

THE DEVON PARK BODY CORPORATE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE

Welcome to the second commune to owners and residents at DevonPark; hopefully there will be something of interest for you and some information that may be new or that you will find useful.

Much of the content of this newsletter comes from matters raised at the last AGM and many of them are presented in the context of our desire to reduce our debt level. . . if there are questions at any time please don't hesitate to contact us by referring your query to Dennis. ■

Upgrading the Foyer and West Wing Entrances.

The proposal for upgrading the entrances to the tower block and the west wing were noted in the 2011 Ten Year Plan as possible future developments. At this time no design work has been undertaken and in view of the current committee's determination to reduce our bank loan it is unlikely that this proposal will proceed in the near future. ■

Improving Disability Access.

Access to the tower for the disabled is in place,

although it is an obvious add-on, is less than ideal and looks a little untidy.

Two options for improvements have been discussed and both involve the comprehensive redevelopment of the floor space in the main entrance area; the committee will be examining these options in the coming year. ■

Refurbishment of Corridor Floors.

Floors six, seven and eight are nearing completion and should be complete within a month.

Floor six needs an additional light and a final



*Typical summer sunset.
Over the garages toward the swimming pool... late January 2012.*

tidy up; floor seven needs pictures and detailing on the doors to be finished; floor eight requires new lights and the doors need painting.

Next stop Floor nine. ■

Cleaning of Soffits

The main reason, apart from the removal of any dirt, for cleaning the soffits was to extend the life of the paint work.

Quotations for the work revealed that this will be a very expensive exercise, and it was decided to address this matter as part of the re-painting programme. ■

Spring is upon us and soon we'll be able to say "It's summer." With summer comes the cruise ships and before you know it it's Anniversary Day, with the harbour full of ships such as the two extremes shown here... Spirit of New Zealand and Rhapsody of the Seas, photographed by David Newbold.

We can't predict all the ships you're likely to see from Devon Park but we can tell you when the next few cruise ships are due (The Herald tells us it's going to be a busy season)...

The Dawn Princess arrives on October 6th,
The Sea Princess arrives on October 11th,
And the Sun Princess arrives on October 28th, to name just the first three on the list. ■

You may have noticed the committee trudging around the grounds a week or two ago; we were consulting with contractors about a plan for tree management. We have identified



Security

In 2011 concern was expressed at the potential lack of security in the tower.

It was determined that stairwell doors could be key-locked (at a cost of \$144 per apartment) and the lifts have electronic access installed.

The cost of keys and lift access together with concerns regarding the access to and use of the stairwells in an emergency, with the potential for confusion arising from barred access ways, has placed this issue on hold for the time being. ■

Please note that this newsletter has a third page which you should print and keep in a safe place

essential work that needs to be done (there is council paper work that is needed first) but we expect to start work soon and you will be advised when that will be happening – watch the notice board. ■



A herb garden is being established on the North East corner of the grounds (next to the guest car park area, near the rubbish bin stand).

Residents are welcome to contribute plants to this communal effort (if there are herbs that you would like to add, please do so) and to enjoy the benefits of the combined input.

We simply ask that when you do take herbs

would you please use scissors to cut them.

This will avoid the plants being pulled out of the ground.

And when you do take herbs, always leave something for the next 'herber'.

Any enquiries about the herb garden should be directed to Dennis. ■

THE DEVON PARK EMERGENCY RESPONSE ALARM

When an alert from Civil Defence is relayed to the Devonport Emergency Response Group, DERG Members will alert residents in designated community areas.

When the alert is received here at Devon Park we will activate an alarm on site.

We will use the same sound as the usual fire alarm, through the same sound system. However, instead of one continuous sound, we plan to sound the alarm as one looong blast followed by two short blasts:

i.e. "looong - short - short"...

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repeated several times.

If for any reason we cannot activate the alarm as described above, we will sound car horns in the same manner, i.e. "tooooot - toot - toot" (repeatedly).

When you hear this signal listen to your (battery or solar charged) radio for essential information.

After any major emergency there will be an Emergency Response Centre set up at the Stanley Bowling Club, for survivors to register on a tally board, to enable concerned friends and relatives from other areas to check on your wellbeing.

You are invited to make your way to the Stanley Bowling Club anytime after you hear the alarm.

Do have your survival kit packed and ready to take with you if you plan to stay there, (or to access when you choose to remain at Devon Park).

DO NOT ring the fire brigade.

DO NOT ring any emergency number.

When you hear the alarm signal ("looong- short - short") listen to your radio for details and advice.

National Radio: FM 101.4 /AM 756

Newstalk ZB: FM 89.4

Classic Hits: FM 97.4

More FM: FM 91.8

Radio Live: FM 100.6 - AM 702

This is an interim Siren Alert for Devon Park. Any changes will be advised later.

The Devonport Emergency Response Group aim to have several sirens strategically placed in and around the Devonport area.

When activated they would probably make a long continuous sound, and you would be advised to listen to a radio, as above.

What is the Community (Devonport) Emergency Response Group?

Local people from your community who have worked with Auckland Council Civil Defence on this plan for Devonport. The purpose is to help the community to become self reliant for at least three days without any external assistance in the event of an emergency.

Note:

An emergency event can happen at any time, with or without an early warning. Plan to prepare for a minimum of 3-5 days without food, water, heat, light, toilet use etc.

see: www.getthru.govt.nz

&/or www.civildefence.govt.nz