

What's happening....?

December 2024

.....at 30 Heather Street, Parnell (AKA Carlaw Park Apartments). News for residents and owners from the Body Corporate.

Always on the look-out – the measures we've put in place over the last year or two have been successful in deterring unwanted visitors to our building. However, some people have still been able to gain access by calling an apartment on the intercom and having the door unlocked, either in error or simply because residents think they're helping someone. The police advise that thieves are active in the area, aiming to remove letters with bank and credit card information from apartment owners' mailboxes with the intention of committing fraudulent activity.



CCTV – additional cameras are going to be installed above the hallways on each floor. A total of 14 cameras will then be in place at the front entrance and in the building's common areas so that we can track intruders and illegal activity.



Expecting a parcel delivery?

It's disappointing to report that parcels left in the front porch have been stolen by passers-by. Hence the new sign in the porch.

Please make sure NZ Post and couriers have clear instructions to deliver your parcels.



If you see a parcel left in the porch, please bring it into the lobby.

Garage gates – the locks on either side and at the base of each gate have been effective from a security point of view. But the mechanism on the lower car park gate is occasionally not working as intended. Thank you for your patience while our contractor gets this fixed.

Paying for water – some apartment buildings include hot, cold and wastewater charges in the Body Corp levy, averaged over all apartments.



We think it's better that everyone only pays for what they use. Smart meters were installed in June '24, providing more accurate readings than previously and maintaining a user-pays charging system. This coincided with steep increases in Watercare's charge rates and a 40% hike in the price of gas (which we use to heat the water). We have all seen a jump in our monthly water bill as a result. We are in dialogue with our metering contractor to study patterns of use and ensure that costs are fair and reasonable.

Happy holidays!

It's been quite a year one way and another. Here's hoping the weather is kind and that everyone can enjoy a really good break, whatever you have planned.



With very best wishes for 2025.