



Annual Report 2021-22

The Association exists to:

- improve amenities and facilities in Thorndon area for Thorndon residents
- encourage a sense of community in Thorndon
- provide an information hub about Thorndon
- represent and communicate the majority views of Thorndon residents about matters affecting Thorndon to any local authority, Government Department, or similar entities
- co-operate with any other associations, groups, bodies, local or civic authorities with similar goals

A report against these objectives follows.

Improve amenities and facilities in Thorndon area for Thorndon residents

- rejuvenation of Queens Park
 - 9 x community working bees (typically a couple of hours each month)
 - proposed significant natural area (SNA) status renegotiated
 - initial planning to mark the Queen's Jubilee and Queen Victoria whom the park is named after.
- Thorndon School walkway easement formally opened allowing public access between the Hobson precinct and Turnbull/Murphy Streets
- Parking and Traffic
 - feedback on traffic resolutions to improve parking or regulatory changes on Thorndon streets
 - participation in Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) engagements
 - seeking consultation on WCC's Bike Network programme
 - championing policy improvements to the Residents' Parking Permit scheme
- Promoting the use of WCC's FIXiT App to help report things needing maintenance, or reporting the location of graffiti
- Contact with Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) has been sparse during this period
 - the Thorndon Primary School is the location of our Community Emergency Hub

Encourage a sense of community in Thorndon

the Association is another way for residents to meet, share, learn, influence or change things

- supports residents who seek advice
- represented things that mattered to residents e.g.
 - spatial plan, draft district plan, transport and parking issues, etc
- the prolonged protest and occupation of Parliament grounds and surroundings was an extraordinary event this year which impacted residents; the Association was part of the dialogue during that period.

Provide an information hub about Thorndon

- published two newsletters during the year; every accessible letterbox gets a copy
- maintained the website: <https://www.thorndon.org.nz/>
- improved our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ThorndonResidentsAssociation>
- improved aspects of the Association's information infrastructure
 - website moved to WebhostingNZ
 - improvements to email, records, online meetings (all using Google Workspace)
 - created a fyi.org.nz account for transparent information requests to authorities

Represent and communicate the majority views of Thorndon residents about matters affecting Thorndon to any local authority, Government Department or similar entities

- support to the community Task Group convened to review parking along Tinakori Rd (south end) regarding the proposed transitional cycle lanes
- TRA submission on the Draft District Plan
- participation in WCC roadshows, webinars, Ward Councillor meetups, LGWM, Bike Network, Rapid Mass Transit, Spatial Plan, Draft District Plan, etc.
- submission to Environment Protection Agency on the proposal to Fasttrack redevelopment of 61 Molesworth St

Co-operate with any other associations, groups, bodies, local or civic authorities with similar goals

- the TRA joined the Wellington Residents Associations Network (WRAN)
- participated in the formation of [Live Wellington*](#) - for a liveable city by design
- actively engaged with the Thorndon Society on the Spatial Plan and the Draft District Plan
- connected to Historic Places Wellington
- connected with the Thorndon Quay Collective re the proposed road and parking changes along the Quay
- maintained connections with Wellington City Council.

Closing remarks

It has been a busy year, with attention paid to Queen's Park improvements, the feedback on the Spatial Plan, reviewing the potential District Plan consequences for our community, delving into details on proposed cycle ways in Tinakori Road/Bowen Streets and Thorndon Quay, and generally endeavouring to keep-up with local government activity and plans that affect Thorndon/Pipitea.

There is still much to do and your committee always needs fresh minds and experience. Everyone has particular skills and insights and if you wish to apply your talents to how our community is to grow and prosper, and be resilient, then please be invited to consider joining the committee and making a difference.

Appreciation

We extend our appreciation to our members for your support, the Wellington City Council for its financial support, Anita Henderson of i4WebsiteDesign for her work on maintaining our website, and Tommy's Real Estate for newsletter sponsorship and financial support. We also thank our ward councillors for their continued support, and the assistance of Thorndon School where we are holding our AGM.

Richard Murcott

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