

# Communicate

Freemans Park Newsletter - Celebrating Our Unique Environment - Nov 2009

## Greetings Freemans Park Residents,

Welcome to the first edition of **Communicate**, a newsletter for Freemans Park residents to inform you of what is happening and to give you an opportunity to share your views. The Owners' Committee aims to produce newsletters regularly.

As you will be aware, priority has been given in the past ten years to maintenance of the buildings. The re-roofing of 14 buildings, installation of master antennae television systems and upgrading of rubbish areas have been completed.

Now the focus is also on improving grounds. A tree specialist carried out an audit of all trees and recommended maintenance of some trees. A small number of trees were removed because they were old, dead or planted too close to a building. There is a planting schedule and some of these trees will gradually be replaced.

Although the Owners' Committee is ultimately responsible to owners, we are keen to hear the views of all people living in Freemans Park, and suggest you submit ideas to the Owners' Committee by emailing <info@connellymanagement.co.nz> or by using the form below and submitting it in the mailbox behind the Star Block at 81 Beresford Street West. You can also submit suggestions or items you would like to include in future newsletters in the same way.

## Our Urban Community

We live in a large community with different life experiences. As we live in close proximity to each other, our actions can have an adverse impact on others without us realising it. It is important to be mindful of these differences and show consideration towards our neighbours. Issues that are known to cause irritation are things like inconsiderate parking of vehicles and noise that disturbs neighbours. The property manager is the focal point for complaints which can often be avoided if we show some neighbourly consideration.

## Contact People

### Body Corporate

#### Property Manager

For common property management and maintenance of grounds and buildings, contact our property manager

#### Stephen Connelly

0800-210-589

info@connellymanagement.co.nz

### Body Corporate

#### Secretary

For matters to do with levies and the work of the Owners' Committee, please contact

#### Sue Rubanand

Body Corporate Administration Ltd,

373-2336 x 628

sue.r@bodycorpadmin.co.nz

### Tenants

Please contact your landlord concerning maintenance inside the unit, and for other requests contact the Body Corporate Property Manager.

Name and contact details \_\_\_\_\_

Ideas I would like the Owners' Committee to consider \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Fire Evacuation Assembly Points for Star Blocks**

Fire evacuation assembly points for residents of Star Blocks are indicated by signs at strategic points on the common property. In the event of a fire or alarm activation, please evacuate the building immediately, go to the assembly point for your building, and wait for permission to re-enter the building.

## **Maintenance Projects**

Currently 83 Beresford Street West is undergoing a major management project which includes washing and painting the exterior of the building, carrying out any necessary repairs and replacing interior light fittings. In the first few months of 2010, the exterior of 148 Howe Street will be painted and necessary maintenance will be carried out. All buildings will now be painted every 7 years.

Body Corporate fees are used for all external maintenance, and as we are a collective of homes, all exterior alterations to property require prior permission from the Owners' Committee. This process is not intended to stifle individuality, but to maintain the architectural integrity and aesthetic of Freemans Park. As individuals we have our own ideas on matters of aesthetics, but as a collective, there is a need for compromise to maintain overall harmony.



## **Website**

The Owners' Committee have established a comprehensive website that contains a wide range of information about Freemans Park, including its history and current governance. It will frequently be updated. The address is <<http://freemanspark.co.nz/>>

## **Did you know...?**

87 Beresford Street West was built in 1961 and was the first building on the Freemans Park site.

There are a total of 201 units or dwellings in Freemans Park, which is just under 3.5 hectares in area.

The grounds were planted just as the buildings were completed in 1968 to 1971.

The gardens were designed by Harry Turbott, New Zealand's first Harvard educated Landscape Architect.



Harry Turbott during a visit to Freemans Park earlier this year.

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Place in the mailbox behind 81 Beresford Street West. Thank you.