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*W*elcome all our new residents to Shangri-La Gardens! We hope you enjoy living in this little piece of paradise. There's even a new house on the block - it's been a while since there's been a new build around here!

*So, in light of new families joining our community, it's high time for a newsletter.*

*After a long winter of colds and flu and rain, spring is here which means summer is not far away! Which, by the way, I hear the El Nino weather pattern will bring us a long hot dry season!*

## Tree Planting

Our committee has been working hard getting a tree replacement programme underway for the perimeter of Shangri-La Gardens. Thank you to Rob, who has tirelessly worked with Auckland Council and Awa Nurseries in sourcing small trees for this purpose. The dead and dying trees/bushes/shrubs have all been cut down and turned into mulch to go around the new plantings. Remember, these will take a while to grow and any gaps currently along the roadside will eventually fill in again with time.



## Working Bee and AGM

Mark **Sunday 18th October** in your diary now! Meet at 9am sharp at the clubhouse and there'll be a job for you! Bring buckets, wheelbarrows, gloves, rakes, etc for the gardens and cleaning products for the Clubhouse and let's get our fantastic area in tip-top shape for the busy summer season. Tools down by 12pm ready for the well-earned BBQ brunch and a cool beverage. AGM to follow at 12.30pm.

Two large skips will be delivered before the working bee, but we do ask you not to put any of your items in it until afterwards (if there is room).

If you can't make this year's clean-up, our Secretary will be providing every household with Proxy Forms. If you are interested in seeing last years Chairman's or Treasurer's report, please go to the '[Documents](#)' page of our website.

## BBQ etiquette

If you have used the BBQ, do the decent thing - clean it and leave it as you would wish to find it. If the gas is out or low - please refill it and keep the receipt for reimbursement.

Thank you!

## Pool Opens Soon

Woo hoo - the pool will open at Labour Weekend, let's hope the weather is warm enough - but you know the kids, they'll be in there whatever the weather!



Just a few things to remember regarding our facility use:

- never lend your key out or you risk getting it turned off;
- always accompany your guests;
- keep the number of guests to a reasonable level and ensure they remain respectful of other pool users;
- take swimming nappies and general waste home with you as the rubbish bin at the side of the Clubhouse is only emptied after a function. (It's the responsibility of whoever has booked the Clubhouse to deal with the rubbish and recycling after their event.)

Please help us keep the Clubhouse and BBQ clean and tidy this summer - remember, we're not a body corporate and we don't have the luxury of daily cleaners. If you mess it; clean it. If you break it; tell a committee member so we can fix it.

## Trailer

If you are using the trailer, please remember to let the Trailer Manager know should anything break, fall off or you notice any general wear and tear. This way it is in great condition all of the time and will pass it's WOF!

## Driving Speed

Please look for children! We have many new families with small children who love living the kiwi life by playing outside....keep your speed to a minimum when driving anywhere within Shangri-La Gardens.



## Parking Bays

Just a friendly reminder that these red brick parking bays are for visitor use only.

## New stuff

Did you notice we have a new 3 piece suite in the Clubhouse? Thank you very much to Nancy at No. 1 Cascaden for this mighty fine addition to our Clubhouse furniture!

I'm sure our new pool handrail will get a lot of use this summer season - please discourage kids from swinging on it, we want it there all summer!

### Your Committee

Your SLGRA committee meets in the clubhouse at 7.30pm on the second Monday of every month. Any paid-up member can attend to submit ideas or raise issues under 'General Business'. Please notify the Secretary in advance so we can timetable your attendance.

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The Committee is looking for new active members if anyone is interested in taking a turn.