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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 restrictions that may apply for the Wellington region in early/mid December, it is with regret that it is necessary for us to cancel both this year's Children's Christmas Party and the Christmas Carols

Functions such as these can only proceed when we are at Level 1, and at this stage, it is possible that Wellington will still be under Alert Level 2 in early December. Arrangements to hold these events need to begin now, but there is no clear indication at this point that they would be permitted to go ahead.

Under Alert Level 2, the requirements for the hall regarding the personal safety of all attendees is mandatory and relate to sanitisation, contact tracing, physical distancing of 1 metre between all persons aged 12 and over, the use of face coverings, and the sharing of food. The maximum number of persons permitted in the hall is limited to 40 standing or 30 seated, to maintain the required physical distancing.

The Children's Christmas Party has 50-70 children and their families attending meaning there are approximately 100-140 people in the hall, on the porch looking in, or in the play area.

Other than last year (when we were also in the same position and had to cancel the Children's Christmas Party), the Grenada Village Community Association has held this most enjoyable event for the previous 37 years.

Last year, we were considering arranging a children's related gathering of some sort during 2021, however the mid-year escalation of COVID and the once again change to the Alert Levels prevented this from taking place. If possible in 2022, we may be in a position to arrange something depending on the COVID circumstances at the time.

THE NEWSLETTER

It is our aim to produce this newsletter three times a year being March/April, July/August, and October/November. If there was sufficient content, we would produce a fourth issue in an intervening period, or if there was a specific issue that the community needed prompt notification of, we would produce a smaller supplementary issue. The 'Village News' is delivered to every home (656) in Grenada Village and an additional 63 copies are sent out to others who have an interest or involvement with the suburb. The newsletter not only lets the community know what is going on in our area, it also advises of situations and matters that the residents would possibly not normally be informed about. At times, the newsletter can provide critical information to the wellbeing of the neighbourhood.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, we were unable to produce our July/August issue.

COMMUNITY HALL UNDER COVID

The Community Hall in Mandeville Crescent remains open under Delta Alert Level 2 and continues to be available for hire, however only under some special mandatory requirements. These Conditions of Hire under COVID (additional to the Standard Conditions of Hire) are provided to the hirer at the time of booking:

To ensure that all attendees at the hall are safe, the following are the hygiene and cleaning protocols of the Wellington City Council for this venue under Delta Alert Level 2. They are mandatory requirements and remain in place until advised that they no longer apply.

Sanitising: Upon arrival, all surfaces, handles, light switches and any other high-touch areas and utilities must be wiped down with sanitiser. Upon departure, these areas must again be cleaned and sanitised. Additionally, this must include any crockery, cutlery and glassware used, and all the kitchen surfaces used including the refrigerator, stove and microwave. Also any table surfaces used, broom and vacuum cleaner handle etc. The GVCA provide the sanitiser and cleaning equipment.

Contact Tracing/Scanning: Scanning the provided QR code or signing in on the provided manual Contact Tracing Register is a mandatory condition of entry applying to all persons entering this community hall.

Hand Sanitiser: Upon both arrival and departure, all attendees should use the hand sanitiser available.

Social/Physical Distancing: Social/physical distancing of 1 metre between all persons must be maintained at all times.

Maximum Persons in Hall: The workable measurement of the venue determines the actual maximum number of persons permitted when maintaining the required 1 metre social distancing. Therefore, for the size of the Grenada Village Community Hall, only a maximum of 40 persons standing, or 30 persons seated are allowed.

Face Masks: The use of face masks by all persons aged over 12 is recommended at all times while in the hall.

Food: As the protocols regarding the provision of food are complex, the supplying of shared food should be avoided.

General: The health, welfare and wellbeing of all attendees are the responsibility of the hirer. It also is the responsibility of the hirer to ensure that all attendees are aware of these additional conditions of hire, and abide by them.

HALL HIRE

The Community Hall is available for hire for various social activities.

Charges levied by the Association are \$12.00 per hour for financial members and \$20.00 per hour for non financial members.

No adult private parties are allowed due to the close proximity of houses, unless agreed under specific arrangements..

For more information contact

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WCC GRANT RECEIVED

We recently received a \$1,000 grant from Wellington City Council for 'operational support'. The Council has funding available each year (maximum \$1,000) for local resident or progressive associations to assist with their operational costs. This grant is to be placed against our general administration running costs which include stationery, printing, postage, photocopying, submissions and other miscellaneous items.

We would like to thank the Wellington City Council for this grant.

Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

PROPOSED CYCLING NETWORK PLAN

The Wellington City Council's massive spend up of \$226 million to create a 147 kilometre network of cycleways in Wellington city over the next ten years is going to include Newlands, Paparangi and Grenada Village. This cost is additional to the huge amount already spent in Island Bay, the Round the Bays route, Old Hutt Road via Kaiwharawhara route, and many others.

With the narrow streets of Newlands Rd, Bracken Rd, Helston Road, Beazley Avenue, Mark Avenue all being bus routes (including double-deckers) along with all the everyday parked vehicles, two shopping areas, and the passing of four schools, two kindergartens (drop-off and pick-up), one church, one mosque (both with no off-street parking), it is hard to believe that this would be possible. Cycle lane width should be between 1.5 and 2.0 metres, on both sides of the road. Kerbside parking will disappear on routes where cycle lanes are deemed a priority. There will be a lot of dismay and concern when it is realised that there will no longer be on-street parking available at any time, for anyone, along the various routes.

The official Bike Network Plan for Wellington, in respect of parking, states:

As the city grows, we want our streets to be more pleasant and inviting rather than for the storage of private vehicles. In narrow streets, and tight spots, there will be less space for on-street parking. People may have to

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2020/2021

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park further away from their homes. But they will have easy access to safe bike and scooting routes and public transport”.

The mind boggles.

Feedback to the Council closes on 14 December 2021.



FACEBOOK PAGE

The Grenada Village Community Association now has a Facebook page. We have been considering this for some time as it will provide another avenue for us to have direct and instant contact with the community when it is required. We would very much like to build this page into a good community interaction group that would be interesting and informative. It is currently a public viewing group with administrators and moderators to oversee the site, but this may need to be changed to a private viewing group at some later time if it is considered necessary. The page, named 'Grenada Village Community Association', is up and running, so we would very much appreciate you 'Liking' it.

The current 'Grenada Village Community' group is not affiliated to the Association, and is privately run.

GVCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Grenada Village Community Association Inc. is to be held at **7.30pm on Wednesday 1 December 2021** in the Community Hall, 4 Mandeville Crescent.

While an invitation is extended to residents to attend this meeting, the COVID related restrictions for the community hall will apply.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The financial year of the Association is 1 October to 30 September each year. A copy of our 2021/2022 membership form is included in this newsletter. A further copy of the form can be downloaded from the Grenada Village website: grenadavillage.org.nz. Alternatively, telephone Dawn on 478 4221 for a copy. All Grenada Village residents are invited to financially assist the Association by contributing the \$10 per household annual subscription that enables us to carry out our various activities on behalf of the Grenada Village community.

Our Internet banking is Westpac Johnsonville – Grenada Village Community Association Inc. **Account No. 031 536 0001444-00**. This is stated on the membership form.

MARK AVENUE ROAD MARKINGS

Near the end of August, the Wellington City Council arranged for white lines to be painted on the road in the Mark Ave 'dip' between Paparangi and Grenada Village.

As we received a number of enquiries about this, we contacted the Council and requested the reasons as to why this was done. We consequently were provided with the following:

'Mark Avenue speeds were investigated in response to concerns that were raised from a local resident. The resident's main concerns were regarding the increasing vehicle speed along the stretch of Mark Avenue between approximately no.65 to no.120. Based on these concerns we have conducted speed and crash investigations to determine the nature of the issue and determine the most appropriate solution in this instance.

According our latest speed count carried out in Feb 2021, we identified 85% of all vehicles travelling along this road were doing so at or below 55 - 56 km/hr. This is above the posted speed limit and therefore warranted action to be taken.

Police crash database from the last 5 years, shows there has been one minor reported crash in this section. The accident occurred when a van turned right into his driveway and was unaware of a cyclist approaching due to it having no lights on resulting in the cyclist colliding with the right-hand driver's door. There have been no speed related crashes in this section of road.

The current traffic calming measures on this section are the Grenada Village Slow Zone signs, electric speed warning sign and 50 km/hr speed limit repeater signs. However, our speed data shows vehicles continue to speed along this section of road. We therefore determined it appropriate to add additional white edge lines as a traffic calming measure, due to the road width currently measuring 9.5metres which is larger than recommended. The white edge lines act as a guide for drivers navigating this section of road alongside reducing the lane width with the road appearing narrower which in turn will aim to reduce the speeds in which vehicles travel along this section. This is supported by Waka Kotahi, "Reducing the available road space for drivers can lower traffic speeds". For more information please see <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/userfiles/transport-data/Traffic%20Calming.pdf>."

BITS & PIECES

The Council provided us with the draft concept plans for the proposed renovation of the community hall for our comments. We have made a number of suggestions and it is now sitting back with the Council's external design team. Unfortunately, delays are being felt across the board due to the current COVID environment and we just have to wait a little longer.

Because the pot-holes in the car park at Seton Nossiter Park had become larger, last month the area was re-surfaced.

The safety matting in the play area is to be repaired where it has loosened and the weeds and moss that was growing through the matting has been sprayed.

At the AGM of the Newlands Volunteer Fire Brigade earlier in the year, the following details were provided covering the previous 12 month period. Membership was 23 firefighters, and call-outs attended were 150. The Brigade is now based in Hurring Place (behind the Newlands Bus Depot) and is co-located with Fire & Emergency New Zealand's ICT Hub.

We would like to say thanks to Malcolm Sparrow who has retired as a Wellington City Councillor for the Northern Ward. Malcolm has always supported our community since becoming a Councillor eight years ago.

WEBSITE

The Grenada Village website is: grenadavillage.org.nz. The site provides information on the amenities and facilities available to residents within the suburb. It also includes copies of past newsletters.

TENNIS COURTS

As in past years the tennis courts in Mandeville Crescent will remain locked to prevent them from being misused, particularly by those from outside the area. Access is provided to financial members of the Grenada Village Community Association by obtaining a key from any of the key-holders listed below.

The key-holders are:

Bruce Patterson	Tel: 478 4221
William Nobelen	Tel: 478 1091
Barry Kooistra	Tel: 477 3472

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