

**Beckenham Neighbourhood Association  
Annual General Meeting**

**7 pm, 3 September 2020**

Covid restrictions permitting, the Annual General Meeting of the BNA will be held on **Thursday 3 September, in the old Cashmere New Life church on the Malcolm/Colombo St corner, 30 Colombo St, starting at 7 pm.**

In the event of Covid Alert Levels not being low enough for an indoors meeting, the AGM will be postponed until conditions allow (watch the Beckenham Facebook page for updates).

We will cover:

- the **normal AGM business** (including the annual report, financial accounts, and election of officers)
- then a **presentation from the Better Beckenham Project team**. This is an introduction to the aims and timeline of the project, and will be seeking your thoughts on which parts of the Loop could be improved (or which are already wonderful) and any possible ways of improving the less good bits (and maintaining the good bits).
- After that presentation, there will be a neighbourly **social gathering over refreshments**.

Please come along and have a catch-up with other Beckenham residents!

**2019/2020 BNA Committee**

**Chairperson:** Greg Miller, email: gjm2504@gmail.com  
**Vice-Chair:** Peter Tuffley  
**Secretary:** Dave Kelly  
**Treasurer:** Phil Grey  
**Committee:** Erin Callanan, Paul Dudson, Sue Grant, Lesley Kissell, Una O’Grady, Diane Peterson, Ritchie Wilson.

You are most welcome to become a BNA member and come to committee meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm. Contact the Chairperson for the venue of the next meeting.

**✂ 2020-2021 BNA membership**

Please email treasurer Phil Grey to check your membership status ([phil.grey@wam.co.nz](mailto:phil.grey@wam.co.nz)).

Name(s):.....

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I/we live in Beckenham at:

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Phone:.....

Date:.....

I/we would like to receive the occasional email about events or consultations that affect Beckenham residents: Yes/No.

Email address:.....

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I/we enclose:

\$5.00 for one year (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021);

Or \$20.00 for 5 years (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025).

Please post to Beckenham Neighbourhood

Association, PO Box 73021, Christchurch

OR to c/- 66 Colombo Street, Christchurch 8023.



*Mural beside the Beckenham Ponds*

# Beckenham

# News

*Newsletter of the  
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(if Covid Alert levels require postponement, see Beckenham Facebook page for info)

## What has the BNA done in the 2019/20 year?

### *Safer streets*

There has been concern in different parts of Beckenham for some time about safety and noise around the streets (especially in relation to school children). We have been looking for ways to improve this, and this year have argued the case for some action at the Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board, and (just before lockdown) with Tim Scandrett, who was supportive. These initial discussions meant that in April (during lockdown) we were able to persuade the Council to apply for NZ Transport Agency money, which was successful (as notified in our last Newsletter). See more information below.

### *Repairs to Beckenham Park gates*



Several years ago, the gates to the park were bent during other work, but nobody was taking any action to fix them. A long and determined

campaign by several on the BNA committee was finally successful last month when the gates were removed to be straightened.

### *Other activities*

Other activities included establishing contact after the City Council elections in October 2019 with our local Councillor Tim Scandrett, and local Community Board members. We kept an eye on the process when three older villas were removed for the expansion of Thorrlington Village (Birdwood/Corson corner). We also supported the annual pre-Christmas barbeque/fair at Beckenham School on 12 December 2019.

## Better Beckenham Project

This project is funded by a \$210,000 grant from the NZ Transport Agency in Wellington, aiming to use public spaces (roads and footpaths) to make better neighbourhoods. The project covers the Beckenham Loop, where its geographical limits (in a bend of the river), and low through traffic make some easy enhancements possible. Ideas already suggested for things to do include better road crossings, more seats on footpath and along river, and slower vehicle speeds, but we want your ideas too! The project is to be jointly run between the City Council and the residents, so please come along and have some input at the BNA AGM (or one of the other two information meetings/parties, at Beckenham School on 4 September from 3:15 pm and 6 September from 3 pm). For more info see the Beckenham Facebook page, or email [BetterBeckenham@gmail.com](mailto:BetterBeckenham@gmail.com)

## Friends of Farnley Reserve

This small but lovely reserve runs along the riverbank just at the end of Palatine Terrace, extending behind the Centaurus Road shops. It had become quite overgrown, but last year a Friends of Farnley Reserve group was created, and has made a huge difference by tidying up and replanting in the reserve. On 16 August, 300 more plants were planted by the Friends, with so many volunteers present that it only took an hour.



Notable features of the reserve include a sculpture of tuna/eels in the central paved area, some very healthy kahikatea saplings, and a picturesque boat landing platform.

The Friends have working bees on the third Sunday of the month. You can find more information on signs at each end of the reserve, or on the Friends of Farnley Facebook page.