

Donkey Serenade

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Greetings, Highfield Reserve and the Donkeys are looking splendid at this time of the year - all thanks to the Volunteers who meet regularly on Tuesday mornings at the Working Bees. Some of the young people from AIM came this week to help mulch the gardens and trees in readiness for the expected long hot summer ahead of us.

We are celebrating **Christmas with the donkeys** on the 1st December, 11.30 - 2:30pm. We'd love you all to come along and to bring your neighbours as well. Such events are the glue that helps cement great communities. A big thank you to Marion Jones from Matakana, who answered our need for a Treasurer, we are most grateful. To Ray Harrison, our retiring Treasurer, thank you for all your time and help, Ray has been most reliable and professional to work with.

All our needs are happening at once, is there anyone out there who would be able to print - in colour our newsletter? We need 50 - 100 copies four times per year, if you are able to assist in this matter please phone me: 09425-6129. Thank you in anticipation. Shona



Tanzy, next to Truffle - taken 2014

Donkey Bray:

Right on queue, the October weather brought hardening to the paddocks at Highfield, and with the spring showers we have grass in abundance.

The health of the donkeys is all good. Recently our marvellous farrier has attended to all twenty-four hooves with no problems ensuing.

On the 9th August, and after several days of being unwell Tanzy, was euthanised and gently laid to rest in one of Alison's paddocks.

So ends the life of a courageous 23 year old donkey, mother of Truffle and grandmother of Toby.

However, the good news is we hope to hear the quiet stepping of tiny hooves around Christmas time when Truffle is expected to deliver her foal, which will be named? T.....

And on the Reserve: the Advisory Committee and the Council have organised Contractors to replace the rotted out low wooden retaining wall at the front gate, as well as extending the handrail down to the Glade. Peter Caccia-Birch

And from the Committee...our Constitution reads Para: 7A. "An annual General Meeting of the members of the Society shall be held each year in the months of June, as the Committee shall from time to time determine."

The Amendment will read Para: 7A. "An Annual General Meeting of the members of the Society shall be held in each year no later than 31st August."

And Para:10b) "All moneys due to paid to the Society shall be received by the Treasurer or Secretary and shall be paid into such Bank, as the Committee shall decide. All accounts shall be submitted for approval of the Committee prior to payment."

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This notice is sent out 21 days before the Constitution is amended. Please advise Secretary if you wish to speak to or attend the special meeting.

A big thank you to those members who have paid, we appreciate your support.

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