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Chair's report to the Members of Thorndon Residents' Association for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Community Response Plan

We continue to endeavor to work with the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office and to liaise with Thorndon School over the Emergency Hub. At the time of preparing this report, an open evening at the School had been arranged for 2 May to view the Hub and its contents.

Queen's Park

Your committee continues to support Peter Steele and other residents in their pursuit of a solution to the long-term neglect of Queen's Park. There has been very little action on the part of Council since we last reported. As part of our feedback on the Annual Plan we have asked WCC to specifically include the park restoring under 'Restoring our Environment' section.

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.

Council Annual Plan

We have prepared a submission on the Annual Plan incorporating, inter alia, parking and Queen's Park. This is available on our website

Ongoing communication

We continue to publish the Thorndon Tribune and deliver a copy to all households in Thorndon. Our website www.thorndon.org.nz provides additional information.

Finances

The financial statement in the format approved for small charities is circulated with this report. Subscriptions were down on the previous year and payments were in line with expectations.

Turnbull Road stopping and Thorndon School

Your committee lodged an objection to the land swap proposed between Thorndon School and Wellington City Council on the basis that the land swap should be taken as an opportunity to secure legal standing for the current grace and favour access between Hobson Crescent and Turnbull Street. We sought an easement on the property to secure this access, which currently exists only through the goodwill of the School Trustees despite many residents presuming it was a legal accessway. This matter is still under negotiation.

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 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.

Marion Cowden
Chair
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