

FERRYMEAD/BROOKHAVEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Business Matters

April 2012

From the Chair...David Stringer

Greetings everyone, there is a lot going on in everyone's lives. Hopefully this update will help as winter approaches to keep you informed.

Best wishes from your new committee for 2012. They are a great positive team.

It was good to see yet another enormous turnout at the January meeting across the road at the Samoan Church.

Thank you for taking the time to come and

your patience and respect shown to our speakers.

Incoming Committee

The new committee has now met and we have 10 awesome people all keen to work on the challenges before us.

We wish to focus on providing residents with timely, helpful information and assistance as we all come to terms with the changes the earthquakes have brought to our community.

Subscriptions

At this time the committee have decided not to charge a subscription for the last or upcoming year.

Printing costs are met by the Council; distribution is done by our awesome volunteers. Gold coin donations at the Samoan church meetings have met costs to date.

If required, an AGM can be held later in the year.

Area Happenings

Meeting with Cera January 31st

In excess of 500 people came to the meeting organised by the Residents Assn to update the community. Most people we spoke to advised us they found it helpful which was the intent.

After introductions Ivan Lafeta from Cera opened the briefing talking about TC3 and doing a recap on how the land zoning was worked out using LIDAR. We then heard from Jan Kupec (Cera's land guru) who was incredible. His explanation of the differences between our land and that which was redzoned helped clarify the confusion on this. He was a highlight of the meeting for many.

Reid Stiven from EQC then talked on the Cash Settlement process should you be unable to rebuild on your land (this EQC "Red" is different from the Cera Red Zone one). We were also given an update on how the Geotech is expected to work.

John McSweeney (AMI) and Dean MacGregor (IAG) then tag teamed to cover the submitted questions for insurers. To close we had Patrick Schofield from CCC give a very detailed rundown on Variation 48.

The above speakers were over an hour and a half so they really covered a lot. There was then a half an hour of question time and the meeting closed at 8.05pm when people were able to talk to the speakers (and the huge number of welfare support staff Cera had made available at the rear of the room). People were still there talking hours later.

It is our hope to update the community with Cera's assistance later in the year if we can.

This is totally reliant on new information coming to hand (most likely at the completion of the EQC Geotech (which is different from any Geotech your insurance may do).

Red Cross Outreach

FBRA is partnering with the Red Cross Volunteer Outreach Programme to have trained Red Cross Volunteers within Brookhaven.

Red Cross are providing all the training free of charge which consists of induction, qualifying interview, social support training and essential first aid training. Training takes place over two and half days and is very worthwhile. If you have a current first aid certificate or are a registered health professional, the training is only a day and a half.

So far we have 25 volunteers who are keen to participate. We have already had 3 people complete the training. This initiative is a great way to enhance our level of preparedness, equip our community and build confidence within our community.

We are keen for more volunteers. For more information contact David Stringer (details at end of flyer).

TC3 Overcap Payments

You may have seen information regarding this recently in The Press and comment from David Stringer, your FBRA chair.

EQC have advised they are not with-holding payments on TC3 land with foundation damage.

Some residents have reported however the settlements teams telling them that they are with-holding payments until after the DBH new foundation work is completed along with site specific geotechnical investigation.

According to EQC thousands of TC3 property owners are still owed overcap payments from Feb or June 2010. We hope this matter is clarified soon for anyone who still does not

have the assistance that this money can bring.

TC3 / Geotech

Just a reminder that EQC are still advising that at some point in April each household should receive a letter outlining the results of their individual property inspections in December last year. Soon after this (May hopefully) we can also expect publication of the Dept of Building and Housing TC3 guidelines that were delayed from earlier this year.

It is hoped this will bring some clarity or progress to those awaiting confirmation from their Insurance or EQR on the rebuild/repair process.

We have no confirmation or further details on the Getotech process than that outlined by Reid Stiven at the January meeting. EQC Geotech is being completed over the next several months (with some newspaper reports since suggesting this may take well into next year).

Individual property based Geotech is being completed in our area by some Insurance companies (mainly AMI) already.

Coastal Hills Cluster / Accommodation

We are pleased to introduce to you a new group called the Coastal Hills Cluster Organisation.

This represents the Residents Associations' from Ferrymead, Heathcote, Mt Pleasant, Redcliffs and Sumner. This group has been formed to highlight and advance recovery issues for this side of town. We have great people involved in the organisation who know how to get things done. Please look at the website below.

The links are <http://coastalhillscluster.org/> or <http://coastalhillscluster.org/CHWanted>

Social & Other Information

Wetlands and Dogs

You may have noticed the new Council signage reminding dog walkers that dogs are not allowed in the Wetlands at all and that all dogs must be on a lead on the walkways surrounding this area.

A big thank you to those that comply with this and a reminder that the council have indicated they will be following this up. The notices also remind people that under City Council bylaws all dogs must be under "effective control" at all times.

We have sadly had a few of our regular



walkers advise of run ins with poorly or uncontrolled dogs.

Insurance Clusters

We are planning to set up clusters/groups for homeowners associated with each of the insurance companies.

Each group will have an opportunity to share information with each other and receive news concerning the latest developments with their particular Insurance company and their respective Project Management Offices (PMO).

The main groups we are planning for are; AA, AMI (now Southern response), IAG (Lantern, NZI, State, "Some Banks" etc), Lumley, Tower, Vero. If we have missed out any please let us know.

This initiative has received endorsement as a concept from the insurance companies, EQC, elected representatives and Cera.

It is particularly relevant given that most of our association live in one area with the same

land classification.

The government has already told us that at some stage we will need to co-operate with those around us to achieve cost effective and timely rebuild or repair outcomes.

We therefore encourage all residents to participate in the attached survey and this project.

Our Community

Speed limits, footpaths and signage have all been raised with the Council.

We have also asked for a general cleanup of the Cabbage Tree mess at the Dyers Rd entrance. We hope to see progress on all these in due course.

Work is being organised to "fix" the entry to the area off Dyers Rd where our brass Brookhaven sign was stolen. We want our name back!

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Survey

Please fill any of the questions below if comfortable doing so. You can call David Stringer if unsure. Replies can be dropped at 9 Shearwater Drive or emailed to d.kstringer@xtra.co.nz

Yes No Would you be interested in being included in an 'insurance cluster' with others in the area who are insured with the same insurer as you? This will allow pooling of information, option to meet as a group or even meet with Insurance/PMO as a group.

Who are you insured with?

- AA
 AMI (now Southern Response)
 IAG (Lantern, NZI, State, "Some Banks" etc)

- Lumley
 Tower
 Vero
 Other _____

Has your insurance company given an indication of the status of your property?

- Confirmed rebuild
 Confirmed repair
 Possible rebuild
 Possible repair
 No information yet

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____