



STONEFIELDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter – August 2014

As a resident of Stonefields we encourage you to join the Stonefields Residents Association (SRA) mailing list so that we can keep you informed about what's happening in our community.

The Association was formed in 2012 with our objective being to safeguard and promote the interest of Stonefields residents on matters concerning housing, development the community and the surrounding environment as well as to help to improve living conditions, community facilities and services for Stonefields residents living in the area. In order to do this we are committed to representing the views of residents in our area of operation. For more information and to join, please visit our website www.stonefields.org.nz

Upcoming Events

Invitation to Stonefields Residents-Halloween House Decorating Competition

Due to the success of last year's competition, the Resident's Association is pleased to announce the 2014 event.

Judging by the Residents' Association Events Sub-Committee will take place on 31 October 2014.

The prize is a \$100.00 voucher from Farro Fresh Foods in Lunn Avenue and a bottle of French Champagne from the Fine Wine Delivery Company, Lunn Avenue.

To enter your house, e-mail the Residents' Association at community@stonefields.org.nz



Dog Show

Watch this space for information about the Dog Show to be held on the Stonefields School field in conjunction with Animates Pet Store Lunn Avenue in late November 2014-start pampering those pooches!!



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Latest Update on Council and Developer Issues

Orakei Local Board

The members of Orakei Local Board have again been very supportive of a number of the issues that affect our community including those with Auckland Council, WaterCare and Auckland Transport. Most recently, two members of the OLB called a meeting with the CEO of Watercare to discuss the Non-Potable Water Supply situation and notes of that meeting are available on the SRA website. Following that meeting and the confirmation that there would not be a non potable water supply provided in Stonefields, a letter was written to the Office of the honourable Amy Adams the response to which is provided below.

WaterCare and The Non-Potable Water Supply – NZ Herald Articles

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11231140

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11235313

Auckland Transport

Your committee has continued their discussions with Auckland Transport regarding some of the issues that are affecting our community. These include, the installation of further pedestrian walkways over Stonefields Drive, congestion around the school, the lack of on street parking and parking requirements of new developments. We look forward to bring some good news soon.

Stonefields Heritage Trail Concept Plan Update

In the Orākei draft Local Board Plan 2014 the Board states that “we will work with our neighbouring Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board to advocate to the governing body for funding to develop the next stage of the Stonefields heritage trail. The first stage of this project includes a new public walkway along the old Winstone’s quarry haul-out road, connecting Gollan Road and Magma Crescent. Additional funding would allow further protection and enhancement of existing geological, ecological and archaeological features, including the original Stonefields Reserve.



Feeding of the Swans and Angel Wing

We have had reports of a number of our wild fowl, swans included, developing Angel wing which is an incurable anatomical condition resulting in the bird not being able to fly. Angel wing is frequently observed in waterfowl residing near humans, and the disease can often be observed in areas where geese or ducks are excessively fed bread (especially white bread). To prevent angel wing, waterfowl should not be fed white bread, popcorn or other human foodstuffs. Please do your part. Thank you.

Incidents around the Lagoon area.

Dougal Montgomerie from the Community Policing Team, has asked residents to report any incidents, antisocial behaviour in and around the lagoon reserve. There have been reports to the police of such behaviour and this is of concern to both our community and police.

The Police need information on some general times, or days of the week when it happens? They will endeavour to patrol in the Stonefields area and disrupt this behaviour. However, they cannot be everywhere at once and rely on information from the community as to when and where offences are occurring.

Please call 111 in the first instance about any offending in the area and they will attend where possible. Try to note car numbers, descriptions of the offenders, etc. before you call 111. Also, send us an email (community@stonefields.org.nz) detailing what happened, so we can follow-up with the police.

Speeding

A number of residents have contacted the SRA to complain about cars speeding within the community. A member of the SRA has spoken to the Police who have suggested that the Police be called and provided with details including registration numbers. The Police are aware of this occurring and do have patrols in the area.

Please note that the security firm located up by the shops only work for the building company looking after their sites and do not log any details not have any responsibility for the wider community.

Orakei Visitor Strategy

As mentioned in the last two Orakei Local Board Annual Agreements, the Orakei Local Board has been working with the New Zealand Tourism Research Institute at AUT to develop an Orakei Visitor Strategy that aims to balance residents' needs with a growing visitor economy. The strategy seeks to support our local businesses while balancing community quality of life and environmental sustainability. A copy of the draft strategy is attached and we would appreciate any feedback. Further information is available here.

Pending further input, an initial step would be to develop further online content that promotes Orakei. The AUT team have begun compiling material here. As noted in the strategy, this is intended to "define what's special about our place, share stories, and learn more about our neighbourhoods. Use this information to develop themes for new niche experiences based on what locals would love to share with visitors." Please let us know if you have ideas for further content.

Provisional Auckland Unitary Plan

Information can be found here: <http://www.shapeauckland.co.nz/> but following is an update from Desley Simpson, Chair, Orakei Local Board:

Consultation on Auckland's Unitary Plan is underway and Orakei residents and groups have been the most active in the region in making their views heard. Earlier this month, Auckland Council published a summary of the submissions received so far, which is available online here

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/planspoliciesprojects/plansstrategies/unitaryplan/Pages/summaryofdecisionsrequestedreport.aspx>

A large number of Orakei submitters supported the following decisions:

- Retaining the current zoning provisions in parts of Kohimarama and St Heliers
- Creating a special character area for St Heliers village and Tamaki Drive

- Rezoning Kohimarama Tennis Club, Bowling Club and Yacht Club from Informal Recreation to Sport and Active Recreation
- Ensuring Tamaki drive continues to meet the travel needs of residents.

For reference, a summary of the main changes in your suburb from the draft Auckland Unitary Plan (following engagement) is available here:

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/PLANSPOLICIESPROJECTS/PLANSSTRATEGIES/UNITARYPLAN/Pages/mylocalarea.aspx#nOQO>

The next step in developing the Plan is the hearings process, which will begin towards the end of the year.

The Unitary Plan is going to have a big impact on how Auckland develops and we strongly encourage you to continue to participate in this process to make your voice heard. Please don't hesitate to contact me or my board if you have any questions about this process.

Do you know your Rules?

It has been noted that a number of residents have been removing their lawns and replacing it with alternatives such as paving stones, artificial turf etc. There are a number of council rules pertaining to minimum requirements as well as covenants/consent notices on the titles of some of the properties and there are in place for the purpose of ensuring that residents maintain a certain amount of landscaped permeable surface within the sites

Most of the sites within Stonefields are residential 7 but you should look into this to check before you do any work. Check your title as well as the information below. If in doubt ask, as it could be an expensive exercise to put things back the way they were. The contact number for Council is (09) 3010101 if anyone has any queries around what they are allowed to put within their backyards or if they have issues with anyone within the street not complying with these rules then they can call the same number as above.

The definition of landscaped permeable within the District Plan states:

Landscaped Permeable Surface in relation to any site means any part of that site being not less than 5m² which is grassed or planted in trees or shrubs, and is capable of absorbing water.

It does not include any area which:

- falls within the definition of building coverage;
- falls within the definition of paved impermeable surface;
- is used for parking, manoeuvring or loading of motor vehicles.

The definition of paved impermeable surface is:

Paved Impermeable Surface in relation to any site means any part of that site which is impermeable and includes:

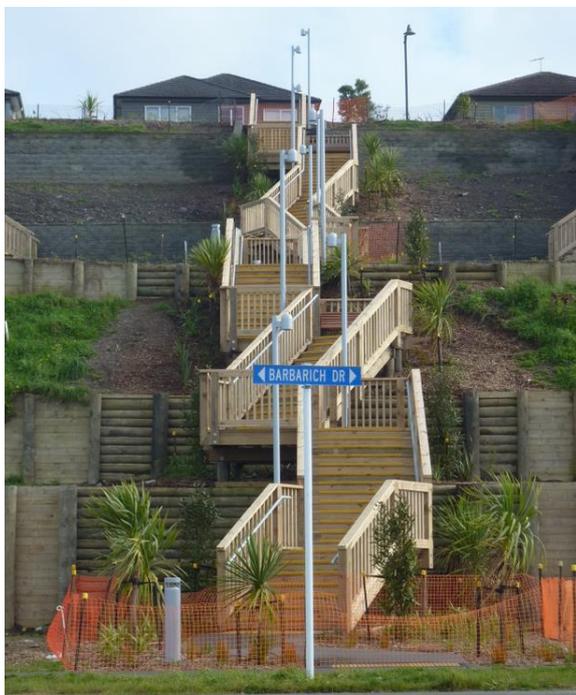
- decks less than 1m in height above the ground immediately below;
- pools which protrude less than 1.0 metre in height above ground level immediately below;
- any area used for parking, manoeuvring, access or loading of motor vehicles;
- any area paved either with a continuous surface or with open jointed slabs, bricks, gobi or similar blocks.

The following shall not be included in paved impermeable surface

- paths of less than 1m in width.

Updates from around the Community

The stairs linking Barbarich Drive and Magma Crescent look to be all but complete. At this stage no notice has been given of when these will be opened up, but looking at the steepness of the stairs we would suggest that you get your training shoes on and start training now.



Playground on Fynes Ave

Work is nearly complete on the children's playground on the corner of Fynes Ave and Papango. Again no date has been published as to when we expect this new facility to be open.



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