



**NRA September Monthly Meeting, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2019, started at 8:30pm, following the AGM.**

**Present:** Rhona Carson (Chair), Stave Cosgrove (Minutes), Mark Johnston, Fleur Fitzsimons, Dom Shaheen, Mel Short, Jan Gould, Alivia Prattas, Rick Sahar, Peter Frater, Cheryl Robilliard, Kevin Lethbridge, Tom Law, Keith Powell, Carol Comber, Jane Patterson, Steve Dunn.

**Apologies:** Sam Somers, James Coyle, Warwick Taylor, Daphne Pilaar, Peter Cook, Martin Hanley

Rhona suggested that our neighbours day funds be used toward the October Neighbourly Dinner, which will mark six months since the first such dinner, which particularly aims to support our Muslim community, while welcoming everyone warmly. Agreed.

Mount Cook Mobilised Te Mara Apartments space.

Carol Comber is going to be employed from the first of October to facilitate engagement with this community.

Southern Cross Hospital alterations

Cheryl Robilliard outlined the current plans for this expansion. There have been a number of meetings around planning for this development. There have been a number of changes in response to community concerns.

In particular, there is now provision for staff parking of bicycles, and the building has been moved slightly away from the Totara trees. There is disagreement over whether the trees are likely to survive.

Steve Dunn and Cheryl have contributed to the community response to this proposal, but will be away until two days before the next hearing. Other members of the Association will engage in watching this process while they are away.

Mary Potter Site

There is quite a bit of work on this site, as well as the Limbs Building. We don't know any details. Noted that the building further along Daniel Street is also clad in plastic, and is being refurbished for Housing New Zealand.

Candidates Meetings - Rhona listed the forthcoming events. This includes a Transport meeting on Wednesday 25 September.

Noted that Morrie Love has moved to Takaka.

Christmas Get Together. Noted that these have been popular in the past, and will be considered at the next meeting.

James Coyle had apologised for not being here. He suggests that the Association might like to be more involved in climate change issues. The meeting reflected on the importance of streams in Newtown. Steve Cosgrove noted that there appeared to be a crack around the Carrara Park Substation.

Steve D moved a vote of thanks to Rhona, Daphne and Yadana Saw for the work they put into the Regional Council Candidates meeting. Carried by applause.

Meeting ended 8:56