

**Special General Meeting of the  
Beckenham Neighbourhood  
Association Inc.**

Tuesday 23 March 2021, 7:30 pm  
Beckenham Service Centre, South Library

The BNA is holding a Special General Meeting to update the Rules for the Association, which were last changed in 1982. The Committee has prepared a list of changes to be considered at the SGM, covering these matters:

- Increase the maximum number of Committee members from 5 to 10.
- Reword Treasurer duties list now that internet banking has replaced cheques.
- Let subscription rates be set by the Committee, not the AGM, as the latter is cumbersome.
- Delete the Junior Membership category, which has not been used for years.
- State that members need to support the Objects of the BNA (to promote the interests of residents in the area, etc).
- Rename Honorary membership to Life membership and no longer require it to be renewed every 5 years.
- Make the quorum requirement for SGMs the same as for AGMs.
- Change “Chairman” to “Chair” and “his” to “his/her” throughout.

The SGM should only take 20-30 minutes, as this is the only item of business. If you want to see the list of changes or the current rules before the meeting, email the Chairman (see back panel).

**2020/2021 BNA Committee**

**Chairperson:** Dave Kelly,  
email: [dave.kelly@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:dave.kelly@canterbury.ac.nz)  
**Vice-Chair:** Peter Tuffley  
**Secretary:** Diane Peterson  
**Treasurer:** Phil Grey  
**Committee:** Erin Callanan, Paul Dudson, Sue Grant, Lesley Kissell, Greg Miller, Una O’Grady, Marise Richards, Alice Shanks, Ritchie Wilson.

You are encouraged to become a BNA member! Get updates on activities, or come to committee meetings (held 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm at South Library).

**✂ 2020-2021 BNA membership**

\$5.00/house for 1 year (1 July to 30 June)  
To check your membership status please email treasurer Phil Grey ([phil.grey@wam.co.nz](mailto:phil.grey@wam.co.nz)). or chair Dave Kelly ([dave.kelly@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:dave.kelly@canterbury.ac.nz))

**Pay online** to bank account 03-0866-0328576-00, with your name and start of address in “reference” and email [phil.grey@wam.co.nz](mailto:phil.grey@wam.co.nz) the info below.  
**Or post cheque/cash** to Beckenham Neighbourhood Association, c/o PO Box 73021, Christchurch, or drop at CCC, South Library, 66 Colombo Street.

Name(s):.....  
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I/we live in Beckenham at:  
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Email address:.....  
Phone:.....  
Date:.....  
I/we would like to receive the occasional email about events or consultations that affect Beckenham residents: Yes/No.

# Beckenham News

Newsletter of the  
Beckenham Neighbourhood Association  
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## The Loop safer neighbourhood project

In this newsletter:

- Progress on **Better Beckenham neighbourhood improvement project**, including consultation on speed limits in the Loop, and changes to Fisher Ave and Birdwood Ave intersections.
- **BNA Rules** to be tidied up at a **Special General Meeting**, Tuesday 23 March 7:30 pm at Beckenham Service Centre.
- Update on BNA fundraising for after hours access to the Beckenham School AED (this has reached its target) and Opawa Market. See [betterbeckenham.org.nz](http://betterbeckenham.org.nz) for more details.

## **Better Beckenham project Things are starting to happen!**

The Better Beckenham neighbourhood project is funded by \$200,000 from the NZ Transport Agency and run by the City Council, with input from residents. The project aims to make the Beckenham Loop safer and better to live in, using temporary, innovative changes (which will be permanent if they work well, and be removed if they don't). Three things are now under way.

### **1. Speed limit consultation**

The City Council has proposed lowering the speed limit throughout the Loop to 40 km/h, and that is **open for consultation until 22 March** (go to [www.ccc.govt.nz](http://www.ccc.govt.nz), under Have Your Say, Beckenham Speed Review). The major benefits of lower speeds would be greater safety – for children, the elderly, plus pets and ducks. The 40 km/h suggested is not much of a change, as mean speeds on Birdwood, Malcolm and Norwood are now about 44 km/h, and most of the Loop, such as Eastern and Waimea, will already be slower than 40 km/h. Whatever you are in favour of (40, 30 or 50 km/h), please go to the Council website and tell them your views.

### **2. Closure of Fisher Avenue**

The second project under Better Beckenham is a **trial closure of Fisher Ave to car traffic between Beckenham St and Norwood Ave**. It will still be open to cycles and pedestrians. Work should start in April.

### **3. Birdwood Avenue intersections**

The third goal of Better Beckenham was to make three intersections on Birdwood Avenue (with Martin, Malcolm and Corson Avenues) safer by

installing kerb buildouts to give shorter road crossings (and room for planters and community space). Currently Birdwood Ave is 14 m wide, compared to 8 m for Norwood St.

The first plans for modest kerb buildouts were drawn up, but traffic engineers said these would not achieve the goal of making crossings safe enough for children. So **more ambitious concept plans with planter areas on Birdwood Ave the full length from Martin to Corson** are being drawn up rapidly, which NZTA said they would consider for additional funding (though funding is not at all guaranteed).

There is going to be an **open public meeting in late March or early April** to consider what sort of larger changes along Birdwood would meet the community's goals. If you want to be involved in discussions on this, keep an eye on our website or register an interest in the project.

### **Want to stay in touch?**

For more info on the background to the Better Beckenham project, and to stay up to date with progress:

- see our website [betterbeckenham.org.nz](http://betterbeckenham.org.nz)
- join the Better Beckenham facebook page
- join the BNA (see back page)

### **What about north of the Loop?**

The Better Beckenham NZTA project only covers south of Tennyson St, but other projects apply to the rest of the BNA area. Firstly, a \$30 million grant from central Government is letting the City Council fix up problems on streets in five suburbs, including all of Beckenham. You can list items (small or large) that need fixing

through the Council website. **Go to Have your Say by 15 March and see Better Safer Roads** for ways to make suggestions.

There are also important safety issues on Tennyson St, but as a busy through road it needs a different approach. The City Council is aware of the problems, but post-COVID there's nothing currently in the budget to fix up Tennyson. The City Council Long Term Plan will be out for public comment soon. Making a submission on Tennyson St could help to move this street up the priority list for improvements.

### **Update on other local events**

#### **1. Christmas Neighbourhood party**

This was held on 10 December 2020 at Beckenham School. Thanks to the Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board fund *Summer With Your Neighbours* for a grant towards BBQ costs, to the School for hosting it, and all the volunteers who made it run so well.

#### **2. Fundraiser for school AED cabinet**

At the Christmas barbecue, the BNA aimed to raise \$800 for an outside cabinet for the Beckenham School AED (Automated Emergency Defibrillator). On the day we raised \$545 through donations and mystery jar sales, and with several donations in January (notably Chaplin Crooks Architects) we have reached the \$800 target!

#### **3. Opawa Farmers Market**

The Christmas Eve special market beside South Library on 24 December was a great success. Discussions are ongoing about a possible permanent move to the South Library site.