

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

7:30 pm, 30 September 2021,  
CNL Hall, 30 Colombo St

Covid restrictions permitting, the Annual General Meeting of the BNA will be held on **Thursday 30 September, in the Cashmere New Life hall, 30 Colombo St, at 7:30 pm.**

In the event of Covid alert levels not being low enough for an indoors meeting, the AGM will be held online (check betterbeckenham.org.nz or the Better Beckenham and Beckenham Neighbourhood Facebook pages for updates).

We will cover:

- The officially required **AGM business** (the annual report, financial accounts, and election of officers)
- An update on achievements in the past year including on **the Better Beckenham Project.**
- A discussion on what our next steps should be, including a talk by some University of Canterbury Geography 309 students looking into possible enhancements around South Library and Hunter Terrace.

Come along to have your say and to catch up with other Beckenham residents.

**2020/2021 BNA Committee**

**Chairperson:** Dave Kelly,  
email: 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).

**✂ 2021-2022 BNA membership**

To check your membership status please email treasurer Phil Grey (phil.grey@wam.co.nz) or chair Dave Kelly (dave.kelly@canterbury.ac.nz) Check current membership rates by emailing Dave or Phil as this may be changed at the AGM.

**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 the info below.  
**Or** drop cash in an envelope for BNA at CCC, South Library, 66 Colombo Street, or **post** to them at Beckenham Neighbourhood Association, c/o CCC, PO Box 73021, Christchurch.

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  
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*Norwood/Fisher corner planter boxes*

**BNA AGM, 30 September**

In this newsletter:

- The **BNA Annual General Meeting is to be held on Thursday 30 September 2021**, at 7:30 pm at Cashmere New Life hall, 30 Colombo St. If Covid alert levels prevent a face-to-face meeting, the AGM will be held online. See inside for where to check for updates on this.
- Progress on road improvements in the area
- Planning for next priorities for local improvements.
- Information on volunteering at the PMH vaccination centre.

## Better Beckenham: where have we got to?

The past year has seen some projects completed. The speed limit within the Loop is now 40 km/hr, down from 50 km/hr. This is designed to improve safety, particularly for the younger and older members of our community.

There is work nearing completion on two intersection improvements. The Fisher Ave - Norwood St intersection has new stop lines placed for better visibility, and kerb treatments to give shorter crossing distances for pedestrians. The corners are getting great planter boxes (see front page) to mark out the space, made expertly by St Martins MenzShed. These planter boxes include corners with seats which allow space for a chat, or just to rest while passing. Most of the planters were moved on-site just before Level 4 lockdown, but a few are still to arrive.

The planter boxes will soon be filled with soil and planted with various low-growing plants. The City Council have planned this and are doing the heavy work, but they are keen for the community to help with the planting, as a first step to us adopting and caring for these little garden patches. We are also supplying some plants which the Council nursery did not have in stock. Dates for the planting are uncertain (with Covid alerts), but watch the Better Beckenham website for information.

There is also a better crossing point going into Beckenham Street opposite St Peters school.

Unfortunately the proposed crossing points on Birdwood Ave at Malcolm, Martin and Corson Aves could not be completed in the time available. These are still valuable, so the BNA is looking for a way of progressing them. We welcome your input on this (see next section).

## Better Beckenham: what next?

So the question is, what should we work on next? What are your priorities for improving the neighbourhood? Here are some current issues.

### 1. Tennyson St crossing

The safety of children crossing Tennyson St has long been a major issue for Beckenham residents. Currently there are no pedestrian crossings, only three refuge islands. But these are not sufficient to allow young children or slow-moving adults to cross safely.



In August the City Council consulted on a proposal to widen the central space in the refuge nearest Norwood St (shown above). This was so that more children could fit into the refuge at one time. But the BNA and several other submitters said that, rather than changing this refuge, the money would be better spent making a real pedestrian-priority zebra crossing. In the past zebra crossings have been seen as risky if cars don't stop, but adding a raised platform across the road makes them effective and safe for much less cost than a traffic-light crossing. Until now, ensuring traffic movement has always been seen as the priority for Tennyson St, but that may be changing with more interest on local active

transport to reduce carbon emissions and improve community health. Watch this space.

### 2. Hunter Tce near South Library

Since 2013 there have been discussions around uses for the closed part of Hunter Tce outside South Library, such as hosting the Opawa Farmers Market. So far legal complications have held up progress. A group of University of Canterbury students are currently researching details of these legal obstacles, and consulting on what new features the community would most like in these spaces. Your views welcome.

The nearby informal 'pump track' cycle area at last has a budget for improvements. If you want to help with this get in touch.

### Want to stay in touch?

For more info on the Better Beckenham project, and input on what should be our next priorities:

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

### Volunteer helpers at PMH

If you have spare time and want to help at the Princess Margaret Hospital vaccination centre, you can register at [sva.org.nz/vaccine](http://sva.org.nz/vaccine) (coordinated by the Student Volunteer Army).

### Do we have your email address?

The BNA has some members for whom we don't have a working email address. We emailed this newsletter out to working email addresses we have. **If you are a member and didn't get this by email a week ago**, please drop a note with your email address, name and house number to Dave Kelly (see back page), so we can send you future updates promptly.