

events during the week went well also. It was noted the Fair is at the stage where it may need to be constrained or deliberate thought put into how to expand it. A vote of thanks was passed to the three main organisers, Peter Frater, Tom Law and Mary Patterson. Feedback on any matters associated with the Festival to Peter Frater or Martin Hanley, please, as opportunities for improvement are always welcome.

Bus Route Signage A request was made for better signage - larger print and actual routes shown – at bus stops. As well, a request for the old “Please let the bus go first” sign on the backs of all buses was also made.

Shoreland Park, Island Bay: Consultation is continuing.

Contemporary Modern Circus School. The NRA supported the school in its endeavours to be recognised as an Arts Group for funding purposes. (Martin/Keith)

Emergency Management: A presentation was recently made to the Newtown Liaison Group by the WCC. Various models and ways forward were discussed after the presentation and at this meeting. Building local cells was one local possibility, so was the need to have coordinators for the working day as well as for other times. It was noted that the WCC Flats were organised.

Newtown Community Centre AGM 2 April.

Mary Patterson’s Farewell Office, 5pm, 30 March. The NRA passed a vote of thanks for Mary for her work and NCC coordinator. (Graham/Nick)

Special General Meeting: The Special General Meeting scheduled for the same date as this meeting was deferred to 18 April. The business will be the same – consideration of proposed constitutional changes – and will be held before the usual monthly meeting.

After Hours Hospital Charging: Graham presented a report based on his, Warwick's and Frances Acey's knowledge and discussions. Warwick and Graham to complete submission based on the principle of no charging and no need for an additional expenditure on building a new primary care medical centre on site or near to the hospital.

Correspondence:

Hospital Update A presentation and discussion will take place, Tuesday, 22 March at 5.30pm, Level N, Ward Support Block

Coromandel Street Kura Kaupapa School This site is reported to be up for sale. Any redevelopment proposals need to be watched for carefully. It will be important that any redevelopment is in conformity with the District Plan. There was also some desire to maintain green space. Martin to check zoning.

Residential Character Workshop Report: WCC have provided a précis of their presentation and the feedback from the workshops held.

WCC Consultation Review: This is intended to improve the way the WCC consults with the community. Those indicating an interest in the review have been assured of involvement at a later stage.

Bus Shelter at Zoo: The shelter will not be changed. Interest was still there to have a public toilet.

V8 Car Race: Views were sought from members present. Most were against the race for a variety of reasons. These included the cost to the rate payer, the disruption to residents, no financial advantage for sufficient people to make it worth while, noise, waste of petrol. Some gave conditional support based on the added international profile the race would provide the city and that Newtown businesses may get a spin off from the inner city street closures. Some concern was also raised about the proposed circuit.

Rates: No discussion.

General Business

The meeting agreed to appoint Kevin Lethbridge to the vacant position of Vice President and to co-opt Sue Piper to the Executive. (Peter/Patrick)

Colombo Street Road Changes: Another public notice has appeared. Peter to investigate.

Festival Report: The numbers of the public attending were well up to the level of the previous street days, all things being taken into account such as the high winds. Feed back from the survey of those attending indicated Newtown was the best fair in town. Local businesses did very well. Street entertainers proved a strong draw-card.. The changed traffic route proved successful. Other

Newtown Residents' Association
March 21, 7.30pm,
Newtown Community Centre

Present: Nick Jennings (President), Graham Howell (Secretary), Patrick O'Rourke, Peter Frater, Cr Celia Wade-Brown, Pam Barnett, Leigh Harrison, Tom Law, Don McDonald, Kevin Lethbridge, Martin Hanley, Vic Marks

Apologies: Cr Brian Pepperell, Warwick Taylor, Sue Piper

Minutes of February meeting: Approved as read

Treasurer's Report: No report presented as Festival transactions not complete.

It was agreed to reimburse Nick Jennings up to \$100 for stationary and other costs to be agreed with the Treasurer.. (Graham/Patrick)

Matters Arising:

Rosier Memorial Cr Wade-Brown is pursuing the issue.

Berhampore Traffic Upgrade: Despite the work carried out at the Adelaide Road – Lavaud Street intersection, some further accidents involving children have occurred. Some appear to be the result of crossing against the lights.

Ice Skating Rink Development: Various objections or notices of interest, including NRA's, have been lodged.

WCC 2005 Draft Annual Plan: This will be available in April with the normal one month time frame for submissions. Reports on projects promoted in it can be found on the WCC website.

Riddiford Street Upgrade Stage 2: This project is in the planning stage.

Newtown History Project: Betty Krebs has been processing and sorting documents, and once completed these will be archived. These then will be available as source material for publications in a variety of media such as the web or in book form.

Wheels on Streets: Don had contacted various agencies such as ACC, LTSA and WCC and discovered that no distinct or over-arching definitions or regulations appear to exist for skate boarders etc. Further work will be undertaken.

Local Government Commission: Nothing further to report.

Krupp Gun Plaque: Nothing further to report.