. What improvements do you want? Come and have your say and we will support you in our submission.

- Does our railway justify building 6-storeys next door to you?
- Do you want more lanes to the planes?
- What would make you shift from your car to buses or trains?
- What do you want done to make our roads safer?
- How easy is it for you to walk or cycle to work?

Come to our public meeting and learn about the Regional Council plans and the Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) project. Daran Ponter, Chairman of the Regional Council will speak and answer questions, and our City Mayor and ward councillors have also been invited. Bill Guest from Karori will present a resident's view of LGWM.

Submissions are required by March 19<sup>th</sup>:

<https://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/regional-transport-story/widgets/324070/documents>



## Report: Looking after our Waterways

September: It was so good to be able to focus on one of our outstanding natural areas, Tyers Stream. It contains all kinds of unique ecosystems including plants and animals that are found nowhere else in the world. Thanks to representatives of the neighbourhood, Department of Conservation, Greater Wellington Regional Council, and Wellington Water we learned how to keep our freshwater environments healthy to enable our unique taonga, such as fish, insects and birds, to survive in our new normal. Principally that means not putting pollutants into our storm water: no paint at all and be sensitive about where we wash our vehicles.



## Report: Khandallah Village Fair

December: Well done to Rotary Wellington North for organising a great Christmas Fair. There was a myriad of stalls and variety of food to eat. It was good to meet many of you at the event and to sign up new members for ORCA. Congratulations to our winner of the new member's Christmas hamper.

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## Report: Christmas Party

December: It was relaxing to wrap up such an unusual year by holding our Christmas Party. We'd like to thank the Khandallah Trading Company and the ORCA Committee members who contributed to the food and drink. Members get more value than their subscription at every event we run!



## Report: Khandallah Park Picnic

February: What better way to kick off the new year than with fun in the Park? We can't claim any credit for the weather being so good, but our local MP Greg O'Connor believes the sun always shines at our picnic. We had a great turnout and it was so good to see the large audience for KAT's summer play that followed: The Reluctant Dragon.



What would you rate as the most fun? Do get in touch and let us know by emailing us at <mailto:onslowcommunityassn@gmail.com>. Was it the ORCA sausage sizzle, or the Presbyterian pulled-pork buns, or maybe the ORCA cupcakes or the Dominos Pizza slices? More likely that the kids enjoyed the KAT novelty races, or the ORCA & KAT treasure hunt, but my favourite was the Big Bubbles, sponsored by the Khandallah Trading Company? Did you get a predator trap at Khandallah Predator Free's stall?



We'd like to also thank New World Khandallah, Paul & Helen Anderson, Mitre 10, the Independent Herald, Dominos Pizza, Whittakers Chocolates, Ying Min Chu, the Cancer Society and Wellington City Council.



## Update: Wellington City Spatial Plan

February: Wellington City has published its analysis of the feedback received during the consultation on the Draft Spatial Plan, for which we held a public meeting in Cashmere Avenue School and another was held in Khandallah Presbyterian Church.



The split between those in favour of intensification and those who opposed it was reasonably even. Respondents who opposed it feared losing the character of established suburbs. Three waters infrastructure and transport infrastructure were seen to be struggling to cope with existing demand. Come to our next event to have your say on Transport.

The response to this feedback from Council will come later.

For more information see the following web page:

<https://planningforgrowth.wellington.govt.nz/your-views/consultations-and-engagements/draft-spatial-plan-feedback>



## New Event: ORCA Annual Meeting



April 20th: Less than 12 months after our postponed meeting last year, it's time to review 2020 formally in our Annual Meeting and elect the Officers and Committee once again.

Under our Constitution Lance Pratley, Secretary, Lachman Prasad, Treasurer and Ray Chung, Vice President, who have held their positions since ORCA was established in 2017, will now relinquish them. If you have a heart for our community, why not put yourself forward to join us?

We always love to hear from our members, and the Annual Meeting is the best place to get up to date and help set our future direction.

More details later. Save the date: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Khandallah Town Hall

## Help Wanted!

We are always looking out for how we can serve our community of Broadmeadows, Khandallah and Kaiwharawhara more effectively. Do you have any of the following skill that you would like to use to help our community? If so, please get in touch with us at:

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- Graphic designer for publicity
- Web designer for our website
- Architects, developers, planners, QS for District Plan negotiation
- Diverse representation for our focus groups
- Feet on the street to deliver flyers about important events.

Later this year we will be consulting with our members on your future priorities.



*If you haven't already – why don't you join ORCA? Membership is open to all residents, businesses and community groups in Khandallah, Broadmeadows and Kaiwharawhara.  
Go to <https://onslowcommunity.org.nz/join-orca/>*