



Minutes of the Newtown Residents' Association meeting, Monday 19 June 2023

Present:

Jane Patterson (Chair), Steve Cosgrove (Minutes), Sam Somers, Rowena Tun, Sophia Green, Kara Lipski, Don McDonald, Tom Law, Steve Dunn, Cheryl Robilliard, Fleur Fitzsimons, JoEllen Duckor, Jan Gould, Wendy Blue, Michelle Wolland, Penny Sturgess, DM Laurie Foon

Apologies:

Rhona Carson, Marion Leighton, Yadana Saw, Hilary Watson, Carol Comber, Cr Nureddin Abdurahman,

Wellington Timebank - Rowena Tun (Kaiwhakahaere/Coordinator)

- Going since 2011, second largest timebank in Aotearoa (Lyttelton was first and is largest).
- Helps fulfil a need for physical help and contact with others. It is far more than just getting things done (though it does that too)
- 837 members in Wellington, 105 organisations
- To get more information, or talk about joining, go to the website <https://www.wellingtontimebank.org.nz/> or phone Rowena for an appointment at the Newtown Community Centre - Te Whare Hapori o Ngā Puna Waiora, or see her at Newtown Library on Wednesdays 3-6 info@wellingtontimebank.org.nz

Wellington Water - Sean Woodcock (WCC) & Sergey Kaglyak & Dan Ormond (Wellington Water)

- Sergey- Wastewater - Newtown Network Renewal
 - This will probably start in Newtown in August 2023.
 - There was an extensive discussion about physical processes at Wellington Water.
 - Use this map to find the status of leaks that WW know about: <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/resources/maps/job-status-map/>
- Sean - WCC people liaise with businesses about timings and potential disruptions while work is done on our infrastructure, as well as coordinating service providers and contractors.

Greater Wellington Regional Council updates from Yadana Saw:

Transport: Half price fares for Community Services Card holders start on 1 July. The Community Connect portal is now open for CSC holders to register here with your Snapper card and CSC numbers.

<https://snapperaccount.snapper.co.nz/concession> There are free Snapper cards available for people who don't have one and want to sign up for Community Connect. You are encouraged to contact Yadana if you have questions, or experience any difficulties/obstacles in navigating the process. 027 492 3262 or yadana.saw@gw.govt.nz

Metlink will be ready to launch free public transport for Under 13s and half price fares for 13-25yrs on 1 Aug. The delay is due to the lack of an age-verification portal, we've never needed one until the Budget day announcements, so it's been very challenging for both Metlink and Snapper teams to build this by 1 July. On Thursday, Council will be voting to extend the current half price fares scheme to account for the 1 August date. <https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/news/greater-wellington-to-consider-extending-half-price-fares/>

Please note: peak adult fares will return to full price on 1 Aug.

Community Planting Days: Winter planting season is upon us. Please follow this link if you are interested in participating in some of the GWRC planting events in the region. Details on dates, registration and equipment is here. <https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/get-involved/winter-planting-2023/>

Wellington City Council - Laurie Foon

Two weeks after the Loafers Lodge cordon is removed the bus lanes will be enforced.

Resource consent processing is taking time - email Laurie if you have a particular concern.

Ideas for celebrating the Newtown Residents' Association 60th Anniversary on Saturday July 29th.

This event is confirmed in the School Hall. See May minutes for more details

The meeting finished at 8:53pm. Next meeting, July 17th 2023.