



ERA Newsletter - November 2014

Welcome to the November edition of the Ellerslie Residents' Association (ERA) newsletter.

ERA Public Meeting 17 November - 2014 Clubs and Societies Marketplace

On Monday 17 November, the ERA will hold its first 'Clubs and Societies Marketplace' at the One Tree Hill College Marilyn Wales Auditorium at 7.30pm. A short survey will be available for all Ellerslie Residents to complete to indicate their participation on our local clubs and societies. A panel discussion will include a number of clubs and societies giving their views on what makes a local club or society effective, what infrastructure is required for their activities and how they have funded this. Please come and support the clubs and societies that serve the Ellerslie community. The ERA has invited all the Clubs and Societies that serve Ellerslie (and we know about) to display their activities in the auditorium on that night. The list of all these Clubs and Societies is displayed on our website on the Clubs and Societies page.

It is hoped we will be able to improve residents' awareness of the many activities available in our suburb. If you know of any groups that we should contact, please **urgently email** ellersliersidents@gmail.com

Clubs and Societies survey [include link here!]

Please complete a short survey on our website will be available for all Ellerslie Residents to complete to indicate their participation on our local clubs and societies. This survey can also be accessed from the home page of our website at www.ellersliersidents.co.nz

Next public meeting on 16th February, 2015 - an early notice for a 'Neighbourhood Watch' night

At this meeting we hope to help Ellerslie residents form sufficient Neighbourhood Watch groups to ensure that all of Ellerslie is covered by the **Neighbourhood Watch** network.

Changes to the ERA committee

We are delighted to announce that we have two new ERA Committee members, Emma Timewell and Glen McCabe. We are delighted to have two very capable community oriented people to join the ERA. The ERA is still looking for another Committee member and we are open to receiving nominations from anyone in the Ellerslie area who would like to nominate themselves or a friend. Our website will shortly be updated to include these new Committee members.

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) update

The ERA recently met with a representative of the NZTA and presented the ERA's ideas for the improvement of the motorway beyond the widening and addition of a 'ancillary lane' taking place in 2015. You may have noticed the changes to the support for the Ellerslie-Panmure Highway over-bridge in recent months; this was preparatory work to make way for the extra lane.

Matters discussed with NZTA were

- the critical economic growth of Ellerslie and its environs
- the Gavin Street/McNab Street underpass
- sound and air pollution barriers from Walpole Street to Penrose interchange going south and Ellerslie Rail station to Greenlane interchange going north
- the Penrose Road over bridge widening, relocation or replacement; extra slip roads on to the motorway at the Penrose interchange
- cycleways
- the Cawley Street to Sultan Street light vehicle underpass
- Park and Ride facilities at Ellerslie rail station
- the Central Isthmus rail loop and the completion of that loop at Anne's Creek Southdown
- motorway tolls and how the money might be used.

Auckland Transport Meeting

The ERA Executive Committee will be meeting next week with Dr David Warburton CEO of Auckland Transport, Ken Baguley, transport spokesperson for the Orakei Local Board, and Simon Randall Chair of the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board to discuss traffic, transport, cycle and pedestrian opportunities in Ellerslie and its environs. The agenda is full of longstanding matters that the ERA would like to see resolved in the next 5-10 years of AT's planning.

The inaugural meeting of all Orakei Local Board (OLB) Residents Associations

On the 6th of November Desley Simpson Chair of the OLB convened a gathering of the six Residents Associations in the area, including Ellerslie. The ERA was presented by Bryan Johnson, Ron Seeto and Glen McCabe. This was a valuable time of getting to know each other and we look forward to another meeting in six months time to coordinate projects that affect the whole of the Orakei Local Board area.

An ERA Executive plea to all members to pay this years outstanding membership fees

Our Treasurer reports to us that although we have 518 people on our membership data base only 114 are currently paid up members in this current financial year (1st April 2014 to 30th June 2015). The ERA is currently seeking financial support for from other agencies for future projects and this may not be possible if we are unable to show strong financial support from our own members. The membership fee is only \$10 per annum.

If you have not paid this year's membership fee please pay it this month by online banking to our Ellerslie Residents Association Inc bank account at the ASB Ellerslie, account number 12-3060-0353602-00. Please give your name as reference for your payment. If you don't have online banking please send a cheque to P.O.Box 11-474 Ellerslie 1542. Our Treasurer would be so happy if he received \$4,040 in outstanding membership fees this month. Thank you for your support.

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