



Dear Members & Tenants of Body Corporate 93205,

Welcome to 2020! This newsletter was originally written in early Feb when summer was well underway, and kids were riding their bikes and playing near the driveway. Remember that the speed limit for our complex is 15km/hr. Parents, as winter approaches, please ensure kids are not playing in the driveway areas around dusk as they can be difficult to see.

The new rules we all voted for a year ago (March 2019) are now registered with LINZ, and are therefore effective immediately. Please find an additional copy attached to ensure you are familiar with them.

The body corporate elections were held back in September with Chris & Rachel standing down, and Bruce Grantham taking up the Chairperson role. Our first sub-committee meeting was held in November.

During that meeting we discussed the Maintenance Plan and a possible increase to the maintenance fee as we get a better idea of what maintenance costs we will be facing in the future. We discussed the general tidiness of the common areas, and it was decided that Logan Grantham would attend to these general items for a nominal charge. It was approved to guide Clifford Court to become Glyphosate Free. Glyphosate is a chemical commonly used in weedkillers such as Roundup. It is incredibly bad for human health, and that of insects and waterways. Some of the website links below will provide more information about legal battles overseas and European countries banning it.

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/high-ranking-scientist-calls-nz-regulators-recognise-possible-cancer-risk-popular-weed-killer>

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/everyday-environment/gardening-products/>

<https://www.reuters.com/article/austria-glyphosate/austria-set-to-be-first-eu-country-to-ban-all-uses-of-weedkiller-glyphosate-idUSL8N2432LA>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/27/us/monstanto-roundup-california-verdict.html>

The first step was registering with council as 'Spray Free' so they cannot spray Roundup along the sides of the driveway (a council reserve). We will also advise our lawn mowing contractor that Glyphosate products cannot be used in Clifford Court. We then encourage all residents to consider discontinuing the use of Glyphosate, in favour of less harmful options such as HitMan (by Wet & Forget). We hope to eliminate its use firstly in our front areas where the kids play and runoff can quickly end up in our waterways. Alternative weedkillers can be found in the document link below.

http://www.eco.org.nz/uploads/Alternatives_for_Households.pdf

Please keep an eye out for the maintenance invoice coming in early April.

Sincerely,

Bruce Grantham (Chair & voting Sub-committee member) @ 2/39

Rachel Foye (Sub-committee member) @ 2/37

Chris Winter (Sub-committee member) @ 2/45

Cynthia Koks (Sub-committee member) @ 1/37

Ish Singh (Sub-committee member) @ 1/45