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## **Chair's report to the Members of Thorndon Residents' Association for the year ended 31 March 2018.**

### **Community Response Plan**

This year the Association tried to continue to develop the Community Response Plan in conjunction with Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO). We ran into obstacles as WREMO has changed its approach rendering much of our earlier work incompatible with their changes. This has not made our work obsolete but does mean that reconciling the two represents a huge amount of rework which is a challenge to a volunteer group.

We are concerned also that our Thorndon Community Hub is located at the Thorndon school which is a construction site at present and are unsure how it will operate in the event of an emergency.

WREMO now publishes a quarterly newsletter. You can find this by searching for WREMO+quarterly+newsletter.

### **Queen's Park**

Your committee has followed up the neglect of Queen's Park, raised at the AGM in 2017 through support to the recently established Friends of Queens Park and through representation on that group in its meetings with Councillors and staff of Wellington City Council. There has been some action to establish a programme of work following a visit to the park by Councillors and Council staff, however the long term neglect of the northern end is now patently obvious in the low frequency and priority of mowing.

### **Graffiti**

We continue to support the Wellington City Council's initiatives towards Graffiti removal and commend their initiatives and mobile app for reporting – see

<http://wellington.govt.nz/services/rates-and-property/property/graffiti/report-graffiti>

### **Traffic Report**

Progress on changes to parking zones and the anomalous Thorndon parking restrictions remains frustratingly slow. Our earlier discussions seem to have been subsumed into a wider traffic review. We are grateful to Councillor Young for her help in facilitating meetings with Council staff. Meetings on the proposed changes to Thorndon Quay to accommodate a cycleway have been attended and

we retain a watching brief on this matter. It seems that despite consultation the likely outcome is the plan originally advocated. We are concerned that this will not be a good outcome.

### **Council Long-Term Plan**

We plan to make a submission on this document. If you have any suggestions please contact the committee or consider making a submission yourself.

### **Ongoing communication**

We continue to publish the Thorndon Tribune and deliver a copy to all households in Thorndon. Our website [www.thorndon.org.nz](http://www.thorndon.org.nz) provides additional information and a regularly updated storyboard with photos provides updates on the significant works in the suburb, including Defence and Revera Houses.

### **Finances**

The financial statement in the format approved for small charities is circulated with this report. We received a grant from Wellington City Council (\$1000) and also received support from Tommy's Real Estate. Tommy's now print our newsletter and also provided a grant of \$1500. Subscriptions showed a slight increase on the previous year and payments were in line with expectations.

### **General**

Your committee has continued to monitor activity around Thorndon and has met with Cr Young to discuss these and other matters impacting on the Thorndon Community with a view to seeking suitable solutions.

We met with Presbyterian Support to identify their proposed development on George St and have provided information to the wider community in our newsletter.

We extend our thanks to you, our members, for your support, The Thorndon Hotel for providing us with a venue for our AGM, Wellington City Council for its financial support, Anita Henderson of i4Design for her work on maintaining and updating our website, and Tommy's Real Estate for newsletter sponsorship and financial support.

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Chair  
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