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Thorndon Residents' Association at Thorndon Fair

Thorndon Residents' Association members supported Wellington Regional Emergency Management office (WREMO) at their stand, distributing their household guide: 'It's Easy: Get prepared for an emergency'.

We ensured that over 1,500 people left with solid disaster preparedness information in their hands, which was a great feeling. The time was right with the fair following a mere few weeks after the Kaikoura earthquakes. The reality is, that even with such a high level of interest, it takes time, energy and commitment to get the word out.

WREMO gave a big thanks to the TRA Committee for doing just that and making it happen.

Support your household by reading and working through these 12 easy steps, and ensure your household is prepared for an emergency:

<http://www.getprepared.org.nz/households>

Things that toppled around Thorndon

Thorndon bore the brunt of the November 2016 Kaikoura quakes. Unreinforced masonry fared badly – from toppled chimneys, to fallen walls – proving once again that it's a significant hazard. TRA fully supports residents' rights to employ a licensed building practitioner to remove these dangerous structures without restriction, as many owners are already choosing to do.

Several large commercial buildings in Thorndon have sustained major damage – with some already demolished, others scheduled for deconstruction, or facing an uncertain future – still unable to be occupied.

Ironically enough, alongside this ongoing deconstruction, several large new buildings are going up, or are planned soon for Thorndon – both residential and commercial.

We encourage all interested members of the community to attend TRA's annual general meeting, to learn more.

Graffiti: Volunteer programmes

Blank It Out is a volunteer-based graffiti vandalism removal programme that helps clean up private property. It was established to support individuals and communities who want to help remove graffiti vandalism from private properties. You can get involved as a volunteer – join as an individual or be part of a team - you can choose Thorndon as the area you'd like to work in, and you also get to choose how frequently you volunteer.

Did you know Wellington City Council currently has 81 Ambassadors that help to remove graffiti vandalism either as individuals or with a group of volunteers.

You can download the registration of interest form from the WCC site: <http://wellington.govt.nz/services/rates-and-property/property/graffiti/blank-it-out>

Wellington City Council FIXit app

Thorndon Residents' Association works closely with WCC and our Committee really appreciates the connection between residents and the Council which the FIXit app enables.

A smartphone app, FIXit, provides Thorndon and the wider Wellington community with a great way of conveniently letting Wellington City Council (WCC) know about any problems seen, that need fixing.

The app is free and allows you to take a photo, tag the location on Google maps and leave a brief description of the problem. WCC log the call, staff are notified and you receive a follow-up email. We encourage all residents to download the free app and let the Council know about any problems.



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Extending Our Condolences

The Committee extends its deepest condolences to Iona Pannett whose husband, Allen Walley passed away February 5, 2017 aged 59.

Iona has always been a strong supporter of community lead engagement and has always had the time to attend and contribute to TRA initiatives, meetings and the many community engagement sessions TRA manage and arrange.

Thorndon Residents' Association AGM

Date: Tuesday, 23 May 2017

Location: The Thorndon Hotel by Rydges, Hawkestone St.

Time: 6:30 for 7:00pm

Guest speakers will include senior council & WREMO officers.

Ample opportunity to mix and ask them any questions.

ALL WELCOME!

Residents Special

2 course Dinner for \$35.00pp *

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Councillor's Corner

Councillor Brian Dawson, Lambton Ward

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As I write we are enjoying a faint hint of the summer-that-never-was; a reminder that you really can't beat Wellington on a good day! Hard to believe that just four months ago we were reeling from the after-effects of the Kaikoura quake. Resilience has become something of a catchword in Wellington, and especially at council. The problem with overused terms is they lose some of their meaning along the way. Today I can look around the city, and especially here in the Lambton Ward area, and say we are indeed resilient. Can we do better? Of course, and we must, but we are certainly building on firm foundations (if you'll forgive the illustration).

As we were reminded at the recent launch of council's new Resilience Strategy, the most important aspect of resilience is our local communities; knowing our neighbours, building connections, having enough familiarity and trust to be able to keep an eye out for each other – these are the things that ensure our neighbourhoods are strong. I know that's happening in Thorndon – the Fair is a great example along with the TRA your local Residence Association – and while there are challenges they are by no means insurmountable. As a new councillor one of my greatest privileges is getting to know the people of this ward and the many great groups that work within and for it. Thank you for your efforts and your commitment. Ultimately the job of council is to ensure that your city is safe and flourishing, but those things only happen because we all make it so. That's the real source of our resilience, and it's what will keep making this an unbeatable place to live.

Councillor's Corner reflects the views of your Council representatives, which are not necessarily those of the Thorndon Residents' Association. – Editor

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