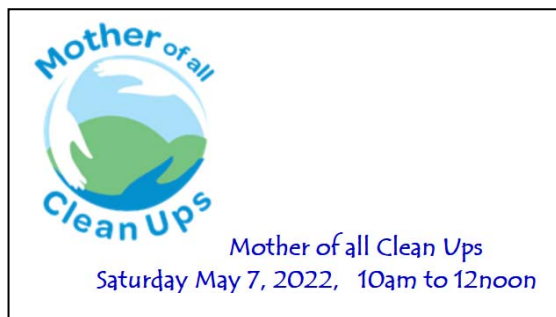


Mother of all (river) cleanups

7 May, 10am-12 noon

This annual riverbank cleanup is coming up on Saturday 7 May, 10am-12 noon. It is a city-wide effort which covers three areas (Opawaho-Heathcote River, Otakaro-Avon River, and the Estuary) and last year collected more than 400 bags of rubbish. This keeps the river safer and more attractive.



The BNA helps with a short section of this, on the west bank through Farnley Reserve and along Palatine Terrace. **All helpers welcome**, just bring a pair of gloves and the rest is organised. **Meet at 10am at Beckenham Scout Den**, Centaurus Rd, beside the Brickworks. For more info see the Better Beckenham FB group: <https://fb.me/e/4w28f5GJv>

Want faster updates?

Get on our email list

We emailed this newsletter out to all members where we know their email address. But for some members, we don't have an email address. **If you are a member and didn't get this newsletter 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.

2021/2022 BNA Committee

Chairperson: Dave Kelly,
email: dave.kelly@canterbury.ac.nz

Vice-Chair: Greg Miller

Secretary: Diane Peterson,
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Treasurer: Phil Grey

Committee: Erin Callanan, Paul Dudson, Sue Grant, Lesley Kissell, Marise Richards, Peter Tuffley 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 chair Dave Kelly (dave.kelly@canterbury.ac.nz) or treasurer Phil Grey (phil.grey@wam.co.nz).

Current membership rates are \$5/person per year or \$10/household. **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.

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River swing on Waimea Terrace

The local (good) news issue

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Covid help if you are unwell

With Covid currently very widespread, a number of people in the community are having to isolate at home, as a household contact or a positive Covid case. If you are in this situation and you need some help with anything local, let us know and we will get in touch to see how we can help. Contact details on back page. Meantime keep an eye out for your neighbours and support everyone through this.

Rubbish and recycling bin emptying under Covid

The Council's rubbish truck contractor is experiencing driver shortages due to Covid absences. Until this is over, they are asking residents to consider not putting out bins that are only partly full, if they can wait till the following collection. This speeds up the trucks as they stop less often, and can complete runs faster. For more information see <https://newsline.ccc.govt.nz/news/story/staffing-shortages-impacting-on-kerbside-collection-service>.

Community Service Awards: who's your local hero?

The City Council is calling for nominations for the Community Service Awards, which are "*given to local community members to give public recognition to those who have contributed significant voluntary service*". This can cover areas including sport, disability, community well-being, and environment. Nominations close 14 April. If you know someone worthy of a nomination from the BNA let us know (see our contact details on back page).

Planter boxes on Fisher Ave/Norwood St corner

The planter boxes on the Fisher Ave/Norwood St corner, which we planted up (with City Council donated plants) and have 'adopted', are doing well. The new plants nearly all survived the summer, helped by good rainfall in February and some watering at key times by local volunteers.



The boxes have needed regular weeding, and you can help by pulling a few weeds out any time. To reduce the need for weeding we are getting some bark mulch donated by the CCC Parks rangers. That will be dropped off on **Tuesday 5 April at 9:30am**. Any help to get the mulch placed into the planters would be much appreciated. Bring a bucket, or wheelbarrow and shovel.

Water mains and road works

The current road works along Norwood St, Birdwood Ave, and Sandwich Rd are part of a larger project renewing the water mains through Beckenham. Work on Birdwood and Sandwich is currently moving smaller pipes to make room for the new water main itself which will be installed

later in 2022. For more information see ccc.govt.nz/transport/works-3/show/914.

ECan and City Council annual plan submissions

The Annual Plans for ECan and the City Council are open for submissions, until 4 April (ECan) and 5 April (City Council). The BNA is drafting submissions which we hope to share with our members by email. You can also do your own submission. To see more, go to: ECan <https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/hub-page/annualplan22>; City Council <https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/haveyoursay/show/227>.

Summer events gap

You may have noticed a long gap since the last Beckenham News in September. Normally there would have been one in December, with information about the Christmas celebration in the Beckenham School grounds. As that celebration could not be held under the Covid restrictions at the time, everything has been on hold until now.

Want to stay in touch?

For more info on BNA activities and things happening around Beckenham, and input on what should be our next priorities:

- see our website betterbeckenham.org.nz
- join the BNA (see back page).
- see the Better Beckenham facebook page.