

AN OCCASIONAL & SEASONAL NEWSLETTER
FOR THE OWNERS/RESIDENTS OF
DEVON PARK
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THE DEVON PARK BODY CORPORATE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE



We know that many of our owners/residents have real concerns about the way our trees are growing into our views, and what we can do about this.

We are coming to an end of the current 'Bush Bank and Cliff' management plan this year and while it would normally be a relatively simple matter to renew/revise this with the North Shore City Council, two events have clouded the issue for us.

The 'Super City' was established –
And in January this year...

"Auckland Council has announced that blanket tree protection rules have been axed in Rodney, on the North Shore and the old Auckland City Council area except

the CBD... Auckland Council has revised the extent of the general tree protection rules ... meaning council consent may no longer be required to cut or prune trees,"

Under the terms of our management plan we are able to thin and prune within certain limits but the latest announcement alters the situation; we are currently establishing lines of communication within the council to establish new 'ground rules'. Since trimming and pruning is best done in the Autumn this matter was not a major priority, but we are now actively engaged in establishing a contact and arranging meetings to review the management plan.

We will keep you posted on progress.



Good news about our solar hot water system. We made this a priority in order to have our previously under-performing solar system running at full potential this summer.

Adrian Kerr (Executive Officer of the Solar Association of NZ) offered his services pro bono to help identify our issues and produced a plan for some improvements.

After much consultation with him and two solar heating companies,

we have now increased our solar storage capacity threefold, improved our capacity and efficiency and our ability to discharge excess heat to the swimming pool.

We managed to help fund this upgrade with a \$5000 plus GST grant from EECA (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority).

The system has run for a some time and our monitoring programme suggests that it is now performing to its full design potential. ■

We're talking rubbish!

We've noticed that residents are getting a little complacent about our arrangements for rubbish disposal. It is to our advantage to keep rubbish types separate; recyclable in the blue bins, paper (and cardboard) in the bins by the mail-boxes and everything else in the green skip (If it fits in the skip and the volume on any one occasion is not excessive then it is acceptable).

So come on people – take some of the 'sorting and disposing' load off Dennis and use the system as it is meant to be used. ■

CANOPIES

Preparation for the removal of the canopies between the garage blocks and the garage blocks and the tower is proceeding.

There has been a minor delay as a result of the change in the weather but the actual removal will proceed as planned and you will be kept informed about dates/times etc.

Residents should be aware that there may be inconvenience but we will do everything we can to minimise this. ■

Renovation Guidelines

Owners will need to know that we are updating and re-formatting the renovation guidelines to make them easier to access and to follow.

This is being done in consultation with Salmond Read Architects (who prepared the original document).

It is important that all owners understand the details of these guidelines and the philosophy behind them so that some of the mistakes of the past are not perpetuated.

When the work is completed copies of the document will be available from Dennis. ■

*The photo:
Dawn breaking over Devomport
and the Naval base.
Also taken by Rosalie McRae*