

Waitai Coastal-Burwood Community Board
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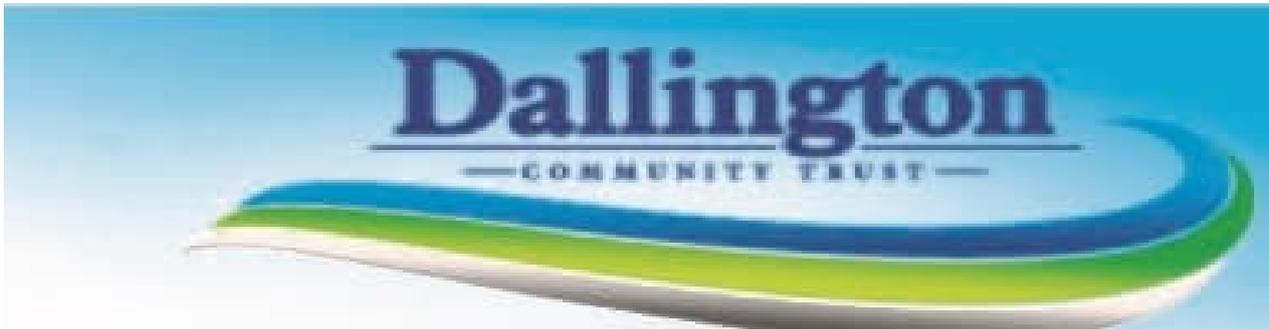
Date: Monday 18 July 2022
Time: 4.30pm
Venue: Boardroom, Corner Beresford and Union Streets,
New Brighton

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- A. Dallington Community Cottage Trust - Flooding Concerns at the
Gayhurst/McBratneys Intersection 3



14 July 2022

The Chairperson
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Dear Board Members

As a result of the rain event 12 July the Dallington shopping centre at Gayhurst/McBratneys Road suffered flood damage. Since the earthquakes this location has been vulnerable to flooding in significant rain events. To our knowledge this location was known to our council's flood response team, however on this occasion the shop owners received no emergency response actions and tsunami waves from traffic using this intersection pushed water through the front doors and caused stock damage to several shops.

When the Dallington Community Trust's Craft Shop shut at 3 pm there was no indication of flooding on the street, however, according to a post on the R.A.D.S. Group [Richmond, Avondale, Dallington, Shirley Locals] Facebook page (time-stamped 4.58pm), the roundabout was already badly flooded with water across the pavements on both sides of Gayhurst Road from around 4.45pm.

At 6.30 pm a call was made to the council's 0800 800 169 to log serious flooding to this location. We were advised no sandbags would be available and it appeared no real support was available, only that the call was logged. Our concern was that vehicles were still able to drive through the intersection. The flood level at the rear of the shops was deeper as the ground is low, so water was able to seep through front and back doors of these shops.

Gayhurst Road remained open to traffic until 8.50pm, when contractors finally put up a 'Road Closed' sign on the south-bound exit of Gayhurst Road from the roundabout – however the road was not closed by Dallington Bridge so north-bound traffic continued driving through the floodwater, creating waves that continued washing up to the shop doors (as well as creating problems for the occupants of #127 Gayhurst Road.

Our concerns summarised are:

- Council is no longer providing sandbags in flooding situations to protect property from water ingress.
- A 4-hour delay in closing the road (and then only a partial closure).
- Lack of information on the CCC website concerning flooding in the Eastern Suburbs (much more info was available on the R.A.D.S. Facebook page).
- What limited information there was on the CCC website was not easily found. A quick link on the home page would have helped.
- No CDEM messages (even a reassurance CDEM were monitoring the situation would have been good).
- There is a perceived lack of interest in CCC support for Dallington (again).
- No flood management plan in place for this location and other known flood areas.

The Trust notes that Gayhurst/MCBratneys Road intersection including the shops is historically a flood zone in significant rain events and has received no flood repair works since the earthquakes caused land slump. This needs to be actioned. There are known flood spots throughout our east wards and these should register with council's flood response team and have a flood response action plan in place.

The Trust respectfully requests that this be actioned.

Yours faithfully
DALLINGTON COMMUNITY TRUST

David Collins
Chairperson.

