



Arapuni Village  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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# AVCA Newsletter

Speeding through our village: Latest



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Doing stuff for Arapuni Village and the People that live here



Hi to the awesome community of Arapuni,

On Wednesday AVCA & the hall committee had a meeting with a branding company called Wright communication organised by South Waikato district council for the 4 main areas of South Waikato. The council are looking to rebrand Tokoroa, Putaruru, Tirau & Arapuni regions. The meeting went very well with a huge amount of positivity on how we feel about living in Arapuni. Some of the words that were bandied about were: *peaceful, tranquil, community, safe, village, supporting* & some of the phrases were: *community spirit, looking out for one another, outdoor fun, great cycling & walking tracks, a great bowling club & a great hall*. The general consensus was a better way of life for our community. I will put in feedback about the community meeting at Rhubarb. This is positive by the council & are looking forward to the outcome of this with better signage & promotion.

One matter we have & are working very hard on is speeding through our village. We have been talking to council for a long time now about looking at ways to reduce speeding. The discussion with the council is being ramped up currently with a meeting with council members & police underway.

Speeding has always been an issue with our village & it's a major focus for AVCA to do as much as we can to reduce the speed. We realise that just doing one improvement such as better signage will not work by itself. The best approach is to look at all options & to have a multi prong approach to this issue. Community feedback & ideas on ways to reduce speeding would greatly be appreciated. Just talk to AVCA members or facebook or leave a note in the suggestion box outside the hall.

Here are just some of the projects we are working on for the improvement of our village. Cell phone coverage & better faster internet. Better signage around the village including bus stop signs for our kids, speed signs, river trail signs & history of our village including the dam & swing bridge. Improved safer fencing along the entrance to the swing bridge. A toilet & pump track situated in the playground area. School building & surrounding land, this issue is particularly complicated with many parties affected. Cleaning up the tennis & netball courts including marking & new hoops (the tennis net has been replaced with the tightening mechanism been fixed by council). Improved roadside vegetation cutback in spring & summer with better control of blackberry & ivy & other noxious weeds around the village & down powerhouse road.

A footpath continuing down Arapuni road to Powerhouse road. A pedestrian crossing close to the hall especially for the safety for our kids. A ramp for the hall with quotes being underway.

We are working closely with Mercury on the fencing by the swing bridge & a better, safer fencing option has been chosen. Completion date for the replacement fence is to be confirmed. Mercury will also cutback the vegetation more often along the path to the swing bridge. More picnic tables & more fencing has also been discussed.

A table tennis night has started at the Arapuni hall on Tuesday nights at 6:30 to 8pm with all ages welcome. It's free to attend & bats & balls have been provided by AVCA. We have 4 tables available & have great facilities at the hall. We are currently the only table tennis group in South Waikato so would love for more players from anywhere in South Waikato to attend.

We are also looking into having a kids or adults team for touch rugby this coming Summer in Putaruru. If any parents & kids are interested in playing or helping please let me know or board members or on our facebook page.

AVCA's goal is to improve our already amazing village & we work with many different groups to try & achieve this including Council, Mercury, Police etc. I would also like to thank all the local community groups that are doing a great job including the bowling club committee, hall committee & market day committee.

Arapuni is a great place to live & myself & my family feel very blessed to live here.

Cheers

*Shannon*  
AVCA Chairman





# Grants and Funding Work

*Kia ora e te Whānau,*

It has been a busy year for funding. As we receive more grants, we also must write accountability reports to our funders to let them know how their funds have been spent, and whether we achieved the outcomes we outlined in the original request. We also actually must spend the money, which takes time and energy to organise. As a working mum, the time I volunteer to the organisation is significant, and at the cost of my gardens, housework, and sometimes general well-being! There are many more opportunities we could pursue, so if you have an interest in grants and funding, please consider joining the committee at the next AGM. Our achievements in the last 12 months are as follows:



**Community Organisation Grants Scheme \$2,500:** spent on community events such as the Waitangi Family Fun Day, Rangatahi Excursion lunches, Sports Day, Christmas Ramble, Christmas Potluck, First Aid Kit, printing, and administration costs.

**Trust Waikato Technology Grant of \$1,000 and Lightwire Rural Community Sponsorship of \$2,000** to purchase a high-powered digital projector for movie nights and events.

**SWDC** donated a large 'party' speaker for movie nights, discos, and other events.

**SWDC Community Development Grant of \$750** tagged for a rangatahi excursion later this year.

**Tindall Annual Fund AVCA Logo Grant \$1,000:** spent on our new flash logo design and branding for AVCA. Thank you, Nicki De Reus and Minted Design.

**Rural Communities Trust of \$750** towards a community AED. We are still working on gaining a further \$2,600 from alternative funders.

*Ngā mihi nui, Heather Cheer*  
Grants and Funding Coordinator

## Civil Defence Simulation

On **Saturday 25th September**, the Arapuni CD Welfare Committee will be setting up and running a Civil Defence Welfare Centre at Arapuni Hall, followed by a BBQ lunch. We will be asking all current members of the committee and anyone that wishes to join to come and help with the emergency simulation.

We also need volunteers from our community to present to our Welfare Centre for 'assistance'. You will be given a briefing and 'script' to present with (for example, my roof blew off and I need somewhere to stay). The day is meant to be challenging but fun and will give us great insight into a real emergency event. Please contact Heather on 07 883 5802 if you are keen to be involved on the day.





## Arapuni Book Share

There are a number of Library boxes dotted about the village: Maurie's Garage, 3 Sealy, 9 Pioneer and 1269 Arapuni Road. There is also a Hall Library on the mornings of the first and third Saturday of the month. Help yourself, return some books when you can.



## Winter movie.

AVCA has managed to secure the generous sponsorship of Lightwire who have paid for a projector for the hall. We'll be holding a movie night on 28th Aug for the kids. Keep an eye on the Arapuni Grapevine on Facebook or on the noticeboard outside the hall latest info.

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PRESENT

# MOVIE NIGHT

**SCOOBY!**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 28TH 2021  
AT ARAPUNI VILLAGE HALL**

**FOOD: NACHOS | SOUP | BUNS**

BRING COMFY CHAIRS AND BLANKETS

WE WILL BE SELLING NACHO BOWLS (\$7) AND SOUP & BUN (\$5)

VISIT [WWW.AVCA.CO.NZ](http://WWW.AVCA.CO.NZ) OR JOIN US ON [ARAPUNI GRAPEVINE](#)

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# TABLE TENNIS

ALL AGES  
ALL ABILITIES

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

JUST BRING YOURSELF

## TUESDAYS

**6:30PM - 8:00PM**

**AT ARAPUNI VILLAGE HALL**

## Old School

Nothing to report yet.

## Call for New Members

There is an opportunity for villagers to have input in what they would like to see happen in our village. AVCA is not the only way you can contribute but we are developing links in the community, initiating projects and successfully fundraising for these activities and would like to create a wider representation in our group. All are welcome. Membership is just \$10.00 a year. If you would like to join the Arapuni Village Community Association please contact Janice. Our contact details are on the back page of this newsletter. ➡



## Traffic Latest

AVCA met with representatives from the council and the police on the evening of the 12 July regarding speeding issues through our village to discuss ways to address the problem. It's a step in the right direction for Arapuni & we look forward to a close relationship with council to achieve our goals on speeding & other benefits for our amazing village & community.

Here are the signage requests for Arapuni Village Community Association.



Bus & kids crossing signs both sides of the road just down from the hall & at the old school bus shelter where the areas that kids are picked up & dropped off.



Painting & reflector strips on the islands in the middle of the road in front of the hall & just down from Rhubarb café. It's getting harder & harder to see becoming more of a health & safety issue.



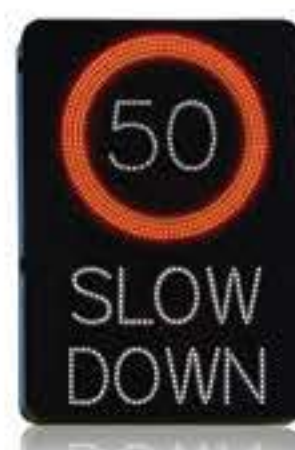
A repainting of the 50km paint on both sides of Arapuni especially on the dam bridges side because they always get repaired because of pot holes.



A pedestrian crossing in front of the hall. We realise this may take a while but it's something that AVCA believes can help to slow some vehicles down & make safer for our community.



Quail crossing signs in the middle of the village or to be confirmed where most often quails cross (I know it sounds funny but we do have a lot that cross the road & as Bobby said last night the duck sign works better than anything else to slow vehicles down).



Electronic speed sign application, we know this costs \$20 000 but we have a huge issue with speeding & from the speed ropes data we have 1628 vehicles a day travelling (most speeding) & around 11, 000 vehicles a week travelling through our village.



AVCA is also proposing to increase the 50km area to where the 80km sign is currently on the Putaruru side of Arapuni road. All the sections on one side of the road are occupied up to Powerhouse road with lots of families with young children. Change the 100km area to 80 km from exiting the village to the dam bridges. It's hard to travel 100km but lots of vehicles try.

We also discussed setting a date for a community meeting to discuss the speeding issues meeting in the Arapuni hall on a Saturday this month or next.





**ARAPUNI COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
**EVERY FIRST AND THIRD**  
**SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**10AM-12AM AT THE HALL**  
**ALSO LOOK OUT FOR THE LIBRARY**  
**BOXES ABOUT THE VILLAGE AT**  
**1120 ARAPUNI ROAD - 3 SEALY CRES**  
**9 PIONEER CRES - 1269 ARAPUNI ROAD**



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## Arapuni Village Community Association

Shannon Atwill (Chair)  
 Heather Cheer (Funding Coordinator)  
 Nicki de Reus (Secretary)  
 Wendy Parker (Treasurer)  
 Wendy Haigh (Minutes Secretary, Street Libraries)  
 Janice Abo Ganis (Membership)  
 Mark Brawn (Newsletter and IT)  
 Raewyn Calvert (Everything else!)

***Have your say.*** Contact us at:

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