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Planning Community Resilience

A community workshop is scheduled for 21 June 2016, at the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO) in Mulgrave St, to review Thorndon's preparation for disaster.

The purpose of the workshop is to further engage with the community, gather insights, and together renovate the ideas and content in the current plan.

Modern community resilience is based on fresh new thinking about community emergency 'hubs', far removed from old ideas about Civil Defence riding to the rescue following a disaster. Emergency Hubs are centres for community self-help, information-sharing and action co-ordination during the crucial early phases of recovery, when communities will largely be on their own.

We will be building a guide to community action in the critical period immediately following a disaster, which may last anywhere from several days to many weeks.

TRA has drafted a 'next stage' plan in consultation with WREMO, and is planning to again invite the broad range of community stakeholders who previously attended.

WREMO will co-host the workshop with TRA. We will canvas all ideas and identify one or two key initiatives that TRA and the community can jointly develop during 2016.

This will be a major contribution to improving situational awareness within the community, and growing the plan. Join the conversation and share your thoughts via the TRA blog <http://www.thorndon.org.nz/blog-news/>

TRA AGM

Thorndon residents are warmly invited to attend our AGM. Come and hear Sam Ripley from Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office speak on modern community resilience and emergency preparedness. All welcome!

Thorndon Residents' Association 2015 AGM
Wednesday May 25th | 7-9 pm (drinks from 6.30)
The Thorndon Hotel Wellington
Hawkestone Street, Thorndon
Please RSVP to thorndonresidents@gmail.com

Home Maintenance Schedule (BRANZ)

TRA endorses the maintenance checklist recommended by the Building Research Association of NZ (BRANZ), to ensure regular annual checks on the condition of critical building elements.

- Roofs and spouting
- Walls, including doors and windows
- Decks and balconies especially the deck/wall or balcony/wall connections
- Foundations and subfloor spaces
- Services, plumbing, drainage and sewerage, electrical, hot water and heating
- Interior roof spaces and attics
- Wet areas such as kitchens, bathrooms and laundries

Many building elements have a limited serviceable life.

Inspection identifies those elements that may need replacing.

When undertaking maintenance TRA recommends you contact a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP). MBIE holds the registration list

<https://lbp.ewr.govt.nz/PublicRegister/Search.aspxwww.lbp.ewr.govt.nz>

You can find local Certified Builders here

<http://www.certified.co.nz/>

With Winter fast approaching, start by checking and clearing spouting and guttering. Clear soot build-up in chimneys or flues, and fix leaking taps. Check masonry structures such as chimneys and obtain advice on their structural safety.

Houses in Thorndon are exposed to significant vehicle emissions. An annual soft wash with soap is recommended to extend the paint life. Water blasting is not recommended, as it may damage paint skin.



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Parking

TRA has identified two major Thorndon parking issues:

1. No less than **four** overlapping Council parking zones within Thorndon: Kelburn, Clifton, Thorndon & Pipitea
2. Onerous P120 restrictions, after hours and at weekends, when street parking is not under pressure

TRA are prompting Council to act on parking, as follows:

- All P120 restrictions to be removed, with the exception of Tinakori Village, which won't change
- Coupon parking to be extended to cover Saturday and Sunday between 8am to 6pm
- School parking restrictions to remain unchanged
- Trial recommended changes by simply and inexpensively blocking-out current P120 restrictions with an adhesive overlay
- Revisit the issue of four overlapping parking zones within Thorndon after the P120 trial



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Councillor's Corner

These are your Councillor's views, not necessarily those of the TRA.

Nicola Young, Lambton Ward councillor and Mayoral candidate
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"Wellington's traffic gets worse every day, and the evening peak-hour north-bound traffic congestion in Tinakori Road is a real blight. Residents have suggested reinstating the slipway onto Hutt Road to improve the flow; at the moment it's blocked by a raised kerb. The Council's budget for this sort of work is really tight – although one officer gave me a conspiratorial wink, suggesting that if we classified the work as 'beneficial to cyclists' money would magically appear! I'd be interested to hear your views.

"I'm running for the Mayoralty in October, and sorting out Wellington's traffic congestion is one of my top priorities. It's unacceptable that the motorway has become the city's biggest carpark during the rush hour and that, in Tinakori Road, cars are often backed up to the presciently-named Park Street (actually named in honour of a crew member of the 'Cuba' that landed in Wellington in January 1840)."

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