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## Churton Park Community Association Inc

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### **Community Carols evening**

*Christmas is coming* so let's get together to celebrate with family, friends and neighbours at the CPCA community carols evening.

*When* - Saturday 9 December starting at 6pm.

*Where* - Amesbury School playground if the weather is fine or in the hall if it's cold or wet.

### **North Wellington Voluntary Service Awards**

John Tiley, who has been an active member of the CPCA Committee since 2011, received a Voluntary Service Award on 23 September. The award recognises his contributions over the past 12 years to issues relating to public transport and pedestrian safety and to the management of Churton Park's reserves, landscape, and environment. Thank you John.

### **Churton Park Clean-up Day**

CPCA organised this year's *Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean-Up Day for Churton Park* on 16 September, at Churton Park Reserve and Lakewood Reserve.

We were well supported by members of the Johnsonville Lions, the Churton Park Community Centre and local residents. Council staff arranged for the delivery of gloves, bags and rubbish bins and took away the rubbish afterwards. Thank you to everyone who took part.

### **WCC Community Facilities Plan**

Wellington City Council is preparing a draft Community Facilities Plan, to guide its provision of community facilities for the next 30 years. It describes community facilities as '*places where people can play, connect, exercise, create, be inspired, develop a sense of belonging, and improve health and wellbeing*'. Further information on the review is available at the WCC website:

<https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/wellingtons-community-facilities>

CPCA made a written submission (6 August 2023) that focused on Churton Park's need for a larger Community Centre and for more public toilets. The submission was also summarised in an oral presentation (31 August 2023) to the Council's Submissions Hearings Committee.

Our submission considered:

### **The need for a larger Community Centre**

CPCA noted that the building was too small, even when built 10 years ago. Although used for some indoor exercise, craft and small community meetings, it is too small for:

- larger community meetings, performances, or any but the smallest recreational activities; or
- to provide a meeting place in which a sense of belonging, community and connection can be extended to all.

### **Toilets**

CPCA requested public toilets at play areas noting that, across the whole of Churton Park, there is just one public toilet associated with a recreation and play area, at the Churton Park Reserve, and one at the Community Centre.

The full submission is available the CPCA website

<https://www.churtonpark.org.nz/>

### **Long-term Plan 2024-2034**

The WCC is preparing a long-term plan to set its direction for the next 10 years. This will include priorities, costs and possible funding sources. Further information is available on the WCC website at:

<https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/about-the-long-term-plan-2024-34>

In preparation for the formal consultation in early 2024, CPCA is developing submissions that focus on Churton Park's need for:

- a larger Community Centre and for other public toilets, as described in the Community Facilities Plan submission,
- substantial footbridge to span the deep gully of the Porirua Stream, adjacent to the Korimako Play Area in Rochdale Drive, and connect with Melksham Avenue, and
- completion of the roadside tree planting, funded by developer contributions.

CPCA members are invited to contribute suggestions on these and other significant needs to the Committee

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**Amesbury School expansion**

Amesbury School celebrated the completion of its new building, with a formal opening on 10 November by Mayor Tory Whanau. Principal Urs Cunningham noted that the construction took place during a global pandemic and during major weather disruptions, but the finished product is fabulous and has been well worth the wait.

The building provides a two-storey hub with a large internal central staircase, housing 200 students. It has a number of smaller breakout rooms, a music room, two maker spaces, two sensory spaces, and open spaces for larger workshops, small group work and individual quiet work.

**Churton Park School expansion**

Churton Park School has also undergone a substantial building programme. This will be reported in the next issue of the Gazette.

**Community Centre News**

Throughout the year, the Community Centre supports the work of the 'Kiwi Community Assistance' (KCA). KCA is a programme that helps people in need throughout Wellington by rescuing surplus food and household goods, and redistributing it to frontline agencies who work directly with them.

On Tuesday 14 November from 6pm - 7:30pm, the Centre is a focus for the annual 'Toot for Tucker' run by Rotary Johnsonville and Johnsonville Volunteer Fire Brigade, to support KCA work over the high demand holiday season.

The Community Centre is a drop-off point for donations to KCA throughout the year but, as Christmas approaches, it also has a Christmas tree/gifts collection, which is open until 2pm, Thursday 14 December.

**Holiday closure**

Churton Park Community Centre is closed from 21 December 2023 and reopens on 8 January 2024.

***This Gazette has been delivered to you by a member of the Churton Park Community Walkers or CPCA committee member.***

**Revegetation Group News**

The Revegetation Group began work in Lakewood Reserve in 2014. Great progress has been made since then with about 5500 additional native plants now enhancing this area. As they mature, more of the scores of kowhai planted are flowering each year. In the established areas, the slower growing forest trees such as rimu, rata, kahikitea, hinau, matai, miro, pukatea, totara and rewarewa are growing well.

The focus of planting has been to revegetate areas that had been taken over by blackberry or were too steep or damp to be mown. Control of invasive pest plants such as cherry, blackberry and pampas is an ongoing activity, and the assistance of WCC with this work is acknowledged.

One unfortunate ongoing issue is the dumping of rubbish down the bank at the tennis court carpark. This has recently included gib board, office tables and chairs and a 20-litre plastic bucket as well as various loads of garden waste. My plea is that residents respect this 'Green Heart of Churton Park'.

For further information about the Group's activity please contact : **John Morrison** on **04 477 1020**.

**Committee update**

We welcome Floyd Norman, Graham Thomas and Roland van Praag, who have been coopted to CPCA's Executive Committee since the AGM. The committee is now: **Brian Sheppard** (*President and Secretary*), Brian Vincent, Floyd Norman, Graham Thomas, John Tiley, Kevin Arlidge (*Vice President*), Priya Baskaran (*Honorary Treasurer*), Rachel Qi and Roland van Praag.

**Season's Greetings**

CPCA wishes you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



**Churton Park Community Association (Inc) Membership Form**

All Churton Park residents are invited to join, and assist the modest budget of the Association. Subscription (please tick appropriate box)

<input type="checkbox"/> \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$
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Please complete the details below and return with your remittance to:

The Treasurer, Churton Park Community Assn (Inc) 8 Tattenhall Grove Churton Park

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Alternatively by direct credit to ASB Account Number 12-3223-0079397-00, with your identification.

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